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## Board bids farewell to Reif & Tess

Served a cumulative 38 years

**BY ELLEN O'MALLEY**  
INTERIM EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The highlight of Tuesday's Rochelle Elementary School board meeting was recognizing two retiring board members, but that moment was bittersweet as both women have been important leaders on the board for 20 years and will be missed.

Jean Tess and Shirley Reif have served 20 years and 18 years, respectively. "Thanks for your many years of service ... and thanks to your leadership, the district has continued to grow and make strides. I feel we're in a better place

because of you," Superintendent Jason Harper said of Tess and Reif.

Both women said the one of the greatest accomplishments was building a new Lincoln School during a recession, and having the community backing. They explained that because the board and school district were transparent with the community, it made the project a success.

The other accomplishment both are proud of is the integrative/bilingual language program the school district has embraced after years of planning. The two learned of the possibility of a



PHOTO BY ELLEN O'MALLEY

**Retiring elementary school board members Shirley Reif, left, and Jean Tess reminisced about their time on the board.**

program during a tour of Ruben Salazar Elementary School in Chicago while attending a school board convention.

"We came back all excited and told Todd [Prusator, former super-

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## Council recognizes dispatchers

City council also voted to extend the outdoor dining ordinance



PHOTO BY ELLEN O'MALLEY

**This week is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and the city council regonized its local dispatchers Monday night. Pictured is Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows with dispatchers Robin Olszewski, commications supervisor Luisa Nambo and Senada Ajvazi.**

**BY ELLEN O'MALLEY**  
INTERIM EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Last year the city worked with the local restaurants and bars to help them reopen to their customers safely. This involved allowing them to serve customers on the sidewalks and in some areas, such as Cherry Avenue, even on the street.

It went so well, everyone cooperating together to keep things clean and safe, that they city council voted unanimously Monday night to extend the ordinance to allow the same this year.

"We didn't have one complaint last year," said city manager Jeff Fiegen-schuh.

When it was implemented last year, restaurants were not allowed to be open inside, so allowing

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## There's a board opening now

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231 is accepting applications to fill the vacancy of board member, Jean Tess, who did not run for another term.

The open term starts on May 11, 2021 and the term expires after the April election of 2025.

Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231 continues to work to grow students for future success. Applicants should show familiarity with the board's policies regarding general duties and responsibilities of a board and a board member, including fiduciary responsibilities, conflict of interest, ethics and gift ban. The board's policies are available by request.

## Taking applications

Applications and requirements may be obtained at the Shared Services Central Office located on the campus of Rochelle Township High School, 1401 Flagg Road or on the Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231's web site—www.d231.rochelle.il.us beginning Wednesday, April 14.

Applications will be accepted until 3 p.m., Friday, April 30.

Please return completed applications to Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231, 1401 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL, 61068, Attn: Kathy Bull, board secretary, or via email to kbull@rthsd212.org.

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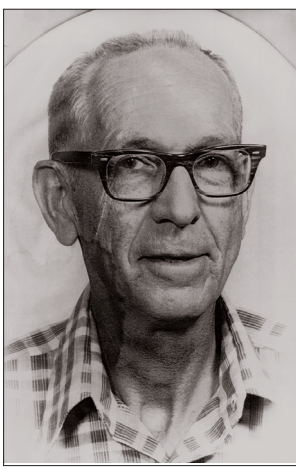
## 'Franklin Kruger Remembered' at the museum

**ROCHELLE** — The Flagg Township Museum will present a reception for the new exhibit "Franklin Kruger Remembered" at the museum on Sunday, April 18 at 1 p.m. The exhibit currently is on display and continues through May.

The museum is pleased to be able to put together the "Franklin Kruger Remembered" exhibit showcasing Kruger's artwork currently in the museum's collection. In addition, information highlighting

the influence Kruger had on the community as an art teacher at Rochelle Township High School for more than 25 years, a community activist developing a series of newspaper drawings in the mid-60s, a history researcher resulting in numerous articles and his efforts that resulted in the establishment of the Historical Society and the Flagg Township Museum are a part of the exhibit.

In a letter to the editor of The Rochelle News-Leader (date unknown)



for the newspaper column "SPEAK UP! A Column Where You Can Express

Your Views," Kruger wrote, "I would like to suggest a few names for the beautiful new park area located northwest of Rochelle and along Kyte River. I am especially interested in the area because I have done landscape painting and also historical research in and near the area." Kruger goes on to suggest three names, none of which to our knowledge were selected.

Maybe a reader can enlighten us all as to what this park was named. The

editorial is just one example of many that Kruger submitted for publication over the years.

The "Franklin Kruger Remembered" exhibit continues at the museum through May.

The mission of the Flagg Township Historical Society and Museum is to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history through education, research, collection and preservation of information for the benefit of the public of today and in the future.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## 'Pasta with a Purpose' for local man with cancer

**ROCHELLE**—Come out and help support a local man battling cancer, enjoy some delicious pasta at the same time.

Greg Torres of Stillman Valley currently has stage 4 metastatic colon cancer and his friends and family are hosting "Pasta with a Purpose," a benefit for him at the Rochelle VFW.

The event will be Saturday, April 24 from 5 p.m. until midnight. Spaghetti dinners will be \$10 for adults, while the kids have a choice of spaghetti or a hot dog meal for \$5. Carryout meals are available as well.

There will be a 50/50



There will be a benefit for Greg Torres at the VFW.

raffle, auction, bake sale as well as a DJ and dancing. For advance tickets,

carryout orders or 50/50 tickets, contact Yolanda at (779) 970-6275.

## Kersten celebrates 92nd birthday



**ROCHELLE**—RoseAnne Kersten will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on Tuesday, April 20. A family celebration is planned. She is the proud mother of four daughters and enjoys six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Cards of celebration can be sent to Rose Anne at 5180 S. Center Road, Rochelle, IL 61068.

## It's spring planting season

Farm implements are taking to the fields via the state's roadways

**SPRINGFIELD**—Illinois is home to 27 million acres of prime farmland, and as the spring temperatures warm, farmers will be taking their implements and heading to the fields across the state. Drivers and farmers are urged to be cautious during the planting season.

"Agricultural commodities generate more than \$19 billion annually to Illinois' economy, and that translates to a lot of activity in the fields this time of year. It's a time for all of us to be aware that large farm machinery

## Everything's coming up roses

**ROCHELLE**—The Rochelle Lions Club annual Rose Day is underway and the club is now accepting donations and orders.

Rose Day will be on Saturday, April 17. All roses ordered can be picked up between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the alley behind Colonial Flower Shoppe, 408 Lincoln Hwy. in downtown Rochelle.

Rose Day is the biggest fundraiser for the Lions Club.

With the community's donations, the club helps supports several activities and programs, including scholarships to Rochelle Township High School seniors, the visually and hearing impaired, Leader Dog training, Camp Lions for blind and deaf children, Little League sponsorship and many other non-profit programs and projects.

Rose donations are \$18 per dozen and

delivery is available.

You can order your roses in advance at Colonial Flower Shoppe by calling (815) 562-8101, or you can contact Lion Tom Hill at (815) 980-8788 or Margie Kuehl at (815) 562-6711.



accidents result in about 130 deaths each year nationwide.

Speed, impatience and left-hand turns are the

pose a major safety hazard. Too often a vehicle attempting to pass causes a collision before the tractor or farm implement

"[Ag] generates more than \$19 billion annually to Illinois' economy ..."

Michael Kleinik, director, Illinois Department of Labor

leading causes of many accidents involving farm machinery.

While tractor rollover accidents most often occur on the farm, roadways

can finish a left-hand turn. Some collisions occur simply because the driver fails to reduce speed for the slower moving farm implement.

Drivers should take precautions as they approach farm vehicles on the road as operators have limited visibility to the rear. Anyone passing needs to use extreme caution.

Visibility is also a key to safety on the roads. All agricultural vehicles using the public roadways must display the fluorescent orange Slow Moving Vehicle triangle. Additionally, tractors and other self-powered farm vehicles must have proper lighting.

- Lighting is required from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise.
- There should be two white lamps on the front of the vehicle, visible from at least 1000 feet to the front of the vehicle.
- There should be two red lamps on the rear of the vehicle, visible from at least 1000 feet to the rear of the vehicle.
- There should be at least one flashing amber signal lamp on the rear of the vehicle, mounted as high as possible and visible from at least 500 feet, which can be used during daylight as well.

Death and serious injury from tractor rollovers can be prevented by roll-over protection structures – a roll bar or cage designed to provide a safe space around the driver. But too often workers fail to use a vital part of this safety device – a safety belt.

Likewise, safety experts caution farm workers not to ignore their own needs while rushing to get the spring crop planted. Three words sum up good safety protocol – Rest. Nutrition. Hydration. Taking the time to eat, stretch your legs and keep hydrated can make a big difference.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Police investigating Monday robbery

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Police Department is investigating a robbery that took place Monday afternoon.

The actual incident happened in the 100 block of First Avenue at 2:25 p.m. The victim said she was approached by someone she knew who asked for money. When she pulled out her wallet to give them a few dollars, the alleged perpetrator grabbed her wallet and took off, taking all her money.

The victim then walked to the Casey's General Store on South Seventh Street where police were contacted. Because the victim and the alleged robber are minors and students, the department's resource officer who works in the schools, Officer Jim Jakymiw, was called in to conduct the investigation which is ongoing.

### April 5

On April 5 at 6:48 p.m., Rochelle Police cited Jorge Villaneu-

va-Velazquez, 30, Rochelle, for speeding and no valid driver's license. He posted an individual bond and is to appear in court May 7.

### April 6

On April 6 at 4:36 a.m., Jacob P. Tolan, 22, DeKalb was ticketed for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and will appear in court May 7.

On April 6 at 11:56 a.m., Cynthia C. Sheehan, 42, Rochelle, was arrested on a Winnebago County warrant. She was released on her own recognizance.

On April 6 at 3:48 p.m., Vince G. Sartino, 33, Rockford, was cited for driving while license suspended. He posted an I bond and is to appear in court May 7.

### April 9

On April 9 at 11:22 a.m., Caitlin E. Hardcastle, 36, Rochelle, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant. She paid a \$300 fine and will appear in court in Oregon on April

30.

### April 11

On April 11 at 12:50 a.m., Trisha A. Booker, 40, Rochelle, was arrested on two warrants, one from Ogle County and the other from Lee County. She also was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, driving while license suspended and driving without lights. She was transported to the Ogle County Jail in Oregon.

On April 11 at 4:23 a.m., Nicholas C. Davis, 36, Rochelle, was arrested on two Ogle County warrants, a DeKalb County warrant as well as two counts of criminal damage to a residence. He was transported to the jail.

On April 11 at 12:03 p.m., was arrested on an Ogle County warrant, driving while license suspended and no valid registration. She was transported to the jail for the warrants and posted an I bond for the other two offenses.

## New 'Hello Rochelle!' app introduced

Residents will have access to all things Rochelle

ROCHELLE — As part of the citywide software system upgrade, a new mobile app has been designed to give residents and businesses a way to access the City of Rochelle at

residents to download and utilize, it went live on Monday.

For those who had the previous version of the city's mobile app, "Hello, Rochelle!" simply visit the app

a presentation video at Monday's council meeting and a press release as well as a social media campaign, a scavenger hunt within the app with 10 \$25 gift cards as prizes and an all-resident mailer. The current app has been downloaded approximately 865 times to date and our goal is to double that number in the next year.

"This is so cool and innovative and why we're one step ahead of other communities," said City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh.

"This is so cool and innovative and why we're one step ahead of other communities."

Jeff Fiegenschuh  
City Manager

their fingertips.

The newly-designed app, available at no charge in the App Store and Google Play, gives citizens the ability to easily contact city council members and staff; report issues online with a photo and GPS tagging; and to pay utility bills directly from a phone or tablet. A calendar of events that includes meeting dates and special events as well as a news icon that features the latest city happenings are also included on the home screen of the app.

### On the back end

On the back end, staff will be able to communicate updates to residents who submit issues, track timelines and costs of making such repairs. Staff also has the ability to utilize the app for internal issues such as for IT assistance or entering information from phone calls received at city hall or Rochelle Municipal Utilities customer service. With the GPS capabilities included, requests for service are plotted on a map to give staff a big-picture look at areas of concern.

The updated app is already available for

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### Ogle County COVID-19 Weekly Update As of Tuesday, April 13, 2021

#### Ogle County COVID-19 Statistics\*

Number of Positive Cases:	5,531
Recovered Cases:	5,173
Current Active Cases:	280
Deaths:	78
Positivity Rate:	5.3%

\*Most current statistics available.

**The future of COVID depends on your decisions now.** Cases are going up in our Region. Now is the time to:

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**Total Vaccinations Administered: 25,923**  
**Total Fully Vaccinated: 10,485**  
**Pct. Fully Vaccinated: 20.59%**

**Vaccination Clinics:** Anyone age 16+ is now eligible to be vaccinated. Limited to those who live or work in Ogle County. As of April 13, the CDC and FDA have paused the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine until further notice.

**OCHD Vaccination Appointments:** The original online list is now depleted. Upcoming OCHD clinics can be found at [health.oglecounty.org](http://health.oglecounty.org).

**RCH Vaccination Appointments:** Call the Triage Line at **815-561-8829** Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Scheduling appointments for age 18+, who live or work in Ogle County. Callers have the ability to leave a message and your call will be returned within one business day.

#### Call these partners for assistance with scheduling OCHD appointments:

Hub City Senior Center:	815-562-5050
Flagg-Rochelle Public Library:	815-562-3431
City of Rochelle:	815-562-6161
Hispanic residents call LULAC:	815-570-3111
Rock River Center:	815-732-3252
Oregon Public Library District:	815-732-2724
Univ. of IL Extension Office:	815-732-2191
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ceremony Friday

**ROCKFORD**—OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center is partnering with Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network to focus attention on the lifesaving and healing benefits of organ and tissue donation, and the importance of registering as a donor.

In light of this, a flag raising ceremony will be held on Friday, April 16, at 11 a.m., at the main entrance of OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center.

At the event, Gayle Boos of Freeport, a donor mom who lost her son, but he lives on through the gift of tissue donation, will be speaking at the flag raising ceremony.

April is National Donate Life Month (NDLM), a time des-

ignated to honor organ and tissue donors and celebrate the lives saved through the gift of donation.

The ceremony honors donors and their families in a show of unity, remembrance and hope.

“OSF Saint Anthony is a proud supporter of organ and tissue donation,” said Paula Carynski, President OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center.

“We strive to create a greater awareness about the importance of donation and honor our organ and tissue donors, recipients and their families. Our Mission is to serve with the greatest care and love, and this partnership with Gift of Hope helps us do so.”

## Celebration of life planned

**CRESTON** — Please join us on Saturday, April 24 for a Celebration of Life Ceremony to honor the memory of Pastor Al Roose.

On Oct. 24, 2020, after a long struggle with brain cancer, Pastor Roose, of New Beginnings Baptist Church in Creston fell asleep on earth and woke up in heaven.

During his 35 years as a church planter, he started 11 churches. He was married to the only girl he ever dated, the love of his life, Linda Richardson, for 49 years.

They had two children, Bethany and Brian, and nine amazing grandchildren.



The ceremony will be held at New Beginnings Baptist Church located at 305 N. Grove Street, Creston, and will begin at 1 p.m., with light refreshments to follow.

## Obituaries

### Brenda Powell Hausmann

**ROCHELLE**—Brenda Powell Hausmann, 75, Rochelle, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 11, 2021 at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon.

Brenda was born February 11, 1946 in Parkin, Ark., the daughter of Ottis and Catherine (Westmoreland) Bobo.

She married Loyd Powell in 1962 in Rochelle.

She later married Clifford Hausmann in 1989 in Oshkosh, Wis.

Brenda worked for many years at Caron International before enjoying early retirement. She was tender, sentimental and selfless.

She was fiercely protective of family, especially her daughter and grandson.

Brenda enjoyed gardening, classic film and television as well as all things Elvis.

Brenda is survived by her first husband,

Loyd Powell; daughter Christina (Joe Anderson) Powell; grandson, Jack Anderson; sister-in-law, Barbara Bobo; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Brenda is preceded in death by her second husband, Clifford Hausmann; her son, Michael Powell; and two brothers, Donald Bobo and James Bobo.

The family would like to thank friends

Juanita Manley and Carol McCarter, for their support.

A graveside service and interment will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021 at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle with Pastor Lowell Woolbright officiating.

Contributions in Brenda's memory may be directed to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).

Please visit [www.ung-erhorner.com](http://www.ung-erhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.



## Commodity board positions open

**SPRINGFIELD** — Farmers living in Ogle County who would like to run for a three-year-term on the Illinois Corn Marketing Board (ICMB) can now start circulating nomination petitions.

Petitions are available through the commodity organizations and at the Illinois Department of Agriculture

in Springfield. The deadline to complete and return these petitions is May 15.

To be eligible, each candidate must be at least 18 years old, have produced and marketed the pertinent commodity during 2020, reside in the district to be represented and have submitted a valid petition by the filing deadline.

Ogle County is in District 2, along with Winnebago, Stephenson, Carroll and Jo Daviess.

Elections for all three boards will be held on July 6, 2021.

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## Never forget to call JULIE

ICC reminding Illinois residents to call before starting projects

**SPRINGFIELD** — April is National Safe Digging Month. The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is reminding

homeowners and excavators to call 811 before beginning any outdoor project that requires digging. “As you plan your home

and garden digging projects this Spring, to avoid hitting any utility lines, please call 811 to have them marked before you start. This is a free service, but you must call,” said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski. Illinois law requires residents and professional excavators to call 811 at least 48 hours or two working days prior to starting the excavation.

### Safety first

Whether you plan to plant a tree, install a mailbox, plant a garden, or build a deck – regardless of the depth and size of the project you must call 811.

The project must begin within 14 calendar days from the call, and locate requests have a 28-day life. The State One-Call Center, managed by JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators), is a 24-hour service network system established to prevent contractors and private citizens from hitting any existing utility lines when digging. In 2020, ICC staff issued

82 warnings and 219 citations for safe digging violations resulting in \$709,590 penalties. Violations issued to excavators and homeowners included not having a valid locate request, or not digging carefully around marked underground facilities, and for utilities, failure to mark their facilities in a timely manner.

The ICC levied penalties as part of its One-Call enforcement efforts.

In consideration of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, homeowners and excavators are reminded to follow CDC guidelines when interacting with one another by practicing social distancing and wearing a mask.

### Delay projects

You might also consider postponing any non-essential projects until the public health emergency has passed.

For more information, visit the ICC's website at [www.icc.illinois.gov](http://www.icc.illinois.gov) or JULIE's website at <https://www.illinois-1call.com/>

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The real property consisting of a residence located at 709 N. Main Street, Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, will be sold by the Ogle County Sheriff at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois, at a Sheriffs Sale on May 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Information concerning this sale is as follows:

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3. This is pursuant to the court case, No. 20-CH-51, Ogle County, Illinois, in which a foreclosure was filed.



# COUNTY NEWS

## Man arrested on drug charges

**POLO** — A Polo man is in custody following his arrest this past weekend.

Robert Ennenga, 53, Polo, was taken into custody and charged with knowingly intent to deliver methamphetamine 15-100g Class X Felony, possession of methamphetamine 15-100g Class 1 felony, possession of controlled substance (cocaine) under 15g class 4 felony, possession of controlled substance (heroin) under 15g class 4 felony and possession of drug paraphernalia a class A misdemeanor.

After an investigation,

deputies were able to obtain a search warrant



Robert Ennenga

and on Friday April 9 at 1:12 p.m., Ogle County

SheriffDeputiesexecuted a search warrant in the 300 block of North Congress Avenue in Polo. During the search, deputies located Methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Ogle County Sheriff Brian Van Vickle explainedthat his department started a drug enforcement group of deputies who investigate drug-related crimes and which led to Ennenga's arrest. They began investigating Ennenga in January of this year.

Ennenga's last citation was a traffic offense in 2017; however, going

back to 2008 he was arrested for delivery of cannabis and disorderly conduct. Prior to that, he had arrests for unlawful delivery of cannabis, illegal possession of birds of prey and unlawful taking/possession of deer in 1999. In 2001, he was in court for illegal possession of ammunition, cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

Van Vickle doesn't expect any more arrests as a direct result of this investigation.

Ennenga was taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond, which was set at \$300,000.

## Recycling event this Saturday

### Giving away oak tree saplings

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a paper shredding and latex paint recycling collection for Ogle County residents on Saturday, April 17 at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

A variety of oak tree saplings will also be available, free of charge, provided by the Million Trees Project from Living Lands and Waters, in partnership with the OCSWMD.

### Paper shredding

On-site paper shredding will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be a limit of three boxes of personal documents to be shredded. No business or institutional paper or documents.

This service is provided free of charge for Ogle County residents by the OCSWMD.

Latex paint will be collected from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Liquid latex paint will be collected by Earthpaint for re-blending and re-use in community service projects such as Habitat for Humanity.

The fees to recycle up to 10 containers of latex paint are as follows: \$1/quart, \$2/gallon and

\$8/5-gallon pail. The remainder of the cost will be paid for by the OCSWMD. If you have additional containers, the full price cost structure is as follows: \$2.50/quart, \$5/gallon, and \$18/5-gallon pail.

Cash, card or check payable to "Earthpaints.org" will be accepted for payment. No bulk-ing of paint together, as the mixtures cannot

be recycled properly. No spray cans, oil-based paints, stains or varnishes accepted. Only liquid latex paint will be accepted, no dry cans.

### Free trees

Red oak, burr oak and swamp white oak tree saplings will be available from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Trees will be limited to 10 saplings per household, and only what can be quickly planted. Information and brochures will be available as well for successful planting guidance.

Please call the OCSWMD at (815) 732-4020, visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org) or visit the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department on Facebook if you have questions regarding this recycling and oak tree giveaway event.

## Snowmobile trail grants available

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) today announced \$118,500 in grant funding that will allow for the operation and maintenance of snowmobile trails in the state through the Illinois Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund (STEF).

STEF grant funds are being awarded to the Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs (IASC) in the amount of \$118,500 for snowmobile trail insurance, purchase of a new snowmobile trail groomer, and snowmobile trail maintenance.

The STEF program provides financial aid to eligible private snowmobile clubs/organizations in Illinois (as

noted in Section 3020.10 of the Illinois Administrative Code) for the purpose of assisting them in the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of snowmobile trails and facilities on public lands, designated roadways, or private land opened to such use. Funds for the grant program come from a portion of snowmobile registration fees collected by the state and are derived from revenue generated in the State Treasurer's "Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund."

For information on how to apply for a STEF grant, visit: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Grants/Pages/SnowmobileTrailEstablishmentFund.aspx>

## Sheriff deputies make arrests

### April 10

On April 10 at 12:12 a.m., Ogle County SheriffDeputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of North Illinois Route 2.

After an investigation, deputies arrested Mary Lindquist, 22, Rockford, for no valid driver's license.

Lindquist was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Lindquist was transported to the Ogle County Jail in Oregon where she was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

### April 12

On April 12 at 2:19 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8000 block of North Illinois Route 251.

After an investigation, deputies arrested Ericka Munoz, 28, Rockford, for no valid driver's license.

Munoz was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and an equipment violation.

Munoz was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

On April 12 at 4:39 p.m., deputies located a vehicle stuck in the ditch just off of the northbound ramp on I-39 at IL Route 72.

The vehicle had also recently been called in as driving recklessly in the area.

After an investigation, deputies arrested Richard Kinney, 65, Belvidere, for improper container of cannabis as a driver.

Kinney was additionally issued citations for improper lane usage and an expired registration.

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# LOCAL VIEWS

## Guest column

# ‘Qualified immunity’ debated in every state

State Rep. Curtis Tarver is a man on a mission to reform Illinois law enforcement by eliminating a special legal protection given cops. The Chicago Democrat’s Bad Apples in Law Enforcement Accountability Act passed out of committee two weeks ago and awaits a vote in the House. The measure aims to remove the court doctrine of qualified immunity for officers, which would open them up to civil litigation if they participate in the “deprivation of any individual rights” guaranteed in the Illinois Constitution. The top priority of Illinois law enforcement groups is to defeat this measure said Ed Wojcicki, executive director at the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. Such opposition makes passage of the measure far from certain. Tarver added some of his counterparts in the legislature fail to see the urgency of the reform. “Many of my colleagues will never have to be a black male worried about whether a traffic stop

becomes the end of their life. That said, some do see the immediacy of the problem. Even though they may not experience this themselves, they recognize the problem,” he said. Last year, Tarver, who is Black, was pulled over during a routine traffic stop. A Chicago cop asked if he had a gun with him. He said he did – along with a conceal carry permit. Tarver ended up handcuffed, held for seven hours and not allowed to call his attorney. It took nine months for the charges against him to be dropped. If police officers would treat a person who is a lawyer and a state representative this way, think how much worse it would be for an ordinary Joe. In 2020, U.S. police officers fatally shot about 1,000 people. Black people were 2.5 times more likely to be killed than whites. This is a national disgrace. It is rare for police officers to face criminal charges even when they inappropriately use deadly force. And qualified immunity makes it difficult to sue

police officers even when they have violated a person’s constitutional rights, said Joanna Schwartz, a University of California – Los Angeles law professor. “Qualified immunity as the Supreme court has created it over the years is a really



Scott Reeder

nonsensical and unjust defense,” she said. “It protects officers from being found liable in cases so long as, as the case law from the courts is not clearly established. What that means in practice is that there has to be a prior court decision with virtually identical facts in order for a plaintiff to get past the qualified immunity defense.” For example, in a 2014 Nashville, Tenn., case police officers sicced a dog on a man sitting on the ground with his hands up. He sued for excessive force after being bitten. His lawyers cited a similar case

in which a court had ruled against law enforcement after police had ordered a dog to attack a man lying on the ground. But a Tennessee judge ruled qualified immunity protected the officers in the more recent case because in the earlier case the person was lying down and in the more recent case the man was sitting. This sort of bogus, protect police officers at all costs, thinking leaves some believing they can get away with murder. Look no further than what has been in the news this week. A former Minneapolis police officer is on trial for the murder of George Floyd after kneeling on his neck for about nine minutes. Another Black Minnesotan was killed during a routine traffic stop after a cop apparently confused her pistol and taser. And a newly released video

showed a Black Army officer being needlessly tear gassed by two Virginia police officers. Tarver said by eliminating the qualified immunity defense, municipalities will be more selective in who they hire, less likely to succumb to union pressure when greater job protections are demanded and more likely to fire bad cops. Last year, Colorado eliminated qualified immunity for police officers. Last month, the New York City Council voted to eliminate the special protection for cops. And earlier this month New Mexico ended qualified immunity for all government workers. These are steps in the right direction. We need greater accountability in law enforcement. Schwartz said the biggest misconception about

eliminating qualified immunity is that it leaves individual police officers vulnerable to being bankrupt by lawsuits. She noted that in more than 99 percent of cases that she has studied in which qualified immunity was found not to apply, the municipality employing the officer paid the judgement, not the officer. In the handful of cases in which individual officers were found liable, the average judgement was only \$2,000, she said. It’s time for Illinois lawmakers to protect its most vulnerable citizens by holding in check those who would misuse their authority.

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## VOICE ON THE STREET

### Question:

*The Rochelle Flagg Township Museum is honoring longtime RTHS teacher and historian Franklin Kruger. Who was your favorite teacher and why?*



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Bill Hackett

*“Mr. Donovan back at the old Lincoln School in the 90s. That dude inspired me to want to make art, and I still do.”*

Cody Dale

*“Pete Fader, hands down. He made learning fun, and had a unique way of connecting with his students.”*

Steve Frye

*“Mr. Kruger. I adored him. He was the best.”*

Jennifer Payton

*“Mrs. White, she was always kind and welcoming and made learning fun.”*

Jennifer Leigh Patton

*“Mr. Schutte didn’t care who you were, treated everyone the same. And Mr. ‘Shoe’ was a great guy as well.”*

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*“Definitely Mr. Schopp, industrial arts.”*

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# COMMUNITY

## Art festival this weekend

**OREGON**—On Sunday, April 18, a Senior Capstone group at Oregon High School will be hosting the Ogle County Art and Music Festival. OHS seniors Claire Labash and Whitney Kirk created the festival as an opportunity for young local artists and musicians who've had events cancelled because of Covid-19. The students have also created a GoFundMe to help pay for supplies and rental spaces: [gofundme.com/f/community-art-and-music-showcase](https://gofundme.com/f/community-art-and-music-showcase). The festival will take place across Oregon from noon to 8 p.m. And is open to the public, with musicians performing at the Northside BarbaQ back



room stage and artists displaying their work in the upper gallery of Cork & Tap in Oregon.

## Trivia night planned

**FRANKLINGROVE**—It's trivia night at Franklin Creek Conservation Association, but from the comfort of your own home. The fourth annual Trivia Night's theme is "The Beauty of Nature" is Saturday, April 17 from 6-8 p.m. Prizes will be given to the winning team after every round. Please remember to use the honor system (and don't use Google). This is a FUNdraiser event, please invite your friends, family and anyone else who might be interested. Tickets are \$5 per person, with a maximum of eight people per team. Money raised from this online event will be



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April 9 - Kelly Morris, Rockford, \$25

April 10 - Amy Hall-Rochelle, David Junction, \$25

April 11 - Anne Brodersen, Stillman Valley, \$25

April 12 - Andrew Clark Dietrich, Rochelle, \$25

April 13 - Sydney Weinstein, Deerfield, \$25

April 14 - Kevin & Renae Connolly, Rochelle, \$25

### The Kitchen Table menu

April 15 – (Thursday) – Beef Stroganoff, 7-layer Salad, Baguette Bread w/Cheese	May 2 – Sunday Brunch – Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Fried Bologna, Scrambled Eggs, Grits
April 20 – (Tuesday) – Chicken Enchiladas, Rice and Beans	
April 22 – (Thursday) – Carnitas Rice Bowls, with Black Beans, Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa, Guacamole, Corn, Sour Cream	
April 27 – (Thursday) – Smothered Chicken over Pasta or Rice, Peas, Garlic Bread	
April 29 – (Thursday) – Grilled Pork Chops, Mac N Cheese, Peas, Salad, Dinner Roll	

\*The Kitchen Table is located at 7034 S. Klondike Road, Rochelle. The suggested donation is \$5 unless otherwise stated. A kid's menu is available each serving date and includes peanut butter and jelly, corn dog with chips or chicken nuggets. Please note that all menus are subject to change. Serving is from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Sunday brunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu is always available on the answering machine by calling 815-561-9074 or visit [www.KitchenTableRochelle.org](http://www.KitchenTableRochelle.org).

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## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Repast

5 "Ben- —"

8 Lawman Wyatt

12 "Frozen" snow queen

13 "Right you —!"

14 Computer brand

15 Slightly

16 Actress Long

17 Hindu royal

18 Tidy up

20 Toto, to Dorothy

22 Peyton's brother

23 Commonest English word

24 Easter entrees

27 Vinegar variety

32 X-ray's cousin

33 Chopper

34 Hostel

35 "Becoming" author Obama

38 Read quickly

39 Knock

40 Wildebeest

42 "Yippee!"

45 Held up

49 "Mamma Mia" group

50 Gardner of Hollywood

52 Actress Kate

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14

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53 Fibs

54 Diarist Anais

55 Footnote abbr.

56 Minus

57 Young fox

58 Till bills

**DOWN**

1 Intend

2 North Sea feeder

3 Largest continent

4 Coffee bar orders

5 Carthaginian general

6 Swiss canton

7 Harvest

8 Sultry singer Kitt

9 Campus figure

10 Gambling mecca

11 Bluenose

19 Chicago transport

21 UFO crew

24 "Let me think ..."

25 "Exodus" hero

26 Germs

28 Rocker Rose

29 "Shampoo" Oscar winner

30 — pickle

31 Blitzler's channel

36 Badger

37 Clean-air org.

38 Hand in

41 "Forget it!"

42 Corridor

43 Theater award

44 Tug

46 Innocent one

47 Ms. Brockovich

48 June honorees

51 Half of XIV

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		2		9		7		

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals R

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RKIAM PIU JA AY NJED, JM

SEIHMIA CYMA YN QHEU NIICJZRA.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Creates lots of hard feelings. guest bed is so firm, it Because the mattress on her answer



# LOCAL NEWS

## Fairways Golf Course in good shape all around

The Kishwaukee College Cougars golf team will call the Rochelle course its home going forward

BY ELLEN O'MALLEY  
INTERIM EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — If we've learned anything from the past year, it's to make the best of a not-so-great situation. That's what they did at Fairways Golf Course in Rochelle. "Last year, we had two golf outings," Mitch Hamilton, director of golf at Fairways said, adding that even those outings were at 50 percent capacity. "This year, we have 14 scheduled," adding that capacity restrictions have been lifted.

And there's more good news, Fairways Golf Course will be the home course for the Kishwaukee College golf team going forward. Hamilton explained that outside the golf meets, the team also will do 16 hours of volunteer work, per teammate, at the course and they're going to host their fundraiser at Fairways. In addition, the

Kish golf team will assist the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park with its golf camp this summer.

The course opened March 13 this year, Hamilton said they typically shoot for St. Patrick's Day, March 17, to open so they got a jump on that. In addition to adding the college as regulars, Hamilton said

he's taking fliers to all the hotels in town and offering guests discounts along with free rental clubs to entice visitors who come to the "Hub City."

Currently, the golf course benefits from the city's hotel/motel tax, so he saw this as an opportunity to get visitors interested in the golf course.

Thus far, it'll be different than last year when they weren't allowed to open until May 1, and that was under restrictions.

"You'll probably never see a water cooler on a golf course ever again," Hamilton said.

Last year, golfers had



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Fairways Golf Course has kept the greens in above par condition despite dealing with budget cuts last year.

to walk the course and all the benches had to be overturned so no one would sit on them.

He said that wasn't popular with the golfers as there weren't places to sit and rest anywhere on the course, even though they had to walk.

Financially, it could have been worse, but he said 2020 recorded 1,600 more rounds of golf than the previous year. "Our money comes from people playing golf," Hamilton explained, adding that they were capable of keeping the turf and playing

conditions the same as previous years.

Financially, the golf course is in good shape with "\$60,000 cash in hand," at the end of the season.

Hamilton explained that surplus came from the combination of the

increase in golfers, which he didn't expect, as well as some budget cuts.

That gives them roughly \$100,000 in reserves if something like this comes up again.

"We can survive if something like this comes up again," Hamilton said.

## BOARD: Saying goodbye

**From page 1** intendent] about it and he had the same idea, but told us that the district wasn't quite ready," Tess said. But eventually it all came together, and the program has been a success for the district and community.

Reif attributes the board's success to the diversity of those on the board. "We all bring something different to the board, different backgrounds and that really works," Reif said, adding she feels they represent all aspects of the community.

Both agreed that it was the "honor of a lifetime" to serve on the school board and to represent the residents of Rochelle and the surrounding area. While Tess served as the board's president at one time, Reif said she preferred to work behind the

scenes on district issues.

Other board members thanked Tess and Reif for their time on the board, but Tess drew a huge laugh from the crowd when she pointed to the remaining members and announced, "You are now officially

I feel we're in a better place because of you."

Jason Harper  
Superintendent

the old guys."

Additional coverage of the elementary school board will be in Sunday's edition of the News-Leader, but look for information on applying for a vacant board seat in today's newspaper.

## CITY: Outdoor dining returns in the 'Hub City'

**From page 1** them an alternative and being able to serve their customers outdoors was a solution to a very new situation.

Fiengenschuh explained that the hours of operation are limited to 7 a.m. through 10 p.m. each day, and within specific, designated spots. He added that after hours public consumption will be enforced as well as public

consumption outside the designated areas.

New entrance The city hall and police department will see a long overdue upgrade to its entrances.

According to Rochelle City Clerk Sue Messer, neither entrance it ADA accessible. In addition, the entrance doors to the police department are not commercial grade exterior doors, the original floor

is failing and the thermostat for the lobby hasn't worked in years.

The council voted unanimously to award Larson & Larson Builders the project at a cost of \$45,400. This is over the projected cost budgeted of \$38,000; however, building materials prices have gone up over the past year, particularly lumber and metal. Other projects will be delayed to offset the cost.

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BANK )  
ILLINOIS )No.  
Successor )2020  
in interest )CH 51  
to the )  
FIRST )  
NATIONAL )  
BANK OF )  
ROCHELLE, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
JOHN )  
VUKAD- )  
INOVICH and )  
HELEN )  
VUKAD- )  
INOVICH, )  
Defendants. )

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A. The name, address  
and telephone number  
of the person to contact  
for information  
regarding the real  
estate is: Hewitt &  
Wagner, Attorney for  
Plaintiff, 1124 Lincoln  
Highway, Rochelle,  
Illinois, 61068, (815)  
562-2704.

B. The common  
address and other  
common description, if  
any, of the real estate  
is: 709 N. Main Street,  
Rochelle, Ogle County,  
Illinois.

C. The legal description  
of the real estate is:  
Lot Seven (7) in  
Block Two (2) as  
designated upon the  
Plat of Palmer's First  
Addition in the City of  
Rochelle, according  
to the Plat thereof  
recorded in Book A of  
Miscellaneous, page 30  
in the Recorder's Office  
of Ogle County, Illinois;  
situated in the Township  
of Flagg, the County

of Ogle and State of  
Illinois.

Tax Code No. 24-24-  
329-003

D. A description of  
the improvements on  
the real estate is: A  
residence.

E. The real estate may  
not be inspected prior  
to sale.

F. The time and place  
of the sale is: May 7,  
2021, at 10:00 a.m.  
at the Ogle County  
Sheriff's Office, 202  
S. 1st Street, Oregon,  
Illinois.

G. The terms of the sale  
are: 20 percent day of  
sale with balance due  
by noon on the next  
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sale.

H. The Judgment of  
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is \$27,797.72 as of  
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Plaintiff,  
By HEWITT &  
WAGNER, Its

Attorneys,  
No. 0405 (April 7, 14,  
21)

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21, 28)

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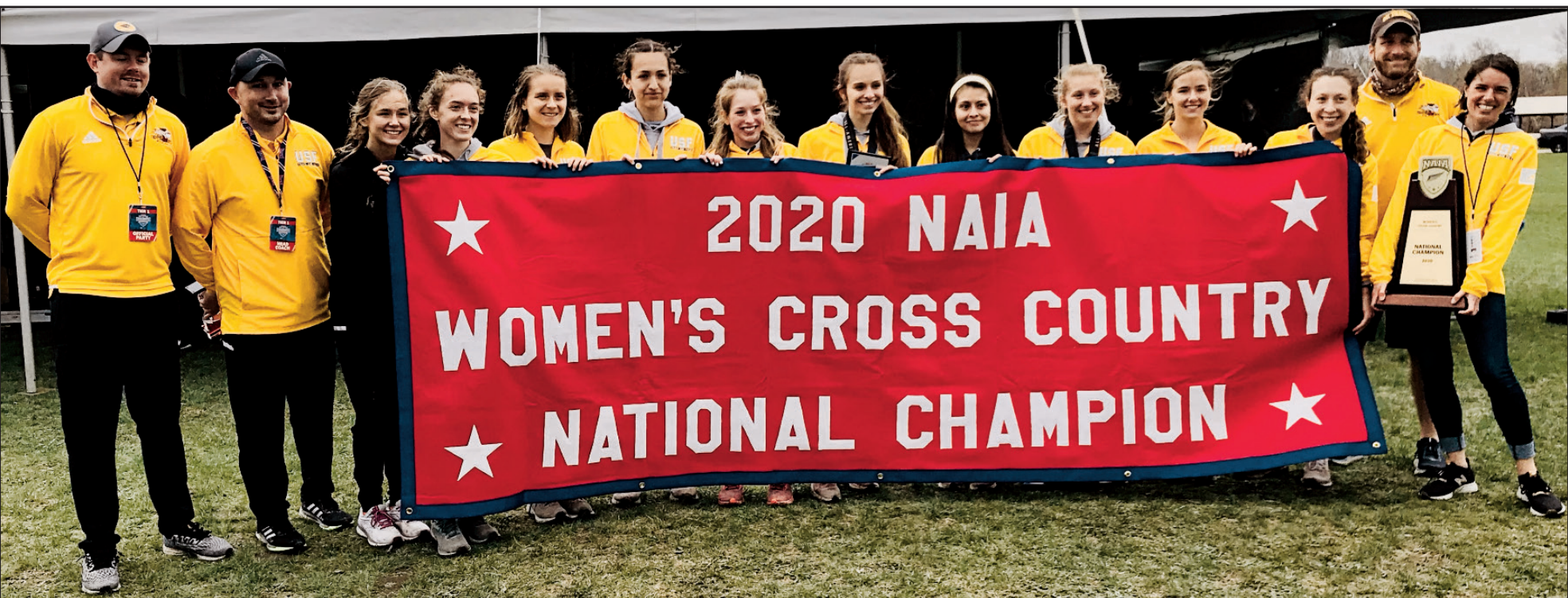
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spider was  
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which merchant  
was not  
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to that store, spin  
his web across  
the door, and  
lead a life of  
undisturbed  
peace ever  
afterward."



# SPORTS



The University of St. Francis women's cross country team, which includes former Rochelle Township High School runner Katherine Bakken (above third from right), holds its championship banner after winning the 2020 NAIA National Championship race in Cedar Rapids, Iowa this past weekend.

## NAIA: RTHS alum Bakken named 2020 All-American

From page 1

Bakken's sophomore season began at the Tiger Cross Country Invitational in September 2020, where she took second place overall before finishing sixth at the Bethel Invitational in October 2020.

"I think I've gained a lot of physical strength from last season and I've gained a new passion for competing," Bakken said. "My experience at the University of St. Francis has been truly great. I really enjoy the sense of community here

and my coaches have also contributed to my enjoyment because they're so knowledgeable and they truly believe in me."

A two-sport student-athlete at the University of St. Francis, Bakken recently started her sophomore season with the

Saint women's track and field program. Although Bakken missed the majority of her freshman track campaign because of the COVID-19 pandemic, her sophomore season is off to a solid start. Bakken finished sixth in the 3000-meter run at the

Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Championships with a PR of 10:33.44. Her first outdoor meet was the ONU Spring Opener, where she took fifth in the 5000-meter run.

"My goal for the track and field season is to

qualify for the national championships in either the 5K or the 10K," Bakken said. "We want to qualify as many runners as we can and it will take the same mental and physical strength we had at the cross country national championships."

### RTHS Boys Soccer

## Hubs dominate I-8 tournament opener

Salinas returns as Rochelle wins 10-0

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Damian Salinas has seen anything but a smooth ride throughout his senior season with the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team. A four-year varsity defender, Salinas saw nearly his whole season erased due to a family emergency and then COVID-19 quarantine protocols.

Monday was a different story, however, with Salinas returning to the Hubs and making his season debut in time for Rochelle to open the Interstate 8 Conference tournament with a dominant 10-0 victory against the Ottawa Pirates. The third-seeded Hubs will advance to the semifinal round on Wednesday, when Rochelle will face Sycamore on the road at 4:30 p.m.

"It felt really good to be out there," Salinas said. "I went through some rough times when I wasn't playing, but it was really great to be back with team. We know Sycamore will give us a pretty good match, but as a team, I know we can beat them because I think we have a good team as well. We passed the ball really well today and we communicated really well."

Starting at his center back position, Salinas helped the Hubs (5-4-1) to their third shutout win of the season. Rochelle broke the scoring open during the fourth minute on Monday, when senior Josh Hurtado received an inside pass from sophomore Jace Whitehead and canned the shot from just outside the Ottawa box. Freshmen Diego Salazar and Eli Luxton connected for another goal in the 18th minute, with Salazar finding Luxton to put



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Damian Salinas passes the ball up the field during the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer match against Ottawa on Monday.

Rochelle ahead 2-0.

"It was good to see Damian come back and show the same form he did last season," head coach Brad Male said. "I thought he keyed some of our ball movement today because we weren't afraid to move the ball to our back line, which helped us on the offensive end. Having Damian back there helps us move Jace forward and into an attacking position"

While Salinas returning was one storyline, Rochelle's freshmen took over the match Monday evening, with Luxton and Salazar each netting hat tricks in the Hub victory. Luxton pulled the Hubs ahead 3-0 with a goal on an assist from senior Zane Walters in the 24th minute, while junior Caleb Ritter added another highlight moments later, dribbling down the right sideline and scoring an unassisted goal during the 29th minute for his first score of the season.

Leading 4-0 at half-time and with Ottawa showing no ability to clear the ball, Rochelle continued pouring on the pressure in the second half. Senior Juan Cincire collected a pair of assists during the 45th and 47th minutes, feeding Luxton and Salazar to give the Hubs a 6-0 advantage. A short time after Luxton completed his hat trick, Salazar netted his second goal of the match in the 53rd minutes, converting a right-footed cross from sophomore Jared Montano.

With a 7-0 lead, Salazar stayed on the attack at the left forward position, cashing in an assist from Whitehead during the 61st minute for his hat trick. Rochelle closed the match out with two goals in the final two minutes including an unassisted score from Walters and a shot from Whitehead that found the Ottawa net with only 8.1 seconds remaining in regulation.

### RTHS Volleyball



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Lady Hub volleyball players Clare Green, Addie Friestad and Payton Hale (left to right) have each played key roles in the Rochelle varsity team's recent success.

## Rochelle nets wins over LaSalle-Peru, Coal City

Lady Hubs beat Sycamore on Monday

LASALLE — A collective team effort was what fueled the Lady Hub varsity volleyball team on the road Saturday afternoon, when Rochelle defeated Interstate 8 Conference rival LaSalle-Peru in three sets before beating non-conference opponent Coal City in two sets.

The Lady Hubs outlasted LaSalle-Peru 27-25, 19-25, 25-20. Junior Sylvia Hasz led the Rochelle offense with 16 kills, while sophomore Addie Friestad added 11 kills and senior Clare Green commanded the attack with 32 assists. Sophomore Anna Harvey stepped up for the Lady Hub defense, securing eight digs as Rochelle continues to rally from an 0-4 start to the season.

"We started off a little shaky, but we really came together and our bench was cheering everybody on," Harvey said. "Coming back to win the first set was a really big motivator for everybody... We knew we could come back after losing the second set and we really worked together. Our defense was much better and we were reading their hits more often."

Rochelle had no trouble against Coal City, winning 25-14, 25-14 behind 14 kills from Hasz and four blocks from sophomore Payton Hale. Senior Morgan Haas recorded five digs in the match, while Green captained the Lady Hub offense with 18 assists in the Rochelle victory.

"Our offense was working really well and we had some great blocks up front," Harvey said. "Payton had an awesome match and we made some really hard swings. I think our communication and our chemistry off the court have improved a lot since the season started and it's been a lot of fun getting to know these girls. There's such a positive environment around our team and I think that's really helped me since I haven't played with many of these girls before."

### Sycamore

With an Interstate 8 Conference victory on the line, Rochelle's varsity volleyball team turned to its Most Valuable Player from last season to deliver a big-time performance. Embracing the challenge,

Sylvia Hasz shined for the Lady Hubs, scoring 26 kills as Rochelle outlasted Sycamore on the road 25-15, 24-26, 25-21 for its third consecutive victory.

"We really worked well together and we were all very consistent," Hasz said. "We were smart when we attacked the ball. Clare was putting up some really good balls for me and they were leaving the seams open. I always look for those openings when I go up and hit the ball and they couldn't seem to close out their blocks."

Senior Clare Green totaled 28 assists in the win, while sophomore Anna Harvey recorded eight digs as the Lady Hubs improved their record to 6-6 overall. Hasz added seven digs and three aces for the Rochelle team, which has won six of its last eight matches after an 0-4 start.

"It was a really competitive and fun match," Hasz said. "When we won our first match of the season, we learned that if we want to win, it's not going to come easy," Hasz said. "We have to work for every set and we have to come out with that mindset."



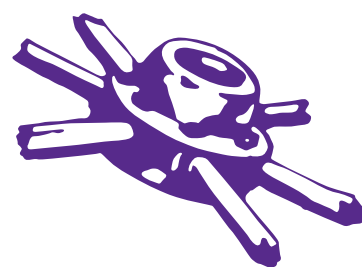


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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Rochelle Township High School graduates Ben Hickey and Gabrielle Harding were honored with the 2019-20 Rochelle News-Leader Scholar-Athlete Awards on Friday.

## Hickey, Harding receive Scholar-Athlete Awards

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**F**ORMER Rochelle Township High School student-athletes Ben Hickey and Gabrielle Harding were recognized as the 2019-20 Rochelle News-Leader Scholar-Athlete Award winners during halftime of the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against Sandwich on Friday night.

Harding currently attends Concordia University Chicago, where she competes for the women's track and field team. A three-sport student-athlete at RTHS, Harding competed for the Lady Hub varsity volleyball, basketball and track and field programs. An Academic All-Conference honoree in each of her three high-school sports, Harding is currently studying physical therapy.

"I always went hard in everything I did throughout my high school career," Harding said. "Being recognized for all of my hard work is something I really took to the heart and it feels amazing. The college

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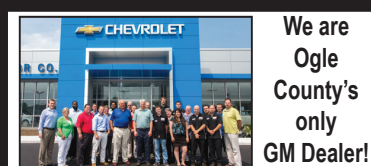
experience has been amazing and our track and field team is doing really well... The teachers and the coaches at RTHS give their all in everything they do and it really helps the student-athletes in the long run. I appreciate everything they did for me and my teammates."

Hickey currently attends Northern Illinois University, where he's majoring in industrial and systems engineering. A three-sport student-athlete at RTHS, Hickey ran for the Hub cross country team and competed for the basketball and track and field programs. An Academic All-Conference honoree as well, Hickey maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout his four years at RTHS.

"This award shows that my hard work over the years really paid off," Hickey said. "The college experience has been great, even though it's been a lot different because of the COVID-19 restrictions. I'm really enjoying NIU and I've met a lot of new friends. The relationships I formed with my friends and coaches are what I enjoyed most about my time at RTHS."

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Ben Hickey



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# SPORTS



**SCHOLAR ATHLETES**

RTHS alums Ben Hickey and Gabrielle Harding were recognized Friday evening.

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RTHS Cross Country

# All-American effort

Bakken leads St. Francis to first-ever NAIA women’s cross country title

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**F**ORMER Lady Hub distance running standout Katherine Bakken was enjoying a fast start to her sophomore cross country season at the University of St. Francis. Some fortunate timing allowed Bakken to finish strong, with the Rochelle Township High School alum stepping up and delivering a big-time performance for the Saints at the 2020 NAIA National Championships.

Bakken began the 2020 season during the fall, competing in two meets before an injury sidelined her and nearly derailed the remainder of her sophomore campaign. But rising COVID-19 cases late last year forced the NAIA to postpone its national championship meet to the spring, allowing Bakken enough time to heal up and restart her sophomore season in March.

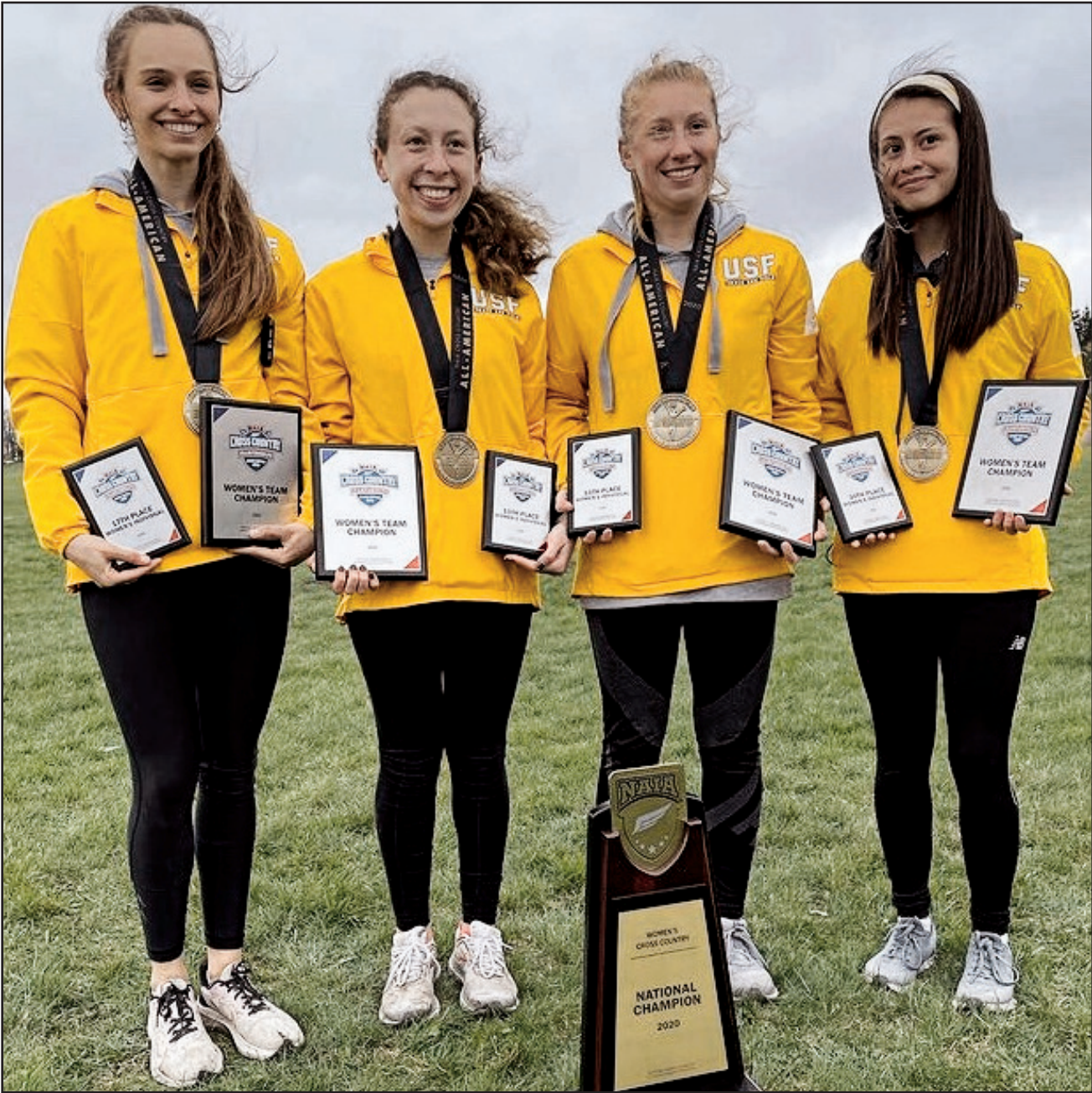
Stronger and more inspired to compete, Bakken was more than prepared to compete in the NAIA National Championship at the Seminole Cross Country Course in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she finished 15<sup>th</sup> out of 326 runners with a time of 18

minutes and 14 seconds. Bakken’s efforts not only resulted in St. Francis winning the first women’s cross country title in program history, but she was one of four Saints to earn NAIA All-American honors at the event.

“I’m so excited about being an All-American,” Bakken said. “It’s a testament to the hard work I’ve put in since joining the program. I loved helping our team win the national championship because each runner is so dedicated and hard-working. I thought we were all pretty confident in our ability to win and we knew what needed to be done. The course was muddy, but pretty flat and fast. We were prepared to run in the mud after training through tough conditions during the winter... I was really lucky that the meet was moved to April because of the pandemic so that I had enough time to recover and help lead my team at nationals.”

The All-American performance was a significant improvement for Bakken, who placed 119<sup>th</sup> with a time of 19:35.2 during the 2019 NAIA National Championship as a freshman.

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(COURTESY PHOTO)  
Former Rochelle Township High School runner Katherine Bakken (middle left) was one of four St. Francis cross country athletes to earn All-American honors during the 2020 NAIA National Championship race this past weekend. Bakken helped lead the Saints to their first-ever women’s cross country national title.

RTHS Football

# Fresh-Soph Hubs cruise over Sandwich

DeLille runs for 143 yards, two touchdowns in 42-6 victory

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football team dominated for the second straight week, defeating the Sandwich Indians 42-6 and improving to 3-1 on the season.

Sophomore Landon DeLille rushed for a team-high 143 yards and two touchdowns in the victory. Sophomore Hayden Inman tossed two touchdown passes including a 12-yarder to sophomore Aidan Darby and a 17-yarder to sophomore David Gerber.

Sophomore Aidan Rodriguez and freshman Tommy Tourdot each recorded rushing touchdowns in the win, while freshman Landon Mickley led the Rochelle defense with two fumble recoveries and four tackles. Freshman Brock Metzger totaled seven tackles and sophomore Kyce Jaradat finished with six tackles including one for a loss.



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)  
Sophomore tight end Aidan Darby catches a touchdown pass over a Sandwich defender during the Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football game against the Indians on Monday.