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Guilty plea in fraud case

Former Rochelle city employee to be sentenced June 29

ROCKFORD — A former resident and employee of the City of Rochelle pleaded guilty Tuesday before U.S. District Judge Iain D. Johnston to wire fraud for fraudulently obtaining at least \$150,000 from a non-profit business association.

Scott Koteski, 58, of Rochelle, was an employee of the City of Rochelle and was selected by the city to sit on the board of directors of a non-profit business association that provided broadband internet technology to smaller municipalities in northern Illinois. According to the written plea agreement, starting in 2011, Koteski was selected as the treasurer of that association. As treasurer, Koteski handled the invoicing and billing of the member municipalities, and as of February 2012, Koteski had signatory authority on the association's bank account.

From September 2012 through April 2018,

Koteski fraudulently obtained at least \$150,000 from the association, which he used for his own benefit without the association's knowledge or consent. Koteski wrote numerous checks to himself from the association's bank account, which he deposited into his personal bank account for his personal benefit. Koteski concealed his acts by writing false information on the memo line to make it appear the checks were for reimbursement of personal monies Koteski spent for the association when, in fact, Koteski was not entitled to reimbursement.

Additionally, according to the plea agreement, in 2018, Koteski made online payments from the association's bank account to a credit card company to pay for balances on his personal credit card and to an online loan financing company to pay for balances on Koteski's loan.

Koteski faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a term of supervised release of up to three years following imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from that offense, whichever is greater. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the Sentencing Guidelines.

Sentencing for Koteski is set for June 29 at 10 a.m.

The guilty plea was announced by John R. Lausch, Jr., United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Emerson Buie, Jr., Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Illinois State Police assisted in the investigation. The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott R. Paccagnini.

High school holds honor society induction

ROCHELLE — The National Honor Society of Secondary Schools was established 100 years ago by the National Association of Secondary School Principals to recognize and encourage scholastically outstanding high school students.

The founding committee viewed education as a total experience and the honor society as more than just an honor roll. Emphasized in the original constitution alongside scholarship were leadership, service and character.

Today, its purpose remains intact, to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and to develop character in



Ayden Theiss was among those who waited a year for the NHS induction at Rochelle Township High School held Monday night.

the students of secondary schools.

Immediate acceptance of the NHS mission led to continuous growth and size of membership. Fourteen chapters were chartered during 1922 and by 1930 there were 962 chapters of NHS. Chapters exist in all 50 states, the District

of Columbia, all U.S. territories and possessions, and in American schools in more than 40 foreign countries. Throughout the history of NHS, membership has reflected a gender breakdown of two females to one male.

In 1921 an official emblem for the society was

created in the form of a keystone and flaming torch. The keystone bears at its base the letters C, S, L, and S, for the fundamental virtues of character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The torch symbolized the search for truth. NHS colors are blue and gold; navy blue and white are

the colors for NJHS. The official flower of the NHS is the yellow rose.

On Monday night, the 2021 Rochelle Township High School NHS President Morgan Haas lead the Pledge of Allegiance for the induction ceremony.

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Council approves sidewalk improvements

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The 2021 Sidewalk Capital Improvements Program was one of several agenda items highlighting the Rochelle City Council meeting Monday evening. Council members approved a bid from Bruns Construction amounting \$309,620 for the sidewalk improvements.

Council members also approved an amount not exceeding \$47,640 for additional sidewalk and pedestrian-related system improvements within the scope of the contract with Bruns Construction. Thirdly, council members approved an amount not exceeding \$59,970 for supplies, materials, equipment and additional services for the restora-



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Mandi Morris and Michelle Knight were presented with Good News Awards during the Rochelle City Council meeting Monday evening. Above from left to right are Michelle Pease, Morris, Knight and City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh.

tion work.

Good News

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh presented Mandi Morris and Michelle Knight with Good News Awards for their work on the Shop Local

Program through Rochelle Municipal Utilities. Fiegenschuh said more than 900 applications have been processed and more than \$81,000 in credits have been issues through the program, which was designed to provide relief

to local residents. Fiegenschuh also said \$456,000 has been spent in the community as a result of the credits.

"This program has been so successful because of these two ladies," Fiegenschuh said. "They

always go above and beyond and I wanted to recognize them for all of their efforts."

Ordinances

Council members approved an ordinance revising Chapter 82 of the Rochelle Municipal Code pertaining to snow removal. Under the revised ordinance, it will be unlawful for any owner or lessee of property abutting a public sidewalk within the area of the city bordered by Sixth Avenue on the north, Main Street on the east, Second Avenue on the south, and Sixth Street on the west to fail to remove accumulations of snow, ice, sleet, or freezing rain that result in an unsafe condition for pedestrians within 24 hours after the accumulation of two or more inches.

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LOCAL NEWS

NIU Engineering professor explains how to harvest the power of wind energy

DEKALB — Wind flows a lot like water, according to NIU associate professor of mechanical engineering Nicholas Pohlman. “The same fluid mechanics applies to hydro power that has been used since the 18th century, just with a lower density, intermittently available resource,” he says. In other words, harnessing the kinetic energy of wind to create electricity relies on many of the same principles that are well established in the energy industry — but it also requires some changes in our thinking and behavior.

Dr. Pohlman will discuss the conversion of wind energy to electricity and answer audience questions at the next NIU STEM Café, online on Tuesday, March 16, at 6 p.m. Register for this free event at go.niu.edu/windenergy.

“Pivoting to wind energy may require power balancing of the grid because wind is intermittent — are you willing to turn off the TV and lights so that the toaster works?” Pohlman asks. It also requires a willingness to see where and how energy is converted into the electricity that we rely on in our daily lives.

“When energy was converted remotely (coal, nuclear, etc.), few people cared where the facility was located,” Pohlman says. However,



The only limit on size of wind turbines is the transportation mechanisms used. Here, wind turbines are being transported by rail through northern Illinois.

er, he notes that many people have a “not in my backyard” attitude towards wind energy, which is generally located closer to the end user.

Such proximity to consumers can have positive effects, however, not the least of which is to decrease transmission losses — the energy lost as heat when electricity is transmitted along power lines from the plant to your home or business. “If urban areas could incorporate wind energy into their architecture, then we might be able to reduce transmission losses,” he explains.

Perhaps even more important is the mental shift of learning to see our own energy



consumption instead of taking it for granted. “Wind energy is widely available and increasing in capacity, but we all need to be willing to SEE the energy harvesting rather than just hope power comes out of the outlet,” Pohlman notes.

“Fossil-fuel based energy had millions of years to collect sunlight and be compressed underground, but we are consuming at a rate that far exceeds its multi-million-year collection. If we can learn to harness and immediately use the lower energy density forms, such as wind, then we will have greater sustainability and decrease impact on climate change.”

Dr. Nicholas Pohlman

“Seeing the energy conversion will hopefully help us recognize our own energy needs.”

Dr. Pohlman will be joined by Derek Hiland, DeKalb County Community Development Director, who will address questions related

to growth, zoning and land-use changes in the county.

“This is a wonderful chance for the public to learn about wind energy — something that has been in the news often lately,” says STEM Café coordinator Judith Dymond.

“Dr. Pohlman and Derek Hiland will help us sort fact from fiction, so we can make informed decisions about energy use.”

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The STEM Café will take place online via zoom on Tuesday, March 16, at 6 p.m. Register for this free event at go.niu.edu/windenergy.

Northern Illinois University STEM Cafés are sponsored by NIU STEM and are designed to increase public awareness of the critical role STEM fields play in our everyday lives. For more information, contact Judith Dymond, Ed.D., at 815-753-4751 or email jdymond@niu.edu.

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LOCAL NEWS

INDUCT: Students honored during ceremony

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This year's ceremony was a little different than in year's past. Last year's ceremony was cancelled due to COVID-19, so the 2020 inductees were recognized as well as the 2021 inductees during the ceremony that was live streamed on YouTube for parents and family members.

Inductees

The 2020 inductees include: Vanessa Avolio, Garrett Burdin, Madison Carmichael, Heidi Cruz, Sterling Devers, Melanie Gonzalez, Clare Green, Morgan Haas, Benjamin Harvey, Lauren Hopkins, Sofia Lenkaitis, Sawyer McGee, Lauren Ponto, Alexis Sanford, Ayah Sbeih, Jesenia Solano,

Ayden Theiss, Megan Thiravong, Jillian Thomason, Samuel Villalobos, Mary Wall, Spencer Warborg and Faith Worthington

2021 Senior Inductees include: Afi Gati, Crue Larsen, Isabella Lodico, Noah Messer and Lizbeth Ugalde

2021 Junior Inductees include: Nathan Burdin, Miguel Cruz, Riley Flanagan, Sergio Guevara, Emma Hicks, Marlen Hueramo, Ashley Knight, Tanner Lager, Josh Lloyd, Josie Lundquist, Ella McKinney, Madison Ost, Devansh Patel, Schuyler Podolski, Leslie Rodriguez, Zach Sanford, Ryan Simmons, Zoey Tabor, Megan Thompson and Cecilia Vargas.

"I thank everyone for their patience this year especially with calendar

changes, guidance changes, mask wearing, hybrid classes, online classes, event cancelations, and of course no more snow days and no more days off..." principal Chris Lewis said. "This month marks the one year anniversary that we have been shut down and no one would have thought it would last this long."

Lewis went on to thank parents for the part they have played in their child's academic accomplishments.

"Parents, the 2021 school year has been incredibly challenging. The hard work of your child's academic work is appreciated. Your child's success would not happen without your support," he said. "Under our current academic system your

child had to grow tremendously in patience, time management and study skills. Not only is it stressful for teachers and students, but parents who are backing them in this unknown territory."

Even through the challenges students, faculty and administrators have faced over the past year, students are still showing academic success.

"You have heard many times our purpose at RTHS: "Preparing students for their tomorrow." I believe based on the many challenges you have had to overcome, you are more prepared for your tomorrow than ever before," Lewis said. "... under the circumstances, the people in this room have maintained high academic standards or qualities of



Lauren Hopkins speaks during the Rochelle Township High School National Honor Society induction Monday night.

scholarship, leadership service and character. You've been honored and recognized by the teachers and are inducted into the National Honor Society of Rochelle Township High School. Congrats on a job

well done." Faith Worthington is vice president, Lauren Hopkins is treasurer, Sterling Devers is secretary and Jesenia Solano is attendance secretary of the 2021 RTHS NHS.

CITY: Council purchases property for redevelopment use

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Accumulated precipitation shall be placed next to the head of the curb for collection by the street department. Accumulated precipitation shall not be placed in the gutter or street.

Council members also approved an ordinance revising Chapter 34 of the Rochelle Municipal Code pertaining to civil emergencies. The amendment adopts the authorities provided to city leaders in the Illinois Municipal

Code and the Illinois Emergency Management Act. These two statutes grant the mayor the authority to declare a municipal state of emergency and describe what additional authority or powers are available once the declaration is made.

Zoning

Council members approved the preliminary and final plat of subdivision for the Grove Industrial Park Subdivision located at 920 S. Main St. in Rochelle. The City of Ro-

chelle Planning & Zoning Commission approved the preliminary and final plat of subdivision with a 6-0 vote on Monday, March 1. The purpose of subdividing is to re-subdivide the 13.15-acre parcel into a one-lot subdivision, as well as dedicate right of way and easements for use by the City of Rochelle.

Council members approved the continuation of a public hearing for Rochelle Solar (15537 E. Twombly Road) to the April 12 council meeting. The Planning & Zoning

Commission voted to continue the public hearing to April 5 regarding the proposed preliminary and final plat of subdivision, plat of annexation, zoning map amendment, rezoning to rural development, special use for a solar farm and variance of municipal code sections 82-14 and 110-405 for the property located at the southeast corner of Twombly Road and North Caron Road.

Agenda Items

Council members approved the purchase of 300

Cherry Avenue in Rochelle for \$15,000. The city will purchase the property for redevelopment or other public use.

Council members approved an agreement amounting \$49,400 with BHMG for a system planning study of the city electric system. The study will assess the existing electric infrastructure in support of current load demand and future development. The study will analyze the electric system, including substations, generation and distribution lines to

determine areas of needed improvement and quantify probable future needs of the system.

Council members approved an engineering services agreement amounting \$24,750 with Fehr Graham and Associates for modifications to the Caron Road Lift Station. With the anticipated addition of a new industry on that sewer, the lift station will need to be upgraded to handle projected flows from this industry. The city will have about one year to complete the work.

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Ogle County COVID-19 Weekly Update As of Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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Vaccinating Phase 1b: Essential frontline workers and people ages 65+.

Availability: Vaccine is provided to OCHD by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The vaccine received may be Pfizer, Moderna and we expect will soon include Johnson & Johnson. There is no inferior vaccine. Any of the vaccines will offer you protection against COVID-19 and move us that much closer to freedom from the pandemic. We are happy to announce we are starting to receive vaccine allocations more regularly now-- vaccine clinics are being scheduled and calls to schedule appointments are being made. Pre-register for the vaccine online at health.oglecounty.org or call these partners and they will register you by phone.

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Rock River Center	815-732-3252
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Univ. of IL Extension Office	815-732-2191
Mt. Morris Senior Center	815-734-6335
Polo Senior Center	815-238-8645
Polo Library	815-946-2713
Bertolet Memorial Library	815-738-2742

If you have already registered, you do not need to register again.

Ogle County COVID-19 Statistics*

Number of Positive Cases:	4,963
Recovered Cases:	4,799
Current Active Cases:	89
Deaths:	75
Positivity, 7 day rolling average:	4.7%

*Most current statistics available

Obituaries

Mary Feldhaus

ROCHELLE — Mary Feldhaus, 89, of Rochelle, was called home while surrounded by family on Friday, March 5, 2021. She was born on Dec. 29, 1931 in St. Louis, Missouri, to Joseph and Frances Parrino. She married the love of her life, Jack, on May 2, 1959. Her faith, love of God, and devotion to Mary were evident to all those who knew her, and she was an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Rochelle. Mary was full of joy, had a sense of humor, and loved being with her family. She also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, painting ceramics, and cooking.

Survivors include her eight



children, Marty (Karen) Feldhaus of Davis Junction, Barb (Russ) Eychaner of Malta, Nancy Johnson of Rochelle, Eric (Tapan) Feldhaus of California, Michael (Jane) Feldhaus of New Hampshire, Tony (Meg) Feldhaus of Geneva, Lisa (Jim) Basso of Minnesota, and Ann (Mike) Green of Rochelle; as well as her brother Nick (Susan) Parrino of Missouri. Additionally are those who call her Nana, her 26 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

She enjoyed having extra family time and making memories while living with Ann, Mike, Isaac, Clare, John and Mark Green the past 10

years.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 with a rosary to follow at Unger-Horner Funeral Home, Rochelle. Masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines should be followed.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 12 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Rochelle. Masks must also be worn and social distancing guidelines followed at the church. The Mass will be live streamed on the Unger-Horner Funeral Home Facebook page. Public burial will be at St. Patrick Cemetery, Rochelle.

Memorials in Mary's name may be made to the Rochelle Senior Center.

Please visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Patsy Jean Muñoz

ROCHELLE — Patsy Jean Muñoz, 73, passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, with family members by her side. Patsy was born on Feb. 16, 1948 to Walter and Francis (Smith) Walker in Elgin.



She worked for Motorola for 28 years.

Patsy was a caring and loving mother and grandmother. She always enjoyed family get-togethers, as these were the happiest moments in her life.

Patsy is survived by her two children, Antonio Muñoz of Rochelle, and Kimberly Pulley of McHenry; her sister, Pamela

Murray of Onalaska, Wisconsin; and seven grandchildren, Jordan, Shayna, Cody, Allen, Robin, Bradley and Lacey.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 13 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle, with Pastor David Rogula officiating.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Register for citizenship class at Kishwaukee College

MALTA — Kishwaukee College's adult education program is offering a tuition-free citizenship class for people interested in learning about the U.S. citizenship process.

Relevant information for the U.S. citizenship test, basic interviewing, test-taking skills, English vocabulary and grammar will be covered, among other topics.

Students need to be 18 years of age or older and score into placement. This class will be offered from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays between April 6 and June 3.

Students will need to register and take a placement test before starting the class. Al-

low up to three hours for registration and assessment.

Dates

Registration dates at Kishwaukee College, 21193 Malta Road, Malta, are:

Monday, March 22 at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23 at 1 p.m. or 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 25 at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, visit www.kish.edu/adulteducation or contact administrative assistant Mari Vesey at mvesey@kish.edu or 815-825-9420.

County democrats turn annual holiday dinner into meals for many

OREGON — December usually sees Ogle County Democrats gather for the annual holiday dinner.

However, because of the pandemic and with food insecurity at a record high, instead of gathering together, members voted to help feed those in need. The vote was unanimous; money that members typically spend on that dinner has been donated to Ogle County Food Pantries.

"This is a difficult time for many of our friends and neighbors and we hope that these donations to Ogle County Food Pantries will help relieve some of the burden to our local community," board chair Christine Ballard said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Man arrested for driving while license revoked

On March 5 at approximately 1:02 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Front and Union Streets in Byron. After investigation, deputies placed Keith Harrod, 56, of Byron, under arrest for driving while license revoked. Harrod was additionally issued citations for no valid registration, illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an uninsured vehicle. Harrod was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On March 5 at 10:43 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet

Impala in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Antaas Porte, 25, of Rockford, was arrested for driving on a revoked license, and improper cannabis container-driver. Porte was transported to the Ogle County jail and held in lieu of bond.

March 6

On March 6 at approximately 12:50 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies stopped a vehicle in the 6,000 block of North Stillman Road in rural Stillman Valley for a traffic violation. Pursuant to the stop, Rogelio Ibarra, 31,

of Rockford, was arrested for DUI, unlawful possession of cannabis over 30 grams and improper lane usage. Ibarra was confined at the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

On March 6 at approximately 10:13 a.m., deputies performed a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. After investigation deputies placed Megan Bushland, 24, of Oregon, under arrest for driving while license revoked. Bushland was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Bushland was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of

bond.

On March 6 at approximately 5:34 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of South Lowell Park Road. After further investigation, Hannah Rothermel, 33, of Woosung, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license. Rothermel was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Rothermel was released on an Individual Bond at the scene.

On March 6 at 7:55 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road for a speeding violation. After a short investigation, Deputies arrested Tykee McDonald, 20, of DeKalb, for driving while license suspended. McDonald was issued citations for speeding, no insurance and driving on a suspended license. McDonald was released on a notice to appear with a court date of March 31.

On March 6 at 8:16 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the area of Illinois Route 64 and Esmond Road to investigate a driving complaint on a Chevrolet Silverado that was reported to be driving all over the roadway. Deputies located the vehicle at Illinois Route 64 and Church Road in rural Rochelle. After an investigation, Daniel L. Massolle, 54, of Oregon, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage. Massolle was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 6 at approximately 9:25 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of South Ridge Road in rural Oregon. After further investigation, Kandas Martin, 23, of Dixon, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license and an outstanding Lee County

warrant. Martin was also cited for speeding. Also arrested was passenger Nicholas Maxey, 21, of Loves Park, for possession of a controlled substance. Martin and Maxey were both transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

March 7

On March 7 at approximately 12 a.m., Ogle County deputies, with the assistance of the Illinois State Police, responded to the 6,000 block of South Joanne Avenue in rural Rochelle for the report of a domestic disturbance. After conducting an investigation, James Stinnett, 42, and Stephanie Smith, 34, both of Rochelle, were arrested for domestic battery. Stinnett and Smith were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they are being held without bond pending a court appearance.

Driver cited for failure to yield right of way

On Feb. 26 at 8:56 a.m., Rochelle police cited Jordan Isaacs, 29, of Rochelle, for failure to yield right of way. He posted a promise to comply.

On Feb. 28 at 5:45 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Patrick Larson, 20, of Rochelle, for violation of an order of protection. He was transported to jail.

On March 1 at 10:02 a.m., Rochelle police arrested John Anthenat, 46, of Rochelle, on a Rockford Police Department warrant. He was transported to jail.

On March 1 at 9:38 a.m., Rochelle police cited Colby Newquist, 32, of Sycamore, for speeding 51 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. He posted a promise to comply.

On March 1 at 9:19 a.m., Rochelle police cited Matthew Haeseker, 18, of DeKalb, for speeding 67 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. He posted a promise to comply.

On March 1 at 3:13 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Lara Gonzales, 23, of Peoria, on a Peoria County warrant. She

posted \$375 bond.

On March 2 at 8:36 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Rueben Burgess, 30, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. He posted a recognizance bond.

On March 3 at 4:06 p.m., Rochelle police cited Veronica Tabares, 34, of Sterling, for no insurance and failure to signal. She posted a promise to comply.

On March 4 at 4:54 p.m., Rochelle police cited Abdelhamid Bentaleb, 31, of Harward Heights, for improper turn. He posted a promise to comply.

On March 4 at 4:29 p.m., Rochelle police cited James Huml, 73, of Rochelle, for speeding. He posted a promise to comply.

On March 5 at 1:08 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Paige Mcmanus, 23, of Rochelle, on a Livingston County warrant. She posted \$375 bond.

On March 5 at 2:37 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Brandon Barnes, 28, of Rochelle, for domestic battery. He was transported to jail.

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Rochelle Police, the

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Letters to the Editor

Thankful for crossing signal work

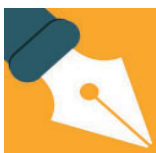
Dear Editor,
On behalf of many people on the north side of Illinois Route 38, a big thank you to the City of Rochelle and especially Sam Tesreau, for their work on installing new crossing signals at Brookside and Springdale off Illinois Route 38.

I personally know that Sam has been working on this project for a couple of years. Crossing five lanes of traffic on foot, especially around rush hour, has been difficult for adults and especially for children on

their way to school both in the morning and afternoon. These crosswalk indicators are “on demand” and not blinking 24 hours a day. Hopefully, they will grab the attention of drivers to be courteous to the pedestrians trying cross.

Thank you again to the City of Rochelle for reminding the residents that the city does work for them.

Bud Norcross
Rochelle



Supports Arteaga for council

Dear Editor,
As the April 6 local election approaches, please consider voting for Rosaelia Arteaga for Rochelle City Council member.

Rosaelia will bring an important perspective to the council. Currently, Rosaelia is a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln School in Rochelle. She

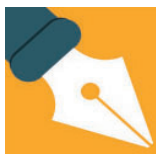
has served in a number of leadership roles in her professional capacity – Rochelle School District 231 Leadership Team – as well as community events – Fiesta Hispana coordinator.

Rosaelia will put forth the time and effort to understand the issues brought before the

city council. She will be well-informed and able to make the important decisions that affect all citizens of Rochelle.

I strongly support Rosaelia Arteaga for Rochelle City Council and urge you to vote for her on Tuesday, April 6

Jenifer Sparrow
Rochelle School District 231 retired teacher



Guest column

You take what you want and forget the rest

DR. Seuss, P.D. Eastman and Beverly Cleary were among my favorite authors when I was learning to read.

But by far my favorite series was Dan Frontier by William Hurley. Frontier was a fictional Daniel Boone-type character who hunted and trapped. The books, which were published in 1959, were exciting and engaging and actually could hold the attention of a child like me who couldn’t sit still for more than 15 seconds.

So, when it was time to teach my oldest daughter Grace to read, I purchased on eBay the entire series, which is long out of print. I figured since I enjoyed them so much as a kid, that my daughter would as well.

But one night as I read a book aloud to my then 4-year-old, I was brought up short. I didn’t like what I read.

American Indians were portrayed as thieves. In other references they were identified as sneaky and untrustworthy.

It wasn’t something I wanted my children to be taught. So, I put Dan Frontier back on the shelf and read other titles to my kids.

Censorship? Nope. It’s called parenting.

When children are older I want them to read and discuss works that use controversial language and images. Works like “Huckleberry Finn” deserve to be debated and discussed, provided historical and literary context is given.

But for youngsters just learning to read we need to be careful that their first books don’t become primers

for hate.

I was thinking about my “Dan Frontier” experience this past week when I read that the firm created by Theodor Seuss Geisel’s family discontinued six titles because they contained images and words that were hurtful.

Immediately, pundits came out of the wood-work and screamed about the “Cancel Culture.”

My Dad loved to read “Green Eggs and Ham” to me. In fact, it’s the only book I can remember him reading with me. My Mom loved to read “Are you my Mother” by P.D. Eastman, a work which Seuss edited.

I have no recollection from my childhood of any of Seuss’ works being offensive. If anything, I associate them with lots of parental love.

But nostalgia and memories are a bit like food and smorgasbords. You take what you want and forget the rest.

And there is a lot of nostalgia out there for Dr. Seuss, just as there was for me and Dan Frontier.

Seuss wrote many wonderful books. Some of his works fought antisemitism in the United States. And he literally illustrated the evils of fascism.

But there is no denying some of his images, particularly in some of lesser known works are flat out racist. Blacks and Asians are the object of ridicule with both his words and his paint brush.

Here is how NBC news described some of his work: In “And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street,” a white man is shown using a whip on a man of color. In “If I Ran the Zoo,” a white boy holds a large gun while standing on the heads of three Asian men. “If I Ran the Zoo” also features two men from

Africa who are shirtless, shoeless and wearing grass skirts while holding an exotic animal.”

On the other hand, some of Seuss’ works like “Horton Hears a Who” are stories preaching against bigotry.

“We live in a culture that is very polarizing. People want to know whether his work is racist or not. Some of his work is and some of it isn’t,” said Philip Nel, a professor at Kansas State University who is considered an authority on all things Seuss.

When I chatted with Nel on Monday, he said when he heard that six Dr. Seuss books were no longer to be published he wasn’t surprised by which ones. Their content has long been a point of contention among scholars.

These are works that are being discontinued: “And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street,” “If I Ran the Zoo,” “McElligot’s Pool,” “On Beyond Zebra!” “Scrambled Eggs Super!” and “The Cat’s Quizzzer.”

The news became public March 2 on Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

The public outcry shouldn’t be surprising. After all, nostalgia can be a tricky thing. We want to remember the happy memories and forget the uncomfortable ones. But that doesn’t make for a better world. It’s better to look at life with clear eyes and an open mind.

To quote Seuss: “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. Nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

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COMMUNITY

Chamber ribbon cutting



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Williams graduates from UW-Whitewater

WHITEWATER, Wis. — Darryl Williams from Rochelle, earned a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement on Dec. 19, 2020. Williams graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology. More than 846 graduates graduated in a virtual ceremony. The graduating class included 61 veterans, six international students and 128 nontraditional undergraduate students, defined as students who are 25 years of age or older.

The Kitchen Table menu

March 11 (Thursday) – Chicken bacon ranch pasta, corn, garlic bread and salad
 March 16 (Tuesday) – Brisket over mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, dinner rolls
 March 18 (Thursday) – Pork chops, mac n cheese, peas and corn
 March 23 (Tuesday) – Chicken lickin bowls, coleslaw, biscuits with honey
 March 25 (Thursday) – Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, roasted veggies, bread
 April 4 (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage gravy and biscuits, meat casserole and oatmeal

*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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 12
Troy Komadina
March 13
Veronica Lopez
March 14
Noah Simmons
March 16
Christy Oleson
March 19
John Overstreet

March 20
Jesse Lopez
Rachel Phillips
March 22
Wakely Peterman
March 24
John Wooten
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March 25
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 Feb. 19 - Laura Irk, Glenview, \$25
 Feb. 20 - Michelle Glen, Rochelle, \$25
 Feb. 21 - John Farris, DeKalb, \$50
 Feb. 22 - Tom Hartnett, Rochelle, \$25
 Feb. 23 - Rochelle Rotary, \$25
 Feb. 24 - David C. Bills, Port Byron, \$25
 Feb. 25 - Katie Fredericks, Dixon, \$25
 Feb. 26 - Berkeley Thompson, Rochelle, \$25
 Feb. 27 - Steu Znaniecki, \$25
 Feb. 28 - Lucas Miles, Bloomington, \$50
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 March 2 - PDG Scott and Adriane Shore, Granville, \$25
 March 3 - Kim Montgomery, Rochelle, \$25
 March 4 - Jerry Schabacker, Ashton, \$25
 March 5 - Cody Starr, Rochelle, \$25
 March 6 - Rupesh Manek, Rochelle, \$25
 March 7 - Julie Dilling, Rochelle, \$50
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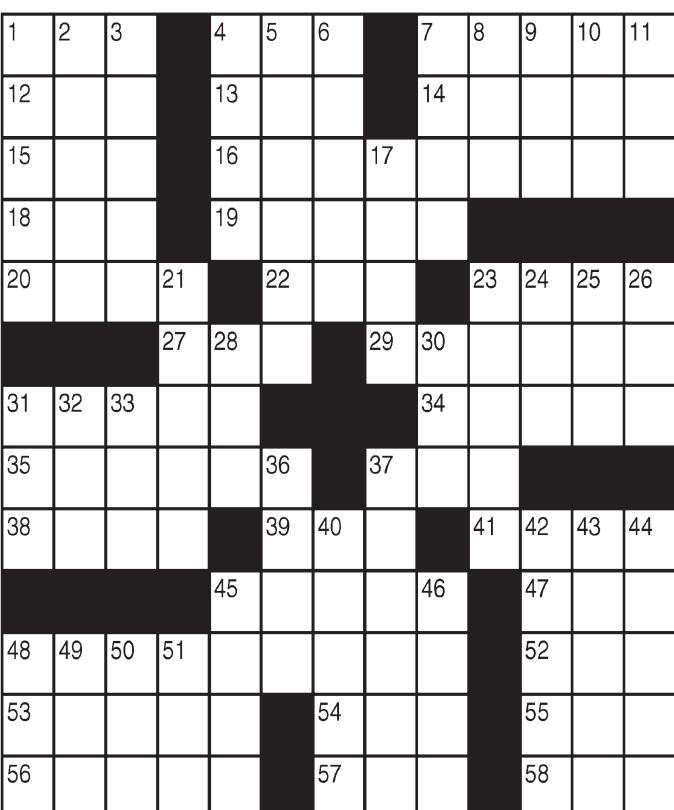


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 14 Preamble
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 16 Soundly defeated
 18 Zilch
 19 Berth places
 20 Retain
 22 Away from NNW
 23 Roundish 'do
 27 Writer Harper
 29 Sitting room
 31 Prepared apples for baking
 34 Street punks
 35 Uproar
 37 Rotating part
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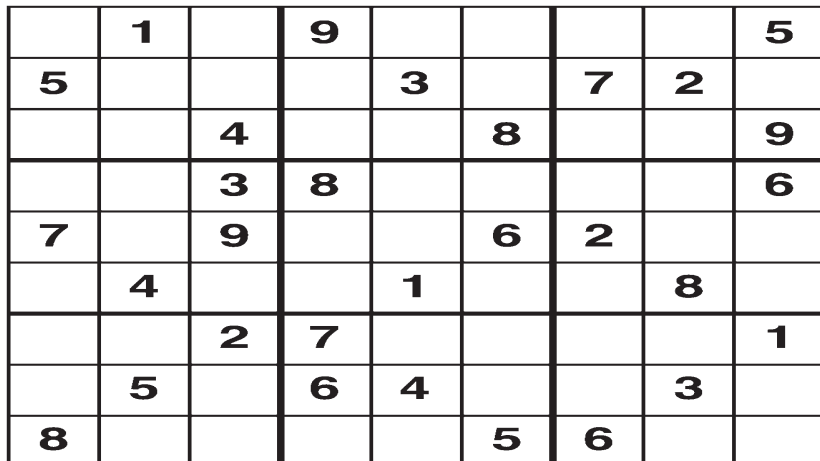


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 11 Group of whales
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 36 Raised
 58 Billboards
 21 West Point
 37 Tenor Enrico
 40 Deep, lustrous black
 42 Candymaker
 1 Bit of mischief
 23 Bakery lure
 43 Goofed
 2 "Salt" star
 24 "Alice" waitress
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 3 Trite
 25 Scepter
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 5 Vacation at
 28 College URL
 48 Bit of butter
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 30 "Eureka!"
 49 Fib
 7 Has a bug
 31 "Evita" narra-
 50 Branch
 8 Disney deer
 51 "Uh-huh"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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.

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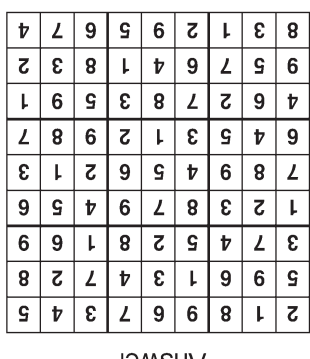
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Clue: N equals T

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 OD HPWRRC AGGK, O DTXXGDP
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



Answer

King Crossword

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SPORTS

BOYS: Hubs earn road win over Sandwich on Friday

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Brown sunk a pair of open triples from the right elbow for six of his 15 points, while Schlenbecker followed later in the period with a 3-pointer of his own. Rochelle (6-6, 6-5 Interstate 8 Conference) will face Morris on the road Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Sandwich

With his team needing a bounce-back win after dropping two straight conference matchups, Tanner Lager delivered an all-around solid offensive performance when the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team faced Sandwich on the road Friday evening.

The junior guard had his scoring talents on display, leading Rochelle with a season-high 21 points on nine made field goals including three 3-pointers. The Hubs opened the second half with a strong third quarter, defeating Sandwich 75-59 and improving to 5-6 overall. Rochelle moved to 5-5 in the Interstate 8 Conference with three games remaining in the season.

"I kept attacking the basket and my shots were falling tonight," Lager said. "It felt really good. We were getting the ball up the court pretty fast and their defense wasn't the greatest, so we were able to score layups on the other end by moving the ball up the court quickly. If we can play better defense, push the ball and shoot it well, we can hopefully pull three wins out."

Rochelle successful-



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub cheer team celebrated its four seniors before the Hub varsity basketball game against the Plano Reapers on Tuesday. Above from left to right are Giselle Hueramo, Hailey Thompson, Zoe Hardcastle and Mary Coglianese.

ly held Sandwich guard Marial Puou in check Friday evening, limiting the 6-foot-7 standout to 15 points and forcing him to shoot multiple off-target shots from the perimeter. Lager and senior Garrett Burdin paced the Hub offense Friday evening, with Burdin knocking down a pair of field goals including a corner triple in the first quarter of play.

"We've been having trouble on defense and

pushing the ball up the floor," said junior Noah Brown, who scored nine points and made two 3-pointers on Friday. "We need to stay locked in over this last week and win out. We need to stay healthy and get our legs underneath us."

Lager took over in the second quarter, using his dribble-drive and his 6-foot-3 frame to convert three baskets around the rim while also hitting an

open 3-pointer from the elbow. Despite Puou's difficult evening, Sandwich forward Jacob Heilemeier utilized his mid-range offense to keep the Indians competitive, scoring 10 of his team-leading 18 points in the first half. With the Indians seeking their first victory of the season, Rochelle remained tied 36-36 at the half.

"We didn't want to be the first team to lose to Sandwich," Brown said.

"We knew we had to win and coach [Tim] Thompson always tells us to play every game like it's a regional game."

Third quarters have been a sore spot for the Hubs this season, but that wasn't the case on Friday, as Rochelle outscored Sandwich 19-8 in the period to take control of the game. A pair of 3-pointers from both Lager and Burdin sparked the resurgent Hub effort in the second

half, while junior Ryan Simmons buried a corner triple for three of his seven points Friday night.

Sophomores

The Rochelle Hub sophomore basketball team edged Sandwich 34-32 on Friday. Rochelle faced Plano on Tuesday, falling 48-46 to go to 6-6 overall. The sophomores will face Morris on the road Wednesday, March 10 at 5 p.m.

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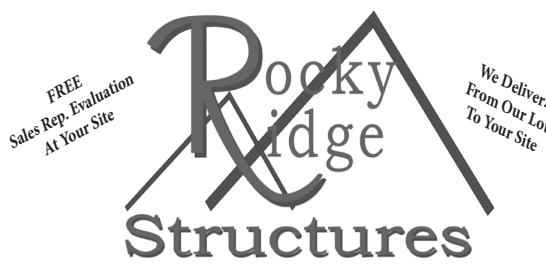
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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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The Rochelle Lady Hub bowling team recognized senior Kiya Porter and her family during the team's Senior Night match against the Morris Redskins on Monday.

Porter honored as Lady Hubs battle Morris

Rochelle defeats Kaneland on Tuesday

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team recognized senior Kiya Porter during the team's Interstate 8 Conference matchup against Morris on Monday. Porter rolled a 376 series for the Lady Hubs, who fell short in their 1,703-1,565 loss to the Redskins. Junior Alyssa Schwanert fired a match-high 531 series for Rochelle (1-8).

"It's been a joy to work with Kiya," head coach Eric Widick said. "She's a fun kid and she tries hard when she's out there. She has fun with the game and I've enjoyed working with her."

Morris edged Rochelle 560-508 in the first game. Schwanert threw 188 for the Lady Hubs, while Kaileah Sasser rolled 172 to lead the Redskins. Morris took the second game 575-515 behind 191 from Sasser and 167 from Shaelee Ferrari. Schwanert bowled 190 and Porter added 140.

The Redskins narrowly topped Rochelle in the third game, winning 568-542 as Taylor Krause rolled 162, Ferrari totaled 165 and Sasser fired 156. Schwanert rounded out her series with 153.

Kaneland
 The Rochelle Lady Hub bowling team snapped its three-match losing streak on Tuesday, defeating Kaneland 1,957-1,876 and sweeping the season series against the Knights. Junior Alyssa Schwanert led Rochelle with a 481 series score, while senior Kiya Porter added 445.

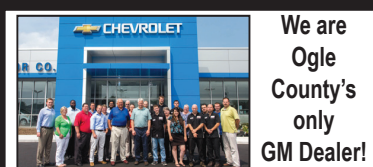
The Lady Hubs will face Morris on the road Thursday. Rochelle will conclude the 2020-21 season at the Interstate 8 Conference Championships, which will be held at DeKalb's Mardi Gras Lanes, this weekend.

The Lady Hubs won each of the first two games on Tuesday before dropping the third game. Rochelle claimed the first game 664-624 behind Porter's 165, while Schwanert's 179 led the Lady Hubs over Kaneland in the second game, which Rochelle brought home 605-538.

Schwanert (166) and freshman Faith Adams (162) rolled solid scores in the final game, but Kaneland rallied for a 714-688 victory behind 194 from Sia Workman and 188 from Ella Edwards. Junior Carly Summers finished with a 439 series and scores of 155, 147 and 137.

"It's been a joy to work with Kiya. She's a fun kid and she tries hard when she's out there. She has fun with the game and I've enjoyed working with her."

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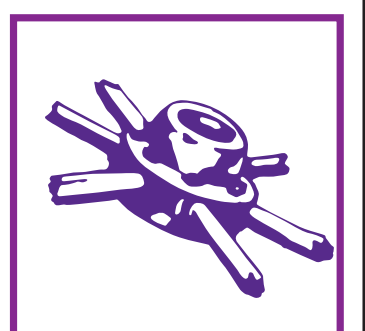
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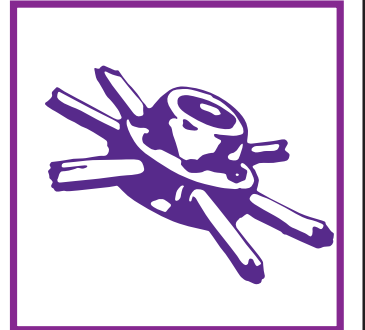


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The Lady Hub bowling team honored senior Kiya Porter on Monday.

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RTHS Varsity Boys Basketball

A memorable effort

Rochelle approaches triple digits in 97-79 Senior Night win over Plano

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Hub senior Garrett Burdin walked off the basketball court at Rochelle Township High School one last time to a standing ovation and his team holding a large lead over the Plano Reapers on Tuesday. One of the most prolific scorers in school history, Burdin led all scorers with 27 points as Rochelle dominated the second half and cruised over Plano 97-79.

It was a Senior Night to remember for Burdin and teammates Spencer Warborg and Mike Schlenbecker, who were honored before tip-off for their contributions to the Hub basketball program. A three-year varsity starter for the Hubs, Burdin has made many memories throughout his prep career including when he surpassed the 1,000-point threshold earlier this season. But with COVID-19 considered, Tuesday night was one Burdin won't ever forget.

"It's the No. 1 memory for me," Burdin said. "It

was my last time stepping on that court and it's truly been an unforgettable experience. I've loved all my teammates throughout the years, but this was a special moment tonight... I'll always remember the culture, the community, my teammates and the coaches. I wouldn't have had it any other way. This is where I'm from."

Plano emerged with the early lead Tuesday night, moving ahead 21-17 after the first quarter behind junior guard Mason Accidentale, who scored on two nifty layups under the basket and hit a pair of free throws for six of his team-high 19 points. Rochelle worked its way back during the second quarter, feeding junior forward Zach Sanford inside for two layups and rallying behind three of Burdin's game-high five 3-pointers to take a 42-36 lead at halftime.

While the third quarter has been a sore spot for the Hubs this winter, that wasn't the case on Senior Night. Sanford spearheaded the charge, converting three low-post shots for six of his 17 points while Burdin



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub basketball team honored its three seniors before competing against the Plano Reapers on Tuesday. Above from left to right are Spencer Warborg, Garrett Burdin and Mike Schlenbecker.

and juniors Noah Brown and Ryan Simmons each knocked down triples to extend the Hub advantage. Leading 64-53 entering the fourth quarter, Rochelle broke the contest wide open, with Warborg hitting three

3-pointers for nine of his 13 points in the game.

"We couldn't have gone out any better," Warborg said. "We shot the ball really well tonight. We've been struggling in the third quarter recently, but we knew we had to

come out and play a really solid second half. They had a run at the end of the second quarter, but we came out and we shot the lights out. I'm going to miss all the grinding and the fun times in practice."

As Rochelle's fourth-

quarter lead ballooned to over a dozen, shots continued falling for the Hubs, who nearly hit the century mark on a buzzer-beating 3-point attempt that fell short.

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RTHS Varsity Girls Basketball

Sandwich sweeps season series with Rochelle

Lady Hub shooting woes continue in 35-22 loss against Indians

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team was unable to snap its cold shooting streak when the girls hosted Sandwich for an Interstate 8 contest Saturday.

Looking to end its five-game losing streak, Rochelle relied on its defense early, limiting Sandwich standouts Claire Roberts and Josie Ness to seven combined points. But the Lady Hubs couldn't shoot their way into a rhythm, scoring only two fourth-quarter points on a buzzer-beating basket from junior Josie Lundquist as the Indians defeated Rochelle 35-22. The Lady Hubs, who fell to 2-8 overall, will face Plano on the road next Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

"We were a little flat in the first half and I thought that dictated a lot of our turnovers," head coach Tony Rowan said. "We picked our energy up in the third quarter, but when we're playing

from behind, we exert so much effort into coming back that we lose energy at the end. I thought we defended well, but we have to keep finding ways to score the basketball."

Leading 8-6 after the first quarter, Sandwich scored six consecutive points to start the second quarter. But Rochelle recovered quickly, forcing three Indian turnovers that resulted in two free throws for junior Zoey Tabor and layups for both junior Lucy Bunker and senior Sofia Lenkaitis, who led the Lady Hubs with 10 points on Saturday. Rochelle trailed Sandwich 20-14 at the half.

Sandwich forwards Ness and Claire Allen each converted close-range baskets for the Indians in the third quarter, but a corner triple from Lenkaitis and a put-back shot from senior Afi Gati kept Rochelle in the mix. Down 28-20 after three quarters, Rochelle went scoreless for nearly eight minutes as Sandwich cruised forward on a 7-0 run. Ness led the Indians



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Zoey Tabor uses a screen from senior teammate Afi Gati on Indian guard Claire Roberts during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball game against Sandwich on Saturday.

with 10 points.

"We need to find different ways to score," Rowan

said. "I like the shots we're taking and we may have taken only one or two bad

shots in the game. I don't want to pressure the kids to make shots, but that's

what we really need right now. We need to put the ball in the bucket."