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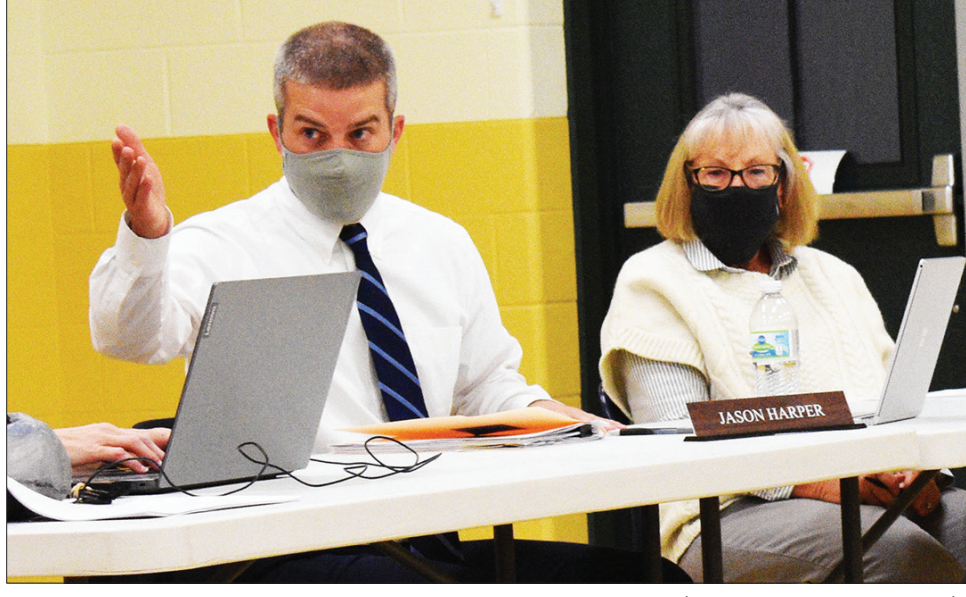
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Rochelle Superintendent Jason Harper updated the District 231 Board of Education on the district's school reopening plan during the October board meeting Tuesday.

School reopening update highlights elementary meeting

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Superintendent Jason Harper updated the District 231 Board of Education on the district's school reopening plan during the October board meeting Tuesday.

Harper said the district has not had any major issues arise since beginning its hybrid learning model at the start of the 2020-21 school year. With the first trimester nearly over, Harper said the district is focusing its attention to the second trimester, which begins Nov. 16.

"When we pitched what our reopening plan would look like, we wanted parents to make a choice for the first trimester," Harper

said. "The second trimester is coming... We're back at a point where we need to have a good idea of how many students will be back in the buildings and in the classrooms for the second trimester. We've already initiated the process of trying to obtain that feedback, and both teachers and administrators are working with parents."

Feedback

Harper said that recent parent-teacher conferences have helped provide the district with feedback on how both remote and in-person learning are going for elementary and middle-school students. Harper also said the district plans to have an idea of how many students will be back in schools on Oct. 23,

which is the deadline for decisions about returning to school.

"We hope to have a very good idea of how many students will be back by Oct. 23 or sooner," Harper said. "We'd prefer to keep our five-day-a-week model, and if that means we have to tweak some of our staff or move furniture around at some of our locations, then we'd like to do that. One of the most unanimous pieces of feedback we've received from our parents is that they like the five-day-a-week schedule. We've been communicating with our parents that we need their decisions as soon as possible and we've communicated our deadline."

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State News

State lax in enforcing law meant to track, support minority-owned businesses

Illinois three years ago began requiring firms getting tax breaks through a state jobs program to report how much they spent with minority- and women-owned vendors. But it has turned into little more than a bureaucratic paper shuffle that collects little useful information.

BY ALEX RUPPENTHAL
BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SPRINGFIELD — In an effort to promote diverse businesses, Illinois three years ago passed a law that required companies receiving state tax breaks to report how much work they did with minority- and women-owned vendors.

But since the law went into effect, 119 companies that had more than \$150 million shaved from their tax bills have not submitted any such reports, a Better Government Association examination has found. And of the 61 firms that did file the required reports, nearly three-quarters reported none of the data the law was intended to gather.

The problems with the state's largest job incentive program are in large part due to the administrations of both Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritz-

ker, a Democrat, and his Republican predecessor, Bruce Rauner, failing to enforce the law, according to the sponsors of the legislation.

Both administrations allowed the tax breaks to continue even after companies failed to submit the forms. For those firms that did submit reports, the administrations interpreted the law to mean the companies only had to file paperwork with the state even if the forms were mostly blank of critical information.

The resulting lack of any significant data intended to detail how much major multinational companies seeking taxpayer help are spending on minority- and women-owned vendors has angered both legislative sponsors. Following BGA inquiries, they said they will call for tougher actions by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the state agency that oversees the program.

"We're asking the enforcement body, which is the Department of Commerce, to tell these companies, 'If you're filing these reports, you should be filing them with data,'" said state Rep. Will Davis, a Democrat from suburban Homewood and co-sponsor of the changes to the state's Economic Development for a

COVID case false positive

ROCHELLE — Rochelle School District 212 and the Ogle County Health Department released a joint statement Monday afternoon after an individual, who was thought to have tested positive for COVID-19 this past week, was notified that there was an error in the reporting process and the original COVID-19 test result was negative.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this error has caused those students, parents and staff members who were identified as close contacts of this individual," the new statement reads. "While we have no control over the reporting process, we communicate our apologies on behalf of those who made the mistake. We also want to clarify the issue for the entire Rochelle community. All students who were told Friday to quarantine based on attendance in Mrs. Bergeson's classroom are welcome to return to school as normal. Those students who were told they could not take the SAT on Wednesday, Oct. 14 are welcome to sit for this assessment. Rochelle Township High School and the Ogle County Health Department are working together to ensure this situation does not occur again. We know this is a stressful time for all and we do not want to create more stress by making errors. Regardless of this mistake, we ask you to continue to follow all COVID-19 precautions and keep symptomatic children at home."

Credit program extended

BY JENNIFER SIMMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — A program aimed at helping local businesses affected by COVID-19 as well as local RMU customers was extended by Rochelle City Council members Tuesday night.

Council members voted 6-0 to extend the Shop Local RMU Credit Program.

"The proposed extension for the Shop Local RMU Credit Program is designed to be an economic tool by the City of Rochelle to

encourage residents to patronize local businesses who were forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic," community development director for the City of Rochelle Michelle Pease explained. "Participating in the program provides a \$60 reimbursement in the form of a credit on a future RMU bill for qualifying purchases at retail/service shop and restaurant establishments located within the RMU Service Territory."

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Growing Economy, or EDGE, jobs program.

"That's the expectation."

Illinois Sen. Cristina Castro, a Democrat from Elgin who sponsored the Senate version of the bill, said the language in the law is clear, and she is disappointed it has been interpreted so favorably to companies seeking taxpayer assistance.

"We're giving you state tax dollars. Where are you trying to expand the diversity when it comes to minority-owned spending?" asked Castro. "It's terrible."

The law states companies "shall ... submit to DCEO an annual report containing the information" on "actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises."

Lauren Huffman, a spokeswoman for DCEO, said the agency has interpreted the law to exclude, or grandfather, any company that received tax breaks prior to the passage of the 2017 measure. She said the law also doesn't mandate companies collect minority data they don't already collect.

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Kishwaukee College hosting 'Discover Kish' event

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is hosting Discover Kish, a virtual information event for prospective students and their families. The virtual event will take place on zoom Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 1 to 2 p.m. and a second

date on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Discover Kish is an excellent way to see what Kishwaukee College has to offer.

"It's important to find a college that's right for you and

the best way to make that decision is by having a conversation with staff," said Graciela Horta, Kish's student outreach coordinator. "Attend Discover Kish, to learn about the programs offered, getting started, paying for college and making the best out of your student involvement."

The Spring 2021 semester at Kish begins the week of Jan. 19. Schedule of available courses is now available online, and registration opens at 6 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 2.

Discover Kish will be hosted via zoom with the link sent to registered attendees. For more information and to pre-register, visit kish.edu/discoverkish or contact Graciela Horta at ghorta@kish.edu or 815-825-1711.

Build your career and business in the face of adversity

DEKALB — Maintaining success of your career and business is hard enough. Layer on top of that struggles associated with the pandemic. Two College of Business alumnae will share how they fearlessly strengthen their careers and businesses in the face of adversity.

The next NIU College of Business Wednesday Night Wisdom online speaker event is 6 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 21. All are welcome to register for free (go.niu.edu/wnw). Learn how to make your personal and professional dreams a reality by overcoming odds and opposition.

The panelists are NIU College of Business alumni who will share their entrepreneurial journeys through the pandemic.

Chloe Millard, MKRT '12 - Founder. Owner. Entrepreneur. Investor. Millard is the CEO and founder of Rose & Jade CBD for Women, the first-ever line of premium CBD products formulated specifically for mothers and women.

Diana Narváez, ACCY '07 - Innovator. Business developer. Impact investor. Social entrepreneur. Management consultant. Narváez helps companies partner with e-commerce, logistics, brands, fintech, and logistics, across eight Latin American countries and underserved populations.

Learn how to navigate road blocks and beat the odds to having a successful career and business. Come away with many personal and professional tips to make the most of your dreams.

The NIU College of Business in June launched an online speaker series, Wednesday Night Wisdom, to keep students, alumni and friends learning and connected in this unprecedented time.

When the rapid spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) sent NIU students home in the middle of the spring semester, the College of Business quickly pivoted to remote teaching and learning strategies for in-class learning, and virtual activities for supplemental, out-of-class learning through the Business Passport Program.

"We were very pleased at our business students' willingness to engage virtually in the spring," said Amy Buhrow, senior director of strategy, student success and accreditation. "Connectivity is the core of the college experience. We launched the Wednesday Night Wisdom series to keep our students, alumni and friends connected to one another and to learning, wherever they may be."

Each year, the College of Business hosts nearly 500 alumni and business professional visits. With limits on face-to-face interactions, the Wednesday Night Wisdom online speaker series taps our valued alumni and friends virtually to share knowledge in a safe, interactive way.

"The NIU College of Business has an expansive and highly informed base of alumni and faculty — any one of whom could be described as an expert in any number of fields," said Cassandra Young, College of Business director of alumni relations. "Time and time again, they have proven the value of their knowledge as consultants through publications, to students and to other alumni. We are proud and delighted to feature their expertise and perspectives in the Wednesday Night Wisdom series."

"We launched the series slowly in June and have completed a few events each month," said Rachel Schmit, senior event coordinator for NIU's College of Business. "The live event is recorded and then edited for a downloadable future podcast."

College of Business Dean Balaji Rajagopalan said he's grateful to alumni for sharing their knowledge on topics, such as tapping into networks during this challenging time, managing finances through retirement and leadership through a crisis.

"Our alumni and faculty members have stepped up to provide a wealth of information and are helping others to stay focused and productive on their business, school assignments, projects and personal lives," Rajagopalan said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Illinois nears 9,000 COVID-19 deaths

Test positivity rate and hospitalizations are up statewide

BY PETER HANCOCK

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS/PHANCOCK@CAPITOLNEWSILLINOIS.COM

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Public Health reported Monday that an additional 53 people in the state had died of COVID-19 over the weekend, pushing the statewide total to just under 9,000.

Illinois neared that grim milestone as the statewide test positivity rate inched above 4 percent for the first time since early September. From Saturday through Monday, IDPH reported a total of 8,374 new cases among 177,882 tests performed, making for a three-day test positivity rate of 4.7 percent.

The weekend numbers brought the statewide totals to 321,892 confirmed cases of the coronavirus disease and 8,997 deaths since the pandemic first appeared in Illinois.

Over the weekend, Illinois also saw its seven-day rolling average test positivity rate spike to levels it hadn't seen in many weeks. For the past several weeks, that rate had been hovering between 3.5 and 4 percent, but on Monday it rose to 4.3 percent, the highest rate recorded since Sept. 3.

As of Sunday night, IDPH reported 1,764 people in Illinois were being hospitalized with COVID-19, including 377 patients who were in intensive care units, 153 of whom were on ventilators.

On a weekly average basis, those numbers are all up substantially from the prior week. Over the past seven days, IDPH reported an average of 1,752 COVID-19 patients hospitalized each day, up nearly 10 percent from the prior week. ICU usage was up more than 4.5 percent, to 388 per day, while ventilator usage, at an average of 154 per day, was up 2.7 percent from the prior week.

Regional numbers

As of Friday, Oct. 9, the most recent date for which regional numbers are available, Region 1 in northwest Illinois continued to have the highest rolling average test positivity rate, at 9.7 percent. That number had risen in five of the past 10 days.

Region 1 continues to be under enhanced mitigation measures, which include a ban on indoor dining and drinking at bars and restaurants.

Region 6, in eastern Illinois, which includes the Urbana-Champaign metropolitan area, continued to have the lowest positivity rate largely due to the aggressive

testing program being carried out on the main campus of the University of Illinois.

As of Friday, the region as a whole was showing a test positivity rate of only 2 percent. But if Champaign County, which accounts for an average of more than 11,000 tests per day, is taken out of the mix, the positivity rate for the rest of the region stood at 7.2 percent, less than one percentage point below the 8-percent threshold that can trigger enhanced mitigation measures.

IDPH has said that if the positivity rate for the region, even excluding Champaign County, goes above 8 percent for three consecutive days, Champaign County will be required to participate in enhanced mitigation efforts.

Region 5, in southern Illinois, reported the second-highest positivity rate, at 7.5 percent, followed by Region 4, which includes the Metro East area, at 6.5 percent. Last week, state officials lifted enhanced mitigation efforts in that region because its average positivity rate had fallen below 6.5 percent for three consecutive days.

Elsewhere in the state, average positivity rates ranged from 4.6 percent in Region 11, the city of Chicago, to 6.3 percent in Region 8, which includes DuPage and Kane counties.

Five taken to hospital following accident on Sunday afternoon

On Oct. 10 at approximately 6:44 p.m., deputies responded to a one vehicle accident at the intersection of West Pines Road and South Evergreen Road. After investigation, deputies arrested Michael Poff, 49, of Polo, for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Poff was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Poff was transported to KSB Hospital where he was treated for non life threatening injuries. Poff was given an I-bond with a return court date later next month. Ogle County was assisted by Polo EMS along with Polo Police Department.

On Oct. 11 at 2:37 p.m. the

Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Department were dispatched to a two vehicle crash at Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64 intersection. Investigation by deputies revealed that a Nissan SUV driven by Diana Lantz, 54, of Carol Stream, was traveling west on Illinois Route 64 and failed to stop for the stop sign at the Illinois Route 251 intersection. As a result, the Nissan struck a Buick in the intersection which was traveling south on Illinois Route 251. The driver of the Buick, Samantha Metzger, 26, of Rochelle, and her three passengers were transported by ambulance to the Rochelle Community Hos-

pital. Lantz was also transported by ambulance to the Rochelle Community Hospital. All of the injuries appeared to be non life threatening. Lantz was cited for disobeying a stop sign. The Illinois State Police and Rochelle Fire Department assisted at the scene.

On Oct. 11 at approximately 1:40 a.m., deputies responded to the 700 block of Golden Prairie Drive in reference to a disturbance. After investigation, deputies arrested Michael Dixon, 21, of Davis Junction, for domestic battery. Dixon was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

Woman arrested for retail theft

On Sept. 28 at 2:09 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Angelina Serna, 18, of Rochelle, for retail theft. She posted an I-bond.

On Sept. 29 at 8:29 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Taujah Rhodes, 24, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. She was transported to jail.

On Sept. 29 at 2:05 p.m., Rochelle police cited Kristina Woody, 32, of Rochelle, for speeding 54 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. She posted a promise to comply.

On Sept. 29 at 2:20 p.m., Rochelle police cited Danielle Foster, 34, of Rochelle, for speeding 49

m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. She posted a promise to comply.

On Sept. 29 at 8:01 a.m., Rochelle police cited Faith Molinaro, 47, of Rochelle, for improper use of an electronic device. She posted a promise to comply.

On Sept. 29 at 7:14 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Kyle Lowe, 32, of Rochelle, for domestic battery. He was transported to jail.

On Sept. 30 at 1:39 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Jordan Brake, 25, of Rochelle, on a Lee County warrant. She posted \$100 bond.

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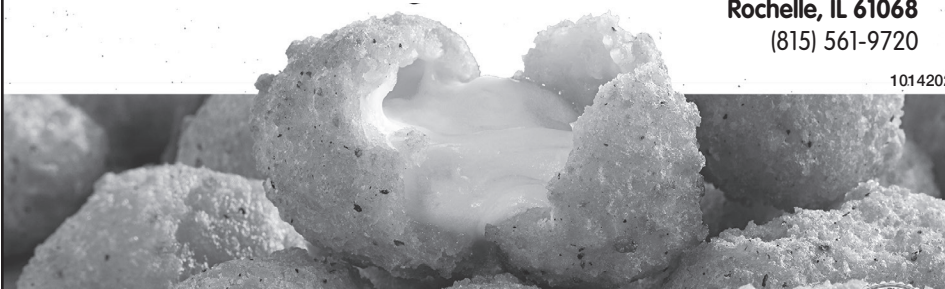
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President Kevin Zilm
announces Saturday,
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Day. Lions will be at
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a Tootsie pop. Candy
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283, Rochelle 61068.

Obituaries

Thomas Bonnell

F R A N K L I N
GROVE — Thomas K.
 Bonnell, 70, of Franklin
 Grove, passed into the
 arms of Jesus on Thurs-
 day, Oct. 8,
 2020 at Se-
 renity Hos-
 pice Home
 in Oregon.
 He was born
 on Aug.
 28, 1950 in
 Mendota,
 the son of
 Orville “Big
 O” and Irene
 (Salz) Bonnell.



Thomas worked in
 Technical Operations
 with the FAA for 42
 years and was a union
 representative for the
 FAA employees before
 his retirement. He was
 also a volunteer fire-
 fighter with Ogle-Lee
 Fire District in Flagg
 Center from 1981 to
 1985. He enjoyed wood-
 working, lawn care and
 riding motorcycles.

Thomas married Lynn
 Waters on Feb 25, 2005
 in Creston.

He was proceeded
 in death by his parents;
 daughter, Rachel Bon-
 nell; three brothers,
 Martin, Steven and John;
 one sister, Linda Chave-
 ra; two brothers-in-law,
 Phil Sofolo and Rollie
 Streeter; and one sister-
 in-law, Vicki Bonnell.

He is survived by
 his wife; two daugh-
 ters, Heather Bonnell
 of Rochelle and Carrie

(Shane) Risetter of Ro-
 chelle; and three grand-
 children, Ethan, Dylan
 and Bentley. Thomas
 is also survived by his
 first wife, Barb
 (Fred) Horner, of
 Rochelle.

He is also sur-
 vived by six sisters,
 Peggy (Myrl) John-
 son and Janelle
 (Jim) Clark both
 of Dixon, Rosann
 (Bill) Good of
 Pearland, Texas,
 Bonnie (John)

Carson of Ashton, Jill
 Streater of Spring Valley
 and Lucy (Darin) Miller
 of Byron; three brothers,
 Joel (Karen) Bonnell of
 Dixon, Daniel “Peach”
 (Connie) Bonnell and
 Jerry Bonnell both of
 Amboy; and numerous
 nieces and nephews.

Tom had many stories
 to tell, loved his family
 fiercely and adored his
 little dog, Gracie May.

Cremation rites have
 been accorded. Burial
 of cremains will be at
 St. Patrick Cemetery
 Maytown. A celebration
 of life is being planned
 for the spring of 2021.

Memorials have been
 established to Serenity
 Hospice and Home in
 Oregon and to the Goldie
 B. Floberg Center in
 Rockton.

Arrangements made
 by the Mihm-Jones Fu-
 neral Home in Am-
 boy. Condolences can be
 left at thejonesfh.com.

SCHOOL: Board approves bond refund

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Harper also discussed the idea of holding practice
 days for teachers, parents and students to become
 acclimated with remote learning. The Illinois

State Board of Education allows districts to have
 five days during the 2020-21 school year that are
 specifically designated for remote learning. Harper
 said the district has already used three of its five
 remote learning days.

“The positives would be that all students and
 staff would get some experience with remote
 learning,” Harper said. “Our parents would also
 see what it’s like to be a remote learner, so if we
 were to temporarily move the district to remote
 learning or have a longer closure, there would be
 some context. The downside is that there would
 be another day that parents would have to figure
 out supervision for their students. I’m not pushing
 incredibly hard for this, but I wanted to bring this
 to the board’s attention and get feedback from
 teachers and parents.”

Bonds

Prior to the school reopening update, board
 members approved a resolution for the issue of
 an amount not exceeding \$5.85 million in general
 obligation school bonds for refunding certain out-
 standing bonds of the district and increasing the
 district’s Working Cash Fund.

CITY: Easement amended

From page 1

The program extension will allow for qualifying
 purchases made at qualifying businesses, Aug. 15
 through Dec. 31, 2021. A minimum of \$300 must
 be spent at a qualifying retail/service shop and/or
 local restaurants deemed non-essential by guber-
 natorial executive order and a form available on
 the city’s website must be filled out and submitted
 along with qualifying receipts in order to receive
 the RMU credit.

To-date approximately 30 reimbursement forms
 have been received.

“Don’t let the word form scare you because it’s a
 very simple, I did it myself,” Mayor John Bearrows
 said. “I bought some stuff and sent it through. It’s
 a great program... between that and some of the
 Cash Mobs that we’ve done, it’s a lot of fun. You
 buy the things that you normally would do anyway
 and you get a chance to get something back. That’s
 another thing that’s important about us having our
 own utility.”

Easement agreement

An easement agreement to install a deck and
 stairway at a local business was also approved
 Tuesday night.

Teresa Petry of Acres Bistro submitted the re-
 quest to amend the previous agreement in order to
 increase the outdoor seating area by 15.5 square
 feet. The request would allow for accommodation
 of American with Disabilities Act requirements as
 well as COVID distancing requirements.

The deck and stairway will be constructed to the
 south side of the building located at 407 Lincoln
 Highway into the Page Park area. Page Park is city
 owned property.

The deck and stairway will allow access to the
 bistro that will be opening in 2020. According to
 site plans, the deck will not impede the pedestrian
 traffic through Page Park.

Council members voted 5-1 to approve the
 agreement.

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LAW: Businesses failing to file required reports

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“We will continue to work with EDGE companies to expand compliance with the 2017 law,” Huffman said in an emailed statement, “and look forward to working with the General Assembly to determine where changes could be made to the current statute and to enhance diversity reporting by Illinois companies and their contractors.”

A spokesman for Pritzker declined to answer questions about the state’s failure to collect the data, offering only a statement about how the governor is “deeply committed” to diversity in state contracts. The reporting requirement was intended to jumpstart a more widespread trend to include minority- and women-owned businesses and increase sensitivity to fairness and inherent bias in a typically insular corporate world. Experts say collecting data on the backgrounds of suppliers is an incremental first step in the right direction.

“If you benefit from the state in some kind of direct way, tell us how you’re doing with minority participation,” said Davis, the House sponsor. “If you’re not going to comply, then you shouldn’t benefit from this state resource.”

A dismal record

Illinois puts the total value of corporate tax credits at \$1.7 billion since 1999, when lawmakers created the EDGE program intended to encourage job creation. State officials say EDGE has saved or created more than 80,000 Illinois jobs.

But the long-troubled EDGE program has come under fire for its lack of oversight and failure to deliver many of the jobs that companies promised to create or retain in exchange for tax credits. A state audit of EDGE published this summer raised myriad management issues, including missing documents, lack of internal controls and procedures, and too many staff vacancies. The state’s failure to collect vendor diversity data from companies receiving large tax breaks comes as minority-owned businesses nationwide have shut down at a disproportionately high rate amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

“When you’re giving out tax breaks, it represents everyone’s taxes,” said Kathey Porter, former director of small business and vendor diversity at the University of Florida. “To take tax money from everybody but only certain people or few people get to benefit financially, it’s just so egregious that administrators would allow this to occur. It’s just such a failure on their part.”

Companies large and small — from corner grocery stores to Big Pharma to beer manufacturers — can apply to have state income taxes slashed in half or more on the promise they create or retain jobs in the state. ABGA review of state records shows that of the 61 companies that filed the required reports, 41 reported no spending with diverse vendors. Of those 41 firms, 21 reported they don’t collect data on the backgrounds of their suppliers, and the other 20 provided no reason for the lack of data, records show.

In addition to the reporting requirements, lawmakers in 2017 also increased tax credits for projects located in underserved and poverty-stricken areas by offering tax credits for businesses in those areas of up to 75 percent instead of the usual 50 percent. Even so, only 14 percent of the tax credits awarded since have gone to companies in those communities, records show.

Two companies among the largest tax break recipients — grocery giant Aldi and the credit reporting agency TransUnion — have both filed the required reports but did not provide any data on their spending with diverse vendors.

“Aldi does not track the diversity of its vendors as Aldi provides equal opportunities to all businesses and vendors,” the company wrote in reports submitted to DCEO in both 2018 and 2019.

Aldi received a tax credit of more than \$1.8 million from the state in 2018 and has received an additional \$1.5 million in tax credits since 2015, when the company signed an EDGE agreement pledging to add 100 warehouse and administrative jobs as it expanded its footprint in the western suburbs, according to state records. The company did not claim a tax credit last year, records show. TransUnion, one of the country’s largest credit reporting agencies, also reported spending 0 percent of its total expenditures on diverse suppliers after signing an EDGE agreement related to the expansion of its headquarters in the West Loop.

“TransUnion does not have a formal supplier diversity program and does not presently track supplier diversity statistics,” the company wrote in its 2018 and 2019 vendor diversity reports. “While this information is currently unavailable, the company hopes to begin tracking these statistics in the future.”

The company received a tax credit of nearly \$1.6 million in 2019. Officials at TransUnion and Aldi did not return messages. Chicago-based Hireology, a popular new hiring platform, told the BGA it hopes to soon start collecting data on its vendor diversity.

“As a small business, we do not currently track the diversity status of our vendors but have plans to do so in the future as we continue to grow,” said Katie Fairchild, vice president of marketing, “and are having the necessary internal conversations to further these efforts.”

“We believe that supporting minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned suppliers is critical, now more than ever,” she said in her emailed statement. She also said most of the company’s vendors have established diversity programs.

In its 2019 vendor diversity report, the company said collecting background information about its vendors “is overly burdensome, too costly, and irrelevant to Hireology’s business functions.” Experts and advocates interviewed called that assertion outrageous.

“That’s so egregious and so arrogant that it’s unbelievable,” said Porter, a national expert on supplier diversity who often consults with government agencies on the topic. “It’s hard to believe that businesses in this day and time, they don’t see the value of having this strategy. If nobody is saying anything about it and it hasn’t impacted their business, they’re not going to do anything.”

Beth Doria, executive director of the Chicago-based Federation of Women Contractors, said companies eligible for EDGE tax credits have had several years to start tracking the diversity status of vendors.

“How can they still say, ‘We still don’t have this data?’ I’m not buying it,” said Doria, whose organization lobbied for the vendor reporting requirement. “We’re just asking them to report it. If it’s zero, fine. But it’s not really a legitimate excuse to say, ‘We can’t ask them to divulge those numbers.’”

Doria, who previously served as the state’s women’s business advocate for the agency that eventually became DCEO, said these types of mandates are often what open locked doors for women and minority contractors.

“One of the struggles that particularly women and minority contractors face is they tend to only be utilized on public projects that demand that they have a component for (minority) participation,” she said. “When we do these projects, they’re very happy with our work, our numbers

are competitive. But they only will ask us to bid on this public work where a goal is assigned.”

It has worked before

Although the EDGE requirement does not mandate spending with diverse vendors, history shows that getting companies to report the data is a first step in changing how — and with whom — they do business.

In 2014, the state passed similar requirements for the state’s utility companies, such as Commonwealth Edison and Ameren Illinois. According to advocates, those requirements came after years of broken promises on vendor diversity. Since the law passed, though, Illinois utilities have reported significant increases on spending with minority-, women- and veteran-owned businesses.

ComEd has nearly doubled its spending with diverse vendors from 23 percent of total expenditures in 2012 to 41 percent in 2019, for a total of \$738 million last year, according to self-reported data filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission. Ameren Illinois reported spending just more than 12 percent of total expenditures with diverse vendors in 2014, when the reporting requirement took effect. Last year, the company reported spending nearly 26 percent on diverse vendors.

Jorge Perez, executive director of the Chicago-based Hispanic American Construction Industry Association, lauds the utility giants for making real commitments to hiring diverse suppliers, as reflected in the data. Perez said one of his member companies has grown four- or five-fold directly due to contracts with ComEd. Another secured more than \$50 million in contracts with Exelon, ComEd’s parent company, he said.

“The whole tone of it changed,” he said. “We’ve gone from, ‘We don’t need to deal with you because we’re regulated nationally’ to ‘here’s our procurement person.’”

‘A little bit more aggressive’

Davis and other lawmakers frustrated about DCEO’s sputtering response to the 2017 requirements said they are considering more legislation to kick-start the effort.

State Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch, a Democrat from west suburban Hillside, last month introduced a measure to create an Office of Diversity and Economic Inclusion within DCEO, require the agency to host “matchmaking workshops” for EDGE recipients and diverse vendors, and demand companies getting tax credits to report on their own workforce diversity in addition to their vendors.

“I think in this watershed moment that we are in history, this is the time now more than ever that we should be given fair contracting opportunities,” Welch said during a virtual press conference in August. “If you want to see improvement in Black and Brown communities, you have to invest in our communities.”

Meanwhile, Davis said he is considering filing legislation that would strengthen current law to require companies receiving EDGE tax credits to spend certain thresholds on diverse vendors rather than simply report spending levels.

“It’s not that we want to be that heavy-handed,” he said. “We’re hoping that these corporations will simply do the right thing. What the current situation has pushed us into is we need to be a little bit more aggressive.”

Castro agreed, saying the state needs to start ensuring that companies “put their money where their mouth is.”

“These companies don’t feel the need to change,” she said. “As we’re discussing these things, especially as we’re talking about equity, we really should hold folks’ feet to the fire, especially when we’re giving them tax credits.”

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Guest column

A battle with cancer

MY mother's breathing was ragged. I held her left hand with each labored gasp. My dad, her husband of almost 59 years, gripped her right. As she breathed slowly, shal-



Scott Reeder

lowly, my dad cried out, "Save a place for me in heaven." Tears fell down the face of my sister, who sat at the foot of the bed. We watched 79 years of life and an 11-year battle with breast cancer come to an end. Our mother was gone. The pictures on the bedroom wall spoke to what was important to mom: family. Photos of each of her three children and their partners on their wedding days stood like sentinels overlooking her bed. The faces of her seven grandkids peered out from picture frames. A devoted husband looked on adoringly. Happy memories. I thought of my three daughters — all of whom were born during mom's long fight with cancer. Days before her death, they stood at their grandmother's bedside and sang "Jesus Loves Me." But what will they remember about their grandma? For me, June 2, 2013, always will be a day of sadness. Monday, I donned a pink shirt, in memory of my mother, Roberta Reeder. And I see now they have pink facemasks and other items inspired by this fight so many women go through. But to be honest, sometimes I think all of the October pink ribbons, shirts and merchandise trivialize just how pernicious breast cancer really is. That said, I want my mother's legacy to live on. One good thing about Breast Cancer Awareness Month is it gets us thinking about what we

can do. Here are some thoughts: If you're a woman, schedule your next mammogram today. Give a cancer patient the most important thing that you can: you. Cook a meal. Sit by a bedside. Comfort a family member. There are lots of charities that help folks with breast cancer. Please donate or volunteer. Your help is needed. Folks from my hometown of Galesburg did all of those things for my family. It was most appreciated. A cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming. When Mom first received her terminal prognosis, the family was devastated. Shortly after she was told the cancer was beyond cure, we had a birthday party for my eldest daughter. Mom wept while she sang "Happy Birthday." Dad's voice cracked while saying grace. My wife, Joan, thought of her mother, who died of breast cancer a few weeks before our wedding. At times, during this long battle with cancer, I was at a loss to know what to say to my mom. The only thing that seemed just right was, "I love you." The chemotherapy left her bald. Sores developed on her feet. The cancer sapped her energy. Nausea haunted her for years. It was not an easy life. But it was one she endured without complaining. Some folks call that courage. I call it character. Despite her difficulties, mom always had a smile for her family. When folks ask what I remember most, that's it. I love you, Mom. Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.

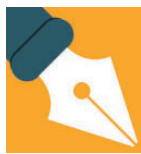
Letter to the Editor

Club thanks all for support of annual Peanut Day

Dear Editor, The Kiwanis Golden K Club of Rochelle would like to extend thanks to the Rochelle community for making our recent "Annual Peanut Days" an outstanding event. With your support we can continue our mission of providing student scholarships as well as funding many local youth activities. We would especially like to thank the City of Rochelle, Walgreens

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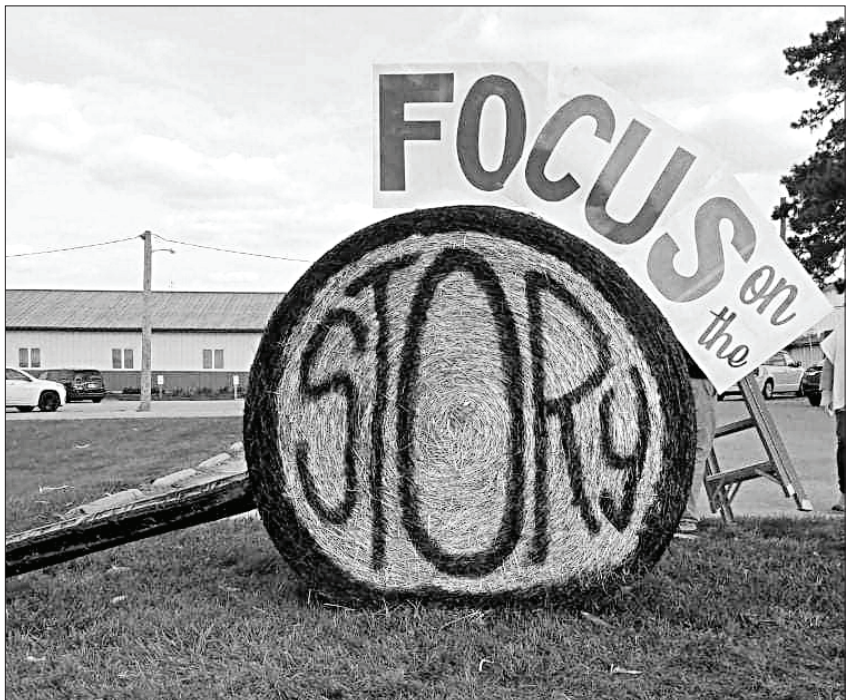
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COMMUNITY

Winnebago County Animal Services holding reduced-fee ‘Octo-Purr’ adoption event

ROCKFORD—Winnebago County Animal Services (WCAS) is inviting all interested adopters to “Fall in Love This Octo-Purr!” On Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17, WCAS is offering reduced-fee cat and kitten adoptions. Adult cats are just \$5 to adopt, while kitten adoptions are only \$50.

“Our cat and kitten population has remained steady, even as we’ve entered into the fall months,” says Adoption and Volunteer Program Coordinator, Amber Pinnon. “We have plenty of loving pets ready and waiting to go home. This adoption event is the perfect opportunity for anyone who has been thinking about adopting to visit our shelter and find a match!”

In order to adopt, you must have an approved adoption application by WCAS. Adopters are encouraged to have their application pre-approved prior to the event. Adoption applications can be submitted online by visiting www.wcas.org or by visiting WCAS, located at 4517 N. Main St. in Rockford.

All adoptions include a wellness exam, spay or neuter,

microchip, vaccinations including a one year rabies shot, flea and tick preventative, and more. Winnebago County residents also receive a one year rabies registration tag.

Requirements

Additional requirements are as follows:
Adopters must be at least 18 years old or older
Must show a state-issued photo ID
All cats and dogs in the household must be current with a rabies vaccination and county pet license
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The WCAS Auxiliary (WCASA) is sponsoring this limited time event. The WCASA is a not for profit group of animal concerned citizens that work towards making a difference for the animals while under the care of WCAS.

To help Winnebago County Animal Services save more lives, adopt a companion animal, view hours of adoption, or to volunteer, please visit their website at www.wcasrock.org or call 815-319-4100.

The Kitchen Table menu

Oct. 15 (Thursday) Steak bowl, red beans and white rice, plantains, French bread
Oct. 16 (Friday) To Be Determined
Oct. 20 (Tuesday) Crab cakes, steamed veggies, garlic bread
Oct. 22 (Thursday) Pork chops, mac ‘n cheese, peas, bread
Oct. 27 (Tuesday) Shrimp and grits, fried okra, salad (vinaigrette)
Oct. 29 (Thursday) Chili – traditional or white chicken chili – cornbread

*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.

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- Sept. 26 - Jennifer Diehl, Oregon, \$25
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- Sept. 28 - Jackie McConnell, Beloit, WI, \$25
- Sept. 29 - Kathleen Wayman, Oregon, \$25
- Sept. 30 - Lauren Kellen, CHS-Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 1 - Dave Mavghan, Highlands Ranch, Colo., \$25
- Oct. 2 - Herb Sondergroth, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 3 - From the Heart auction, \$25
- Oct. 4 - Natalia Garza, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 5 - Dennis & Angela Burkhart, Steward, \$25
- Oct. 6 - Ralph Dauphin, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 7 - Shawn Knight, Polo, \$25
- Oct. 8 - Tracey Johnson, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 9 - Benjamin Reineck, Maple Park, \$25
- Oct. 10 - City of Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 11 - Chad Horner, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 12 - Jessica Meyers, Rochelle, \$250
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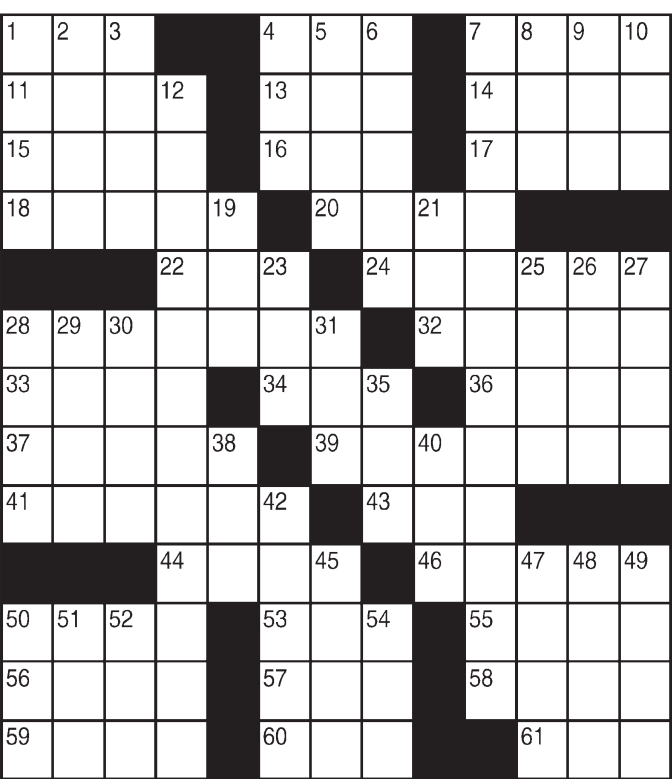


Coffee Break

King Crossword

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14 Cautious
15 "Bye"
16 Neither partner
17 Rice or Tyler
18 Ledge
20 Dispatch
22 Mary — cosmetics
24 Half a wet-weather pair
28 Game like pinochle
32 Hoosegow
33 Valhalla VIP
34 Dog's foot
36 Burrito cousin
37 Fifth-day Christmas gift
39 Paraphrase
41 Impressionist?
43 Feathery neckpiece
44 List-ending abbr.
46 It brings out the kid in you
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5 Out of control
6 Parsley serving
7 Brightly marked butterflies
8 Skillet
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12 TV news pun-dits, often
19 Online info page
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by Linda Thistle

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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: **B** equals **L**

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King Crossword

It's an eating regimen is made especially for adolescents, I'd call it a pro-teen diet.

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LOCAL NEWS

Fall is a great time for planting trees

URBANA — Most people think of spring as the ideal planting time for trees and shrubs, but fall offers a nice planting window with some added benefits.

"Fall is my favorite time of year to establish woody plants," says Ryan Pankau, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "With temperatures cooling off, roots need less moisture. And, Illinois typically gets enough fall rains to help ensure adequate soil moisture going into winter."

All trees and shrubs experience transplant shock, which can last two to three years, sometimes even longer. To overcome transplant shock, trees and shrubs need to expand their root system beyond the planting hole. A mature tree will typi-

cally have a root system two to three times wider than the spread of its limbs. When you think about that ratio for a newly planted tree, it takes considerable time to develop an adequate root system.

The most common mistake when planting a tree is digging a hole that is too deep.

"We can really help a tree overcome transplant stress by digging a shallow, wide planting hole," Pankau says. "A wide hole with well-loosened soil where the edges are roughed up provides a nice space for roots to grow into the native soil."

Planting holes don't need to be deep because most of the tree roots are concentrated in the upper 12 to 18 inches of soil. Trees need to be planted at the proper

depth, which is typically shallower than expected.

To determine the proper planting depth, start by identifying the root flare, or trunk flare, on a new tree. The flare is the portion of the trunk at the bottom of a tree that begins to flare out, or taper out, as trunk tissue transitions into root tissue. The flare needs to be even with the soil surface.

Trees that are planted too deep struggle to establish and often suffer from a lifetime of other issues. Improper depth is the most common mistake in tree planting because the depth of the tree's original container, or rootball on balled and burlapped trees, is misleading.

"The root flare of the tree is commonly buried in the pot or down in the



(PHOTO CREDIT RYAN PANKAU)

It's critical that trees are planted at the proper depth with the root flare at the soil surface. This tree's root flare was identified by finding the first two roots coming out of the trunk.

root ball on most nursery stock," Pankau says.

If the root flare on your new tree is not easily identifiable, gently dig down into the container or rootball to search for the first root or roots coming out of the trunk.

A young tree will have little trunk taper, making the first roots the best indicator of the root flare.

Mulch provides the finishing touch by adding a protective layer to the soil that retains moisture and prevents roots from

freezing. Apply a 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch as wide as your planting hole was dug.

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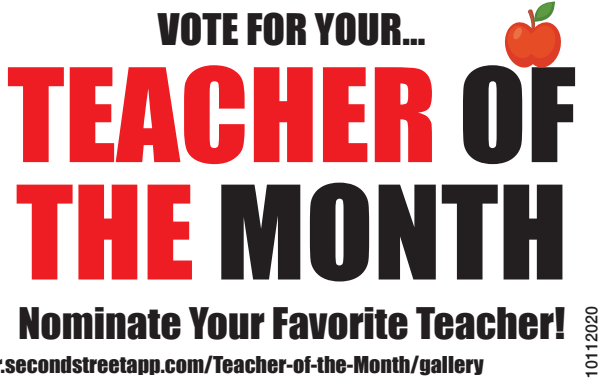
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LEAPING FOR A RECORD

RTHS grad Aubrey Headon set a new unofficial world long jump record.

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RTHS Golf

Looking to the future

Thiravong places third at IHSA 1A Rock Falls Sectional to conclude career

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCK FALLS — A birdie on her final hole was a fitting end for Lady Hub senior Megan Thiravong's prep career with the Rochelle Township High School golf program.

Representing her city in the IHSA 1A Rock Falls Sectional at Rock River Golf & Pool on Tuesday, Thiravong overcame a difficult eighth hole to card an even-par score on the back nine holes. Behind birdies on the 14th, 15th and 18th holes, Thiravong finished the tournament with 76 and medaled in third place, bringing home one final award in a Rochelle Hub uniform.

“All three of my coaches had so many great things to say throughout the round and they definitely helped keep my morale up when I was having a tough time,” Thiravong said. “My short game was magical today and I had quite a few holes where I was able to go up

and down. My putting was phenomenal today and my chipping was even better. I had a few tough holes where I made some mental mistakes that can definitely be fixed the next time I play.”

Thiravong opened the tournament with an early lead, birdying the second and sixth holes to drop two strokes under par before two bogeys and a quadruple-bogey on the eighth hole brought her score up to 40 after the front nine. Thiravong parred the first three holes of the back nine, and after bogeys on the 13th and 16th holes, the senior golf standout parred the 17th hole and sunk a short birdie putt on the 18th hole to round out the back nine with an even 36.

“It was really windy today and there were holes where I had to aim a whole fairway to the left or the right so I could hit the ball relatively straight,” Thiravongsaid. “The wind threw a lot of players off

today and the pace of the greens were a bit slower than I was used to. It was a challenging course, but I thought we adjusted well as we moved from hole to hole.”

The sectional tournament capped off an accomplished high school career for Thiravong, whose prep resume includes two Interstate 8 Conference titles, one IHSA Regional title, three trips to the IHSA State Championships and multiple conference, regional and sectional medals. As she prepares for her future in academics and athletics, Thiravong knows the best is yet to come.

“I walked onto the course today knowing that I had an opportunity to win,” Thiravong said. “I knew I had the skills and I could hit the ball long today. I don’t have any regrets about how I played today. Everything was a learning experience and I’m content with how I played.”



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Megan Thiravong chips onto the green during the IHSA 1A Girls Golf Sectional in Rock Falls on Tuesday. Thiravong finished third in the tournament.

RTHS Girls Tennis

Lady Hubs finish sixth at I-8 Championship

Lundquist, Thompson take fifth in No. 3 doubles tournament

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

OTTAWA—The Lady Hub tennis team battled in the Interstate 8 Conference Championship meet Saturday, scoring six points to finish the tournament in sixth place. Juniors Josie Lundquist and Megan Thompson led Rochelle with a fifth-place performance in the No. 3 doubles bracket, taking home two points for the Lady Hubs in the meet.

Senior Anna Guevara finished sixth in the No. 1 singles bracket and scored one point. Guevara fell 0-6, 0-6 against LaSalle-Peru's Carlie Miller in the opening round before moving into the consolation bracket and dropping a 1-6, 2-6 match with Morris netter Kayla Walker.

Junior Emma Hicks placed sixth in the No. 2 singles bracket to score one point for Rochelle. Hicks opened the tournament with a 1-6, 2-6 loss against Sycamore's Ashley Olson in the first round before falling 0-6, 1-6 against Morris netter Libby Wright in consolation play.

Juniors Jordin Dickey and MeLisa Young took sixth in the No. 1 doubles bracket and scored one point in the meet. The Lady Hubs fought hard against Ottawa's Rebekah Felty and Marta Johnson in the opening round, losing 4-6, 5-7 before falling 3-6, 2-6 against Sycamore's Abby Golembiewski and Olivia King in the consolation round.

Senior Sawyer McGee and junior Sylvia Hasz finished sixth and scored one point for Rochelle in the No. 2 doubles bracket. McGee and Hasz dropped their opening-round match 4-6, 0-6 against LaSalle-Peru's Olivia Woods and Karissa Etzenbach before falling 5-7, 2-6 in their consolation-round match with Morris players Liz Kenney and Tessa Brummel.

Lundquist and Thompson recorded Rochelle's lone victory in the conference tournament. The Lady Hubs lost their opening-round match in the No. 3 doubles bracket, falling 5-7, 3-6 against Sycamore's Jordyn Block and Megan McConnaughey before



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Junior Josie Lundquist reaches for a forehand shot. Lundquist and teammate Megan Thompson took fifth in the No. 3 doubles bracket during the Interstate 8 Conference Championship on Saturday.

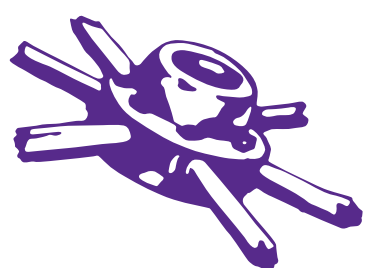
bouncing back with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Morris netters Darcy Ancel and

Olivia Moore in consolation play.

The Lady Hubs will

face Freeport on the road this week before closing out their 2020 season in

the IHSA 1A Rochelle
Sectional on Friday, Oct.
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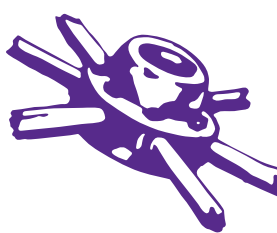


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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Rochelle graduate Aubrey Headon flies into the long jump pit during the 2020 Texas vs. World track and field event earlier this month. Headon, a Paralympic athlete, set an unofficial T35 class world record jump with a mark of 2.8 meters.

Headon leaps for new long jump world record

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBREY Headon had been training hard to compete in the virtual Marine Corps Marathon this year. While the RTHS graduate and U.S. Paralympic track and field standout still plans to race in the event later this month, she temporarily halted her training so she could link up with her high school field event coach, Vic Worthington, and prepare for the 2020 Texas vs. The World track and field competition in Marble Falls, Texas, roughly 1,100 miles south of the Hub City.

The global event, which brought together some of the best USA Track & Field athletes from across the country, took place over the first weekend of October, with Headon competing in the 100-meter dash and the long jump. Her training certainly showed during the meet, as Headon set a new unofficial long jump world record for her classification (T-35), hitting a mark of 2.80 meters, which eclipsed the current record of 2.66 meters that was set by an Australian athlete.

"The event atmosphere was great and I had a lot of fun watching USATF master's level athletes compete against each other," Headon said. "I was really excited when I set the record and I still had one jump left, but I had to make sure everything was done correctly for ratification."

Headon, who currently competes with the Carroll University women's track and field program, said she began her training three weeks prior to the Texas meet, coming home on weekends from her school in Waukesha, Wisconsin to train with Worthington. The former Lady Hub student-athlete said a clear mind and a strong performance in the 100-meter dash on the previous day were the biggest factors in her record-setting showing in the long jump.

"My mindset going into the event was making sure I did everything I could to set myself up for success and to just jump," Headon said. "I tried not to worry about my performance because if the record happened, it happened, and if it didn't happen, it didn't happen."

The Texas track and field meet was Headon's first since she saw her freshman season at Carroll University cut short due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, Headon has been running as many distance races as she can to stay in shape, and she'll be restarting her training for the virtual Marine Corps Marathon she plans to run later this month.

"My goals for the future are to complete this marathon and continue to train in hopes that we will have track and field meets in the spring," Headon said. "COVID-19 has shown us that everything can change quickly, but we have to continue to be positive."



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NIU Football

Huskie offense fielding plenty of playmakers

Hammock pleased with team's progress through nine practices

DEKALB — The Northern Illinois University football team continued preparations for its Nov. 4 season opener versus Buffalo on Sunday with a two-hour workout in perfect weather conditions at Huskie Stadium. The ninth practice of the preseason was conducted in full pads and included several full scrimmage periods.

Following the workout, NIU head coach Thomas Hammock said he was pleased with the progress the team has made to date.

"I really like where we're at," Hammock said. "The guys are understanding the physicality needed to be successful and are stepping up and taking ownership of their position and their roles. Both side of the football are playing as a team, as a

unit. They are learning to handle success and failure with the same mindset. If things aren't going well, they pick each other up; if things are going well, they keep a level head."

The offense saw its share of success during the team periods with several young players catching Hammock's attention, including wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph, who had a pair of touchdown catches and tailback Harrison Waylee, who broke free for a long touchdown run.

Hammock, who enters his second season at the helm of the NIU program in 2020, said depth and having everyone on the team prepared to contribute is extremely important in this COVID-19 season.

"Every player has to go

in with the mindset that you may be in the game at any time, no matter where you are on the depth chart," Hammock said. "We've seen it in the college game and the pro game. You may be fourth string one week and starting the next. That's one reason we're trying to give everyone as many reps as possible."

With almost 60 newcomers on the 2020 roster, and despite having just one tailback on the current roster with a carry in a Huskie uniform, a host of new faces at wide receiver and tailback give returning quarterback Ross Bowers a full cast of playmakers.

"We've definitely got some playmakers on this offense and it's exciting," Hammock said. "Ross has experience. He knows the

offense, the ins and outs, and he has a lot of skill guys around him so he doesn't have to take too much on himself. In the backfield, there are new faces which add exciting elements to our offense. At wide receiver, we've got some young guys—some who were here last year and redshirted and probably could have played, and some newcomers—who are stepping up along with returnees at receiver and tight end."

The Huskies return to the practice field Monday morning and open the six-game regular season schedule on Wednesday, Nov. 4 when they play host to Buffalo. Game times and television for the 2020 season are TBA.


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815.562.5062
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rochellehospital.com

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815.562.8792
meyersfurniture.com

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Melissa Inman, NP
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clarkdietrich.com

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815.562.7139

State Farm Insurance - Shane Huber

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815.562.7588
remax.com

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weichert.com

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815.562.5113
bearrows.com

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Seldal Properties

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seldalproperties.com

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Downtown Rochelle
815.561.9500
926-custom-embroidery.business.site

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815.384.2107
needlesrochelle.com

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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203 HELP WANTED@@@

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Rochelle, IL
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Senior Apartment Complex in Rochelle, IL has an opening for an Assistant Property Manager. Qualifications include high school diploma or equivalent, leasing license or ability to obtain, Certified Occupancy Specialist designation, computer literacy, effective oral/written communication skills, organizational and administrative skills. Preferred experience: apartment management.

Please send resumes to:
Tonya.Sarver@LSSI.org
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Part-time mailroom position

The Rochelle News-Leader has a part-time mailroom position open that would include inserting flyers, banding bundles and occasionally help stacking papers coming off the press.

The position typically calls for 24-28 hours per week over four or five days per week, and includes mandatory shifts on Fridays and Saturdays when work load is heaviest. Applicants must be able to quickly insert advertising flyers into newspapers, strap and lift medium-sized bundles onto a delivery truck, and work well as a team with others to follow instructions, pay attention to detail and get newspapers out the door.

Mailroom staff members are also asked to perform other basic duties in the department as needed, and may be trained to drive a fork lift.

Anyone (18 years or older) interested in this position should apply in person at the Rochelle News-Leader office, 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle, IL 61068.

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300-800 BLOCK
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300-800 BLOCK
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N. 12TH STREET

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113 FINANCIAL

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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301 ANTIQUES

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Wash your hands throughout the day, and particularly under these circumstances:

- Before preparing food
- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After changing a diaper or helping a child use the toilet
- Before and after exposure to someone who is sick
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After touching an animal or picking up animal waste
- After handling pet food or treats
- After handling garbage or garbage cans
- Before and after attending to a cut or wound

Information resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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103 AUCTIONS

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Saturday November 7th, 2020
10 AM

DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE: The 2 story home includes 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, dining room, living room, enclosed front porch, 1st floor laundry hook-ups, appliances including ref, gas stove, dishwasher, washer & dryer, water softener, updated mechanicals, situated on a large corner lot w/ a 25'x24' detached garage w/ concrete drive. plus 7'x11' shed. REAL ESTATE TERMS: \$3,000.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before December 15th, 2020, at which time full possession will be given. Seller to provide appropriate deed as well as a merchantable Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
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PURSUANT TO THE STATUTE IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED AS COUNTY COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF OGLE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WILL ON THE 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020 APPLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR JUDGMENT AGAINST LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE HOMES HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, AGAINST WHICH THERE ARE UNPAID AND DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019, MOBILE HOME TAXES FOR 2020 AND THE YEARS PRIOR DUE SEVERALLY THEREON; ALSO FOR JUDGMENT FIXING THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF ANY TAXES PAID UNDER PROTEST AND THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL AT THE TIME AFORESAID REQUEST THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR AN ORDER TO SELL SAID LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE HOMES AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, FOR THE SATISFACTION OF THE UNPAID AND DELINQUENT TAXES; TOGETHER WITH ALL INTEREST AND COST DUE THEREON; PUBLIC NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED COUNTY COLLECTOR, PURSUANT TO AN ORDER THAT SAID CIRCUIT COURT MAY ISSUE, WILL SELL SAID LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE HOMES AT PUBLIC SALE AT THE COURT HOUSE IN OREGON, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE AMOUNT OF UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019, MOBILE HOME TAXES FOR 2020 AND THE YEARS PRIOR ON ALL, PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS THEREON, SAID SALE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 2020 COMMENCING AT 2:00 P.M.

THE DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS, TOGETHER WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE HOMES AND THE AMOUNT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019, MOBILE HOME TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND THE YEARS PRIOR SO DUE, BEING AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

Dement Township Parcel Count: 14

25-17-200-009	\$175.09	QUEST, RICHARD R SUCCESSOR
25-18-200-005	\$3,995.65	VON SEGGERN, STEVEN A & JO
25-18-376-001	\$350,201.84	WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSIN
25-18-376-004	\$6,028.17	WAL-MART TRS LLC
25-18-376-005	\$6,028.17	WAL-MART TRS LLC
25-23-226-015	\$1,163.60	LAND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMEN
25-23-233-009	\$1,263.36	TURCIOS, EDGARDO
25-23-279-003	\$1,310.11	SALGADO, ALEJANDRO & ELIZA
25-23-280-014	\$1,532.53	YOUNG, BRIAN
25-23-283-004	\$956.35	KUNIYOSI IKEDA REVOCABLE L
25-23-286-004	\$3,132.07	WICKE, BURTON
25-29-300-021	\$10,979.62	BRU LLC
25-31-400-003	\$2,968.34	NORTON, JOHN
25-31-400-004	\$377.13	NORTON, JOHN

Flagg Township Parcel Count: 124

24-07-400-028	\$8,246.57	JOHNSON, SHANNAN
24-12-102-001	\$6,410.42	JENSEN, DAWN
24-12-102-002	\$2,408.31	WATERS, ERMINIA
24-12-176-009	\$276.61	BEST, PATRICIA
24-12-301-005	\$2,934.11	FULGENCIO DE PEREZ, VIOLA
24-12-304-002	\$2,003.86	CASTRO, SOCORRO G & ALEJAN
24-12-327-030	\$1,596.02	FLORES, FELIPA
24-12-328-023	\$2,137.32	ROCHA, MARIO
24-12-329-027	\$5,778.07	GILBERT, KAREN
24-12-351-010	\$854.92	WETZEL, JAMES
24-12-354-011	\$1,837.29	CLICK, JIMMY & SALLY A
24-12-354-018	\$1,158.19	PAXTON, KEVIN E & TINA M
24-12-356-025	\$2,420.90	BRESETTE, CAROLYN
24-12-400-003	\$3,276.90	RISSETTER, SHANE AND CARRIE
24-13-151-008	\$981.05	MOSS, NORVIN L & GERALDINE
24-13-351-011	\$21,459.16	STORE MASTER FUNDING XVI L
24-13-377-016	\$4,185.87	SCHULTZ, RICHARD A & CYNTH
24-13-377-017	\$4,088.03	SCHULTZ, RICHARD A & CYNTH
24-13-377-030	\$6,987.87	SCHULTZ, RICHARD A & CYNTH
24-13-378-013	\$4,414.40	BUNGER, TERRY L & ROGER W
24-13-381-001	\$4,839.03	SCHULTZ, RICHARD A & CYNTH
24-13-384-028	\$1,183.06	PBK DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS L
24-13-458-001	\$1,171.75	ASKVIG BOYS CONSTRUCTION L
24-14-228-008	\$2,892.82	ITURBIDE, MICHAEL J & LAUR
24-14-279-003	\$1,474.94	TENORIO, LUIS & REYNA
24-14-476-021	\$3,418.98	KENNEDY, SCOT
24-14-484-008	\$3,202.57	HANCOCK, MARJORIE
24-15-304-004	\$635.14	FREEMAN FAMILY LIMITED PAR
24-15-326-006	\$25,551.23	FREEMAN FAMILY LIMITED PAR
24-15-326-009	\$2,499.14	FREEMAN FAMILY LIMITED PAR
24-15-376-008	\$999.84	FREEMAN FAMILY LIMITED PAR
24-16-276-011	\$1,867.62	CAMMUCA, ANTHONY & VERONIC
24-16-402-004	\$2,377.83	BOHANNON, JENNIE
24-16-402-013	\$2,509.88	RAMSEY, HERMAN L & LESTER
24-16-452-004	\$2,828.55	ACS FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST
24-17-101-010	\$785.95	KEHL, KEITH ALLEN
24-17-151-001	\$7,468.81	MANNING, CASSIDY C
24-17-351-003	\$1,712.02	MILLER, RYAN E & KRISTEN D
24-17-351-006	\$5,233.49	RAMSEY, HERMAN L & KATHY L
24-18-300-003	\$3,479.59	DORSEY, MARY DIANE
24-18-453-003	\$7,780.37	SULLIVAN, JASON J & RHONDA
24-20-101-010	\$60.83	LUNDQUIST, DANIEL L & TRAC
24-20-476-003	\$3,170.99	FEELEY, ANDREW
24-20-477-007	\$2,997.90	BAUER, JANICE
24-20-478-008	\$1,787.45	TURCIOS, EDGARDO & VALENCI
24-21-200-002	\$740.06	MARTINEZ, STEVE & COLLINS,
24-23-228-002	\$2,873.88	CYRIER, EDWARD G & MARY L
24-23-252-007	\$3,915.41	STROBACH, NICHOLAS
24-23-276-001	\$1,717.70	PIERCE, KIM MARIE
24-23-300-002	\$5,568.12	CERVANTES TRUCKING INC
24-23-300-003	\$956.05	CERVANTES TRUCKING INC
24-23-483-010	\$1,401.46	MURILLO, GERARDO
24-24-106-023	\$921.47	BEST, PATRICIA
24-24-106-024	\$3,908.98	BEST, PATRICIA
24-24-127-002	\$6,254.84	TRINGO, BARI
24-24-127-054	\$1,731.24	TRINGO, BARI
24-24-153-009	\$3,198.55	NASCA, FRANK
24-24-156-011	\$2,226.25	AUSTIN, MARY KAY
24-24-156-016	\$1,016.92	FINK, HOLLY
24-24-177-003	\$1,938.59	CASSIDY, MARK
24-24-185-003	\$1,966.12	CONTRERAS, ISRAEL
24-24-201-009	\$22,239.41	ROCHELLE COMMONS, LLC,
24-24-202-003	\$1,519.08	MELTON, BRETT
24-24-202-020	\$1,600.63	CULTRA, DONALD
24-24-203-011	\$3,261.86	MORRISON, STACY & MORRISO
24-24-205-009	\$1,919.52	MUSSELMAN, DENNIS E & EVEL
24-24-229-004	\$2,040.97	JACHERA, LAURA
24-24-301-004	\$1,320.21	RISSMAN, JESSICA & MATTHEW
24-24-304-010	\$4,344.44	TWEEDY, W ROBERT & CATHLEE
24-24-305-004	\$1,456.75	ROGDE, DONALD L & JOANNE A
24-24-306-008	\$3,767.47	MIDDLETON, CHARLES
24-24-307-004	\$1,513.37	RUSSELL, DIANA
24-24-307-010	\$3,233.87	KUEHL, WILLIAM
24-24-308-009	\$1,753.92	SEBREE, JEFFREY S & DIANA
24-24-312-007	\$1,636.60	WHITE, DEREK
24-24-330-001	\$2,116.74	CASIQUE, GRISELLE
24-24-331-009	\$3,235.01	SHAW, NATALIE LYN
24-24-333-010	\$916.54	ROCHELLE COLUMBUS CLUB INC
24-24-334-007	\$701.97	BEST, PATRICIA
24-24-334-008	\$1,897.65	BEST, PATRICIA
24-24-341-009	\$1,499.70	BUNGER, JENNIFER
24-24-353-002	\$2,133.61	BRIDGEFORTH, MARY JEAN
24-24-382-006	\$949.57	A S GIAN CORP
24-24-383-001	\$2,669.07	PEREZ, OCTAVIO C & MARIA
24-24-403-004	\$1,534.42	JB PROFIT SHARING TRUST
24-24-404-009	\$2,179.77	HERNANDEZ, JUAN L & MARIA
24-24-458-005	\$19,238.81	ENOCH, MONTE
24-24-458-006	\$19,151.36	ENOCH, MONTE
24-24-478-005	\$51.45	ENOCH, MONTE
24-24-479-002	\$1,174.43	ENOCH, MONTE
24-25-104-002	\$2,087.68	SNOW, KIM
24-25-106-009	\$580.87	BECERRA, MARIA
24-25-107-006	\$1,527.09	AJ HOMES LLC
24-25-126-003	\$2,708.63	TURCIOS, EDGARDO
24-25-127-003	\$2,044.51	SALAZAR, JAIME
24-25-127-014	\$1,061.30	SERRANO-GONZALES, AURELIO
24-25-128-003	\$70.48	VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THE

24-25-128-004	\$70.48
24-25-128-005	\$70.48
24-25-128-006	\$70.48
24-25-128-012	\$1,140.52
24-25-151-020	\$1,112.62
24-25-205-001	\$18,970.74
24-25-255-002	\$3,664.95
24-25-255-005	\$2,660.58
24-25-276-001	\$3,507.14
24-25-278-006	\$1,369.09
24-25-278-007	\$1,646.13
24-25-279-007	\$727.13
24-25-280-013	\$1,830.40
24-25-331-001	\$27,246.43
24-25-331-002	\$7,810.44
24-25-331-003	\$7,810.44
24-25-331-004	\$7,748.13
24-25-406-003	\$4,498.78
24-26-230-001	\$1,088.85
24-26-233-001	\$1,300.68
24-26-276-017	\$1,213.80
24-28-101-008	\$1,014.24
24-28-102-012	\$12,032.95
24-28-103-001	\$762.01
24-36-100-015	\$3,025.42
24-36-100-016	\$65.11
24-36-127-008	\$440.16

Lynnville Township Parcel Count: 7

19-05-127-030	\$2,592.33
19-05-176-006	\$2,626.37
19-05-330-008	\$429.21
19-05-379-002	\$342.17
19-05-400-011	\$100.19
19-13-100-002	\$836.86
19-28-400-002	\$3,399.13

Monroe Township Parcel Count: 19

12-03-300-002	\$981.75
12-04-200-005	\$1,671.96
12-14-300-003	\$467.48
12-16-200-003	\$4,294.90
12-17-426-001	\$1,297.06
12-19-201-010	\$1,889.52
12-19-476-001	\$4,019.60
12-19-476-013	\$4,034.27
12-19-476-014	\$265.38
12-19-476-016	\$1,571.44
12-20-300-009	\$2,317.53
12-21-300-005	\$5,713.16
12-21-403-005	\$953.61
12-21-405-008	\$1,391.68
12-21-477-005	\$1,152.84
12-21-482-014	\$507.42
12-21-482-016	\$1,060.79
12-30-200-023	\$3,137.99
12-31-200-008	\$535.43

Taylor Township Parcel Count: 61

22-07-126-004	\$271.17
22-07-400-002	\$828.58
22-08-105-013	\$388.75
22-08-105-020	\$140.02
22-08-126-003	\$73.62
22-08-127-030	\$84.23
22-08-127-031	\$84.23
22-08-129-017	\$84.23
22-08-130-003	\$161.71
22-08-131-001	\$517.20
22-08-131-002	\$2,306.85
22-08-131-003	\$161.71
22-08-131-004	\$161.71
22-08-177-035	\$3,559.26
22-08-179-013	\$115.21
22-08-180-002	\$632.24
22-08-183-001	\$115.21
22-08-204-007	\$140.02
22-08-252-008	\$115.21
22-08-328-003	\$115.21
22-08-376-010	\$115.21
22-08-401-002	\$63.73
22-08-401-003	\$63.73
22-08-402-007	\$115.21
22-08-406-009	\$115.21
22-08-406-010	\$115.21
22-08-406-023	\$115.21
22-08-406-024	\$115.21
22-08-426-002	\$115.21
22-08-427-001	\$115.21
22-08-427-002	\$115.21
22-08-427-003	\$115.21
22-08-427-004	\$115.21
22-08-427-016	\$115.21
22-08-427-017	\$115.21
22-08-428-003	\$115.21
22-08-429-010	\$140.02
22-08-429-015	\$140.02
22-08-430-013	\$61.48
22-08-430-033	\$1,086.10
22-08-433-007	\$115.21
22-08-433-008	\$115.21
22-08-433-031	\$115.21
22-08-452-001	\$140.02
22-08-452-002	\$115.21
22-08-453-002	\$115.21
22-08-477-010	\$140.02
22-09-103-005	\$161.71
22-09-103-014	\$161.71
22-09-104-001	\$161.71
22-09-104-002	\$161.71
22-09-128-022	\$81.76
22-09-176-016	\$115.21
22-09-303-008	\$62.12
22-09-303-017	\$1,441.77
22-09-327-007	\$170.78
22-09-352-008	\$116.52
22-09-376-005	\$163.60
22-09-376-017	\$2,351.04
22-09-376-018	\$122.46
22-11-400-005	\$5,183.01

White Rock Township Parcel Count: 7

18-07-100-005	\$3,612.68
18-07-100-013	\$755.53
18-08-451-005	\$2,772.78
18-24-400-004	\$662.92
18-32-400-002	\$2,231.62
18-35-400-002	\$7,160.32
18-36-200-002	\$3,940.67

Total Parcel Count: 232

Flagg Township Mobile Home Count: 27

24-40-50-005-0	\$173.00	RIVERA, ESAU & LOPEZ, MARINA
Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PK LOT 5 7101 S HONEYSUCKLE LN ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 22795 Model Year: 1967 Sq. Ft.: 840 Del Years: 2020		
24-40-50-009-0	\$164.00	BROCK, ANGEL
Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PARK 7085 S HONEYSUCKLE LN LOT 9 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 2592 Model Year: 1968 Sq. Ft.: 720 Del Years: 2020		
24-40-50-017-0	\$168.80	GONZALEZ, AURELIO
Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PK, 7063 S HONEYSUCKLE LN, LOT 17 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 18H0X2S1643 Model Year: 1971 Sq. Ft.: 784 Del Years: 2020		
24-40-50-027-0	\$164.00	TORRES, LEONEL
Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PARK 7023 S HONEYSUCKLE LN ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: HE4082E Model Year: 1971 Sq. Ft.: 720 Del Years: 2020		

VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THE	24-40-50-028-0	\$164.00	BADILLO, VICTORIANO
VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THE	Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PARK 7014 S HONEYSUCKLE, LOT 28 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THE	Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 561224241 Model Year: 1968 Sq. Ft.: 720 Del Years: 2020		
VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THE	24-40-50-034-0	\$164.00	LOPEZ, ROXANNA
DE JESUS CHAVEZ, ANGEL	Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PK, 10939 E FISHER RD, LOT 34 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
SCHULTZ, RICHARD A & CYNTH	Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 25661 Model Year: 1969 Sq. Ft.: 720 Del Years: 2020		
BUNGER, ROGER W & TERRY L	24-40-50-059-1	\$168.50	HERRERA, JUAN & ROSA
OSBORNE, SARA M & JASON J	Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PARK 7072 S SNAPDRAGON LN, LOT 59 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
HALVERSON, LORI	Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: F7855759 Model Year: 1969 Sq. Ft.: 780 Del Years: 2020		
PELAYO, DAVID	24-40-50-071-0	\$183.50	GONZALES, MARIA
SALAZAR, JAIME	Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PARK 7168 S SNAPDRAGON LN, LOT 71 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
JONES, KEENAN	Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 15577 Model Year: 1972 Sq. Ft.: 980 Del Years: 2020		
SHOOK, DONALD R & JANET E	24-40-50-078-0	\$168.50	LOSOYA, RICARDO
SCHULTZ, RICHARD A & CYNTH	Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PARK 7203 S LILAC, LOT 78 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
SCHULTZ, RICHARD A & CYNTH	Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 6012162 Model Year: 1966 Sq. Ft.: 780 Del Years: 2020		
SCHULTZ, RICHARD A & CYNTH	24-40-50-094-0	\$206.00	REED, TOM
PELAYO, DAVID	Address: SHANGRI LA LOT 94 7139 S LILAC LN ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
BEST, PATRICIA	Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: Model Year: 2001 Sq. Ft.: 1280 Del Years: 2020		
BEST, LEWIS M & PATRICIA D	24-40-50-095-1	\$164.00	RUIZ, JAMIE
NAZEER, KHALID & MAHMOODA	Address: PO BOX 11 ROCHELLE, IL 61068-0011		
MCMURRAY, DONALD JR & DORR	Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 60X12X4926E Model Year: 1965 Sq. Ft.: 720 Del Years: 2020		
FISHER, DON A & ELOISE A	24-40-50-108-0	\$179.30	FUENTES ZAVALA, ISABEL
CROWE, MIKE			

SPORTS

Kishwaukee College

Golf, cross country teams compete

RTHS alums Jones, Hickey finishing strong

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College women's and men's cross country teams competed at the Heartland CC Invite in Normal on Friday. In windy conditions, individual times included Anne Hickey (26:14), Bryce Guerrettaz (32:25), Nick Fiore (33:48) and Liam Pitney (42:18).

"It was an unusually windy day today and all times were slower for all competitors," head coach Matthew Hunt said. "But we were able to get stronger and saw really good final legs by our runners in preparation for hosting

our Kishwaukee Halloween Hootenanny later this month."

Men's Golf

The Kishwaukee College men's golf team wrapped up its fall season with the NJCAA Region IV Championships at PrairieView Golf Club in Byron.

Sophomore Matthew Randall (279), along with freshman teammates Hayden Jones (277), Dylan Davis (269) and Thomas O'Connor (244), battled through the two-day, 54-hole tournament's windy conditions and took eighth place as a team. O'Connor finished in 12th place individually and qualified as the third alternate for the NJCAA Nationals in May 2021.



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Conor O'Rourke tourney canceled

STEWART—The 19th Annual Conor O'Rourke Memorial Basketball Tournament has been canceled due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, according to a Facebook post published by the tournament committee Monday morning. The tournament, which was founded in 2002 in honor of Conor O'Rourke, had been scheduled to be conducted this December at Steward Elementary School.

"It is with great and profound sadness that we are officially announcing the cancellation of this year's Conor O'Rourke Memorial Basketball Tournament due to concerns surrounding the current pandemic," the Facebook

post read. "As you know, the tournament is one of great joy and prides itself on being a warm, welcoming, interactive, and fun family-focused event. Unfortunately, we feel we will not be able to safely and smartly hold the tournament and still embody the experience everyone has become accustomed to."

The committee wrote that next year's event is scheduled for Dec. 4-5, 2021. The committee also wrote that any donations, that would have been made during this year's tournament, be made directly to Lurie's Children's Hospital in honor of Conor O'Rourke's name.

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