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Close to opening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — With the completion of the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District's recreation center approaching quickly, commissioners approved a pair of resolutions Monday for office furniture and janitorial equipment for use inside the \$14 million facility.

Board commissioners approved a resolution not to exceed \$21,000 for office furniture from SBM Business Equipment Center as well as a resolution allocating \$14,894.70 in funding for janitorial equipment from Home Depot. Executive director Jackee Ohlinger said during Monday's board meeting that the recreation center is 99 percent complete.

Ohlinger also announced the park district has partnered with Kishwaukee College for use of its recreational facilities. Local volunteers gathered at the recreation center Saturday morning to put plants in the ground and assist with other landscaping work around the facility.



Park board officials met Monday night and hears update on REC project.

"We had some very generous donors who were interested in having our youth get involved," Ohlinger said. "We had some kids volunteer and work on planting. They had a lot of fun and they were able to interact with

the adults and talk about what they're most excited about."

Board commissioners approved two additional items Monday including the park district's 2019-20 audit and an update to a bid with Sjostrom & Sons for

painting and sandblasting work at Spring Lake Pool. The bid, which covers the pool and concession area, will be for \$96,216.60. The board also held a public hearing to sell \$775,000 in general obligation park bonds.

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Free testing offered

ROCHELLE — The Ogle County Health Department will be hosting a free COVID-19 testing event for all this week at the health department's Rochelle location.

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 24 at 9 a.m., anyone wanting to receive a COVID test may do so at the Rochelle location, 510 Lincoln Highway (across from the Rochelle Post Office).

"Anyone that wants to be tested can come to the three-day event," Ogle County Health Department Public Health Administrator Kyle Auman said. "We encourage those with symptoms, even if they think they are not COVID-19, to come and get tested. The event is free of charge and open to everyone, not just Ogle County residents."

The drive-through and walk-up testing will be held Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Administrators advise that those in line at 5 p.m. will be tested. There is no cost for testing; however, for those who have insurance, bring your insurance card. Results will be available within four to seven days.

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Rotary club donation



On Tuesday, representatives from the Rochelle Rotary Club made a donation to the Rochelle Elementary District 231 dual language program. The \$3,000 donation will be used mostly to purchase Spanish books for the middle school library. Pictured left to right are district librarian Eric Welles, middle school librarian Sue Golden, Rotarian Sarah Flanagan and Rotary President Greg Folmar. Below, Golden shows the area of the library where the Spanish books are currently located. She hopes to get approximately three more shelves of books with the donation funds.



(PHOTOS BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

Board approves budget for 2020-21

High school district expected to see \$214,000 deficit

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle School District 212 Board of Education approved its budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year during its monthly meeting at Rochelle Township High School on Monday.

District 212 will be operating at a deficit of just over \$214,000, with expected revenues projected for \$16 million and expenditures projected for roughly \$16.2 million. Superintendent Jason Harper said that new numbers

from the local and state level could impact the budget.

Principal Chris Lewis updated the board on how school teachers and administrators are handling recent adjustments to class schedules and the district's hybrid learning model due to COVID-19. Lewis said the school is allotted five designated remote learning days from the ISBE for the 2020-21 school year, and he said two have been used already. District 212 has not had any confirmed cases of COVID-19 since reopening the high school this past month.

"We want teachers to use those five days to

focus on kids who are learning from home," Lewis said. "We have a lot of remote learning taking place, so on those five days, no instruction will take place, just professional development for teachers... We're putting together a schedule for how to best use those five days from the ISBE based on the needs of our teachers."

Freshmen and sophomores are attending school on Mondays and Wednesdays, while juniors and seniors attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The two pairings alternate every other Friday.

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On Tuesday evening, several residents and families enjoyed free Culver's ice cream at the Census event sponsored by the City of Rochelle at Connolly Park. Representative Tom Demmer was on hand to share his thoughts on the importance of the Census with attendees. Pictured at left (left to right) are Nathan Myers of Culvers, Demmer, City of Rochelle Community Development Director Michelle Pease and Rochelle City Clerk Sue Messer. Currently, the Census self response rate for the City of Rochelle is 73.5 percent. The final city sponsored Census night will be held at Sweeny Park on Sept. 29 for Census assistance and free ice cream.

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



Fehr Graham hires Chief Financial Officer

ROCKFORD — Fehr Graham, a leading Mid-west engineering and environmental firm, is proud to announce the addition of Todd Shankland as Chief Financial Officer.

Shankland is helping the firm with financial forecasting and performance optimization and executing acquisitional and organic growth strategy. Prior to joining Fehr Graham, Shankland served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Cleaners Depot, where he was the responsible for finance, accounting, human resources, information technology and risk management.

“Todd brings great experience in all aspects of running a business including day-to-day operations,

driving culture, and developing and executing strategic initiatives,” said Mick Gronewold, Fehr Graham’s Chairman of the Board and one of the firm’s eight owners. “Todd is an impressive addition to the firm. We are glad to have him on board.”

Along with a notable career history, Shankland takes pride in his volunteer work. He is a tax advisor at Ladder Up Tax Assistance Program for Low-Income Households. He was a coach and mentor at North Lawndale College Prep High School and treasurer for Sub-5 Ride for Parkinson’s benefiting the

Davis Phinney Foundation.

Shankland has a bachelor’s degree in accountancy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He and his wife, Gigi, have three children.



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CELEBRATING 85 YEARS



Doris Lindaas of Rochelle is celebrating her 85th birthday on September 26th, 2020. Her family would like to have a “SURPRISE” card shower for her. We are unable to have a celebration due to Covid 19.

You can send a card to her address at PO. Box 294 Rochelle, IL or drop a card off at Charnock (C&S) Flooring at 202 - 4th Ave. in Rochelle, IL.

Doris is blessed with 10 children...Stanley, Roxanne, Dirk, David, Vonnice, Paul, Howard, Denise, Denver and Jenifer. She also has 33 grandchildren, 62 Great grandchildren and 3 Great Great grandchildren. (Hopefully we didn't miss anyone)!!

Due to Covid 19 Doris has been unable to venture out so please help us celebrate her!! Our family is eternally grateful for all her friends!

Census 2020 Gift Card Giveaway!!

We're giving away 2 - \$25 gift cards every week to a local business of your choice and a \$500 gift card on September 30th!!!

Here's how to enter:

1. Complete your Census at my2020census.gov and message us a screen shot of the completion page.
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3. Already completed the Census? Refer a friend, have them complete the Census and enter the contest listing YOU as their referral source!

We'll draw two \$25 gift cards to the local business of your choice each week through the end of September. On September 30th, we'll draw for a \$500 gift card!! All \$25 winners will also be included in the \$500 gift card drawing!

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LOCAL NEWS

Deputies investigate recent accidents

On Sept. 19 at 10:16 a.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Polo Fire Department, Polo Ambulance and the Polo Police Department responded to a one vehicle accident with injuries on Illinois Route 52 at Mt. Vernon Road. A grey Hyundai Elantra was eastbound on Illinois Route 52 when the vehicle drove off onto the right side shoulder. The vehicle then crossed over both lanes to the north side shoulder before coming back onto the roadway. The vehicle then left the north side of the road striking an embankment and coming to a stop in the north ditch. The driver, Katelynn M. Smith, 26, of Dixon, sustained minor injuries; however, she refused any further medical treatment. Her passengers, three minor children, were uninjured.

On Sept. 19 at 12:13 a.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Oregon Fire Department were dispatched to a one vehicle crash in the 4800 block of South Prairie Road. Investigation by deputies revealed that a pickup truck driven by Scott Pumfrey, 58, of Chana, was traveling south on Prairie Road when he lost control. Pumfrey's vehicle then skidded off of the roadway

and struck a tree before overturning. Pumfrey was extricated from the truck by firefighters and transported by ambulance to KSB in Dixon for what appeared to be minor injuries. Pumfrey was arrested for DUI and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

Sept. 20

On Sept. 20 at 12:20 p.m. and 12:51 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to two noise complaints at Sledgehammers Bar 1450 N. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. After meeting with the complainants in reference to the loud music, deputies arrested the bar owner, Jason Stombaugh, at Sledgehammers Bar. Stombaugh was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he posted bond and was given an October court date.

Sept. 21

On Sept. 21, the Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Seth Maurer, 34, of Leaf River for DUI. Maurer was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's deputies on Illinois Route 251 near Dutch Road after he was stopped for improper lane usage. Maurer was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Two arrested on warrants

On Sept. 18 at 8:43 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Steven Huffstatler, 31, of Rochelle, on a Lee County warrant. He posted \$100 bond and released with an Oct. 2 court date in Dixon.

a.m., Rochelle police arrested Sharday Brown, 22, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. She posted \$300 bond and received an Oct. 10 court date in Oregon.

p.m., Rochelle police cited Immanuel Tee Reh, 25, of Rockford, for speeding 57 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone. He posted a promise to comply and received an Oct. 23 court date in Rochelle.

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

Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

Steps announced to ensure fairness in awarding licenses

CHICAGO – Following a careful examination of the process to award the first round of conditional adult-use cannabis dispensary licenses after receiving feedback from community leaders and stakeholders, Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation announced additional steps to ensure the process moves forward in a fair and equitable manner.

These steps will ensure applicants whose applications did not achieve the maximum score of 252 points will receive a supplemental deficiency notice and a score sheet identifying each exhibit to the application on which they lost points. After receiving the supplemental deficiency notice, applicants will have an opportunity to provide a response that amends the application exhibits or to ask IDFPR to conduct a rescoring of their original application exhibits if they believe there was an error or an inconsistency in the scoring.

"As we worked with the General Assembly, equity and fairness have always been at the heart of our approach to legalizing cannabis, and when we heard significant concerns from numerous stakeholders about the process to award dispensary licenses, I said we needed to take a pause to fix their concerns, within the bounds of our landmark law," said Governor JB Pritzker. "While this process remains a marathon and not a sprint, we believe that these new steps will inject more equity and fairness in the first round of license awards and provide insight as we improve the process for future rounds."

The supplemental deficiency notices and score sheet will notify applicants which application exhibits did not receive a perfect score. For each exhibit, an applicant can either submit additional information, request a rescoring of the exhibit, or do nothing and keep the original score on that exhibit.

IDFPR will review all timely responses to the supplemental deficiency notices and will issue a final score for each application.

The Department will then conduct the lottery for Conditional Licenses in accordance with its tiebreaker rules. The Department will provide detailed instructions for applicants, including all deadlines, in the coming weeks.

"Before awarding the next 110 dispensary licenses, as the statute requires, the State will conduct a disparity study to better understand how this new industry is working and correct any structural challenges to equity as we move forward in implementing the law," said Toi Hutchinson, Senior Advisor to the Governor on Cannabis Control.

This supplemental process is designed to ensure the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act is implemented in a fair and equity-centric manner as intended by both the administration and the General Assembly and will be conducted in accordance with the Act.

Following the awarding of the first 75 licenses, the Act provides that IDFPR must conduct a disparity study, which will be a comprehensive evaluation of the adult-use cannabis market. Based on the results of that study, additional measures will be proposed to further improve equity and inclusion in the market. The administration has already suggested steps for the General Assembly to take to improve the process going forward, including providing that all applicants who meet or exceed a cut-off score will advance to the lottery and limiting the number of applications one entity can submit.

IDFPR received 2,588 cannabis dispensary applications from 937 applicants, more than double the number of dispensary applications that have been submitted to any other state awarding a limited number of dispensary licenses. The applications also far surpass the 221 applications submitted to the state for medical cannabis licenses in 2014.

For more information on the adult-use legal cannabis industry, go to <https://www2.illinois.gov/cannabis/Pages/default.aspx>.

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Obituaries

Clara “Dolly” Edwards

ROCHELLE — Clara “Dolly” Elizabeth Edwards, 98, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020 at the Rochelle Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. Sixth St., Rochelle. Visit www.UngerHorner.com.

Marilyn Goken

ROCHELLE — Marilyn C. Goken, 90, passed away at her home on Monday, Sept. 21, 2020 with her family at her side.

Private family funeral services are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. Sixth St., Rochelle. An online guest book is available at UngerHorner.com.

TEST: Free testing available

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“Testing to understand the disease burden in the county and excluding sick people from the health population strengthens our efforts of masking, social distancing and hand washing,” Auman said. “Covid-19 is still preva-

lent in Ogle County and we need everyone’s help to keep our community healthy.”

Those being tested are reminded that they will have to quarantine while waiting for test results.

As of Wednesday, the county’s active positive cases totaled 104.

Kish hosting virtual FAFSA informational session Oct. 15

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Financial Aid Office will be hosting a free virtual workshop to demonstrate to local students how to file the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Oct. 15 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. via Zoom. Interested students and their parents will also have the opportunity to set up a 30-minute virtual appointment with a Kish Financial Aid Team member to complete the FAFSA beginning Oct. 16.

The FAFSA is the building block for all financial aid packaging for college students across the U.S. Filing the FAFSA is the first step

in determining what federal or state financial aid a student is eligible for, including grants and loans. The 2021-2022 FAFSA application period opens Oct. 1 and will be used in determining financial aid for the academic year beginning Fall 2021.

The FAFSA virtual Information Session allows area students and their parents an opportunity to learn how to complete a FAFSA and ask questions. Any area student and parent(s) is welcome to attend the FAFSA virtual Information Session or set up a one on one virtual appointment.

In preparation for a one to one virtual appointment, people filing

FAFSA for the first time should visit <http://fsaid.ed.gov/> to create a Federal Student AID ID (FSA ID), which will be required to submit the FAFSA electronically. For dependent students at least one parent will also need to complete the FSA ID. Students and parents should have on hand their 2019 tax return and income information, their social security numbers and driver’s license/state ID or alien registration card.

To register for the upcoming FAFSA virtual Information Session or to schedule a one-on-one virtual appointment, contact Kish’s Financial Aid Office at finaid@kish.edu.

Serenity Hospice offering free course

OREGON — Serenity Hospice and Home is pleased to announce they will be starting an eight-week class entitled, “Understanding Your Grief.”

This class will run each Tuesday evening from Sept. 29 through Nov. 17. The group will meet at The Serenity Hospice Home located at 1658 S. Illinois Route 2 just south of Oregon from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The structure of the group will follow the book by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt which covers 10 touchstones in the areas of physical, emotional, cognitive, social,

and spiritual growth to help you through the grief process. Wolfelt has written many books about healing after the loss of a loved one and is considered a leading grief educator.

The class will be facilitated by Cathy Warren, Serenity Hospice’s Bereavement Coordinator.

“I am very excited to offer a class like this one,” Warren said. “Our grief groups are usually open-ended and people come and go as they travel through their own journey of grief. This is a more structured approach and the participant will know exactly

when it will end.”

Each participant will receive a free copy of the book by Dr. Wolfelt.

Be aware that in an effort to contain the spreading of the COVID-19 virus, participants will be asked to take your temperature upon entering the building. Social distancing will also be practiced as well as wearing facemasks.

Call Serenity Hospice at 815-732-2499 to find out more information about this class.

Class sizes are limited so call today.

Weichert(r) affiliated offices recently welcomes new team members

Rochelle — Weichert(r) affiliated offices in the Rochelle area have recently added the following individuals to their team.

Carrie Klinefelter, who joins a dedicated team of knowledgeable agents at Weichert, Realtors(r) - Signature Professionals, located at 1218 Currency Court in Rochelle. Contact Klinefelter at 815-561-8595 or CARRIE@SIGNATUREREALESTATEPRO.COM.

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Illinois has cooler, wetter soils in mid-September

CHAMPAIGN —

Soil temperatures have cooled the first half of September, according to Jennie Atkins, Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring (WARM) program manager at the Illinois State Water Survey.

Soil temperatures at 4 inches under bare soil fell 5 degrees the first two weeks of September to a state average of 70 degrees on Sept. 15. Daily highs were in the 70s and 80s, while lows fell into the 60s. Temperatures were 4 degrees above the long-term historical average but 5 degrees cooler than in 2019.

The largest drops were in east central Illinois, where temperatures decreased 7 degrees on

average.

Wetter weather the past two weeks has led to increases in soil moisture for northern and central Illinois. Statewide moisture levels at 2-inch depths have risen 28 percent on average. The greatest changes were in northern Illinois. The region has received more than 6 inches of rain so far for the month, causing soil moisture to rise 176 percent.

Southern Illinois has seen drier weather, however. The region averaged 0.57 inches of rain, leading to a 25 percent decrease in soil moisture.

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STATE NEWS



Child Passenger Safety Week begins

CHICAGO — In recognition of Child Passenger Safety Week, the Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding parents and caregivers that state law requires children to ride in a child safety seat until age 8 and rear-facing until age 2. Proper restraint in a car or booster seat is the best way to protect a child from serious injury or death in the event of a crash.

"When it comes to keeping your child safe in a vehicle, you can never be too careful," said Cynthia Watters, bureau chief of Safety Programs and Engineering. "Many child safety seats are not installed correctly. This week, parents and caregivers have a special opportunity to have their child's car or booster seat checked by a certified technician to ensure that it's installed and fitted properly. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this free service."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sponsors Child Passenger Safety Week to ensure children are in the right seat installed correctly. Guidelines include choosing the proper safety seat based on the child's height and weight, properly installing and using the

seat, and registering the seat with the manufacturer to ensure receipt of important safety updates such as product recalls.

This year's week runs Sept. 20 to 26.

According to NHTSA, motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death among children 12 and younger. From 2014-2018, a total of 3,315 children nationwide were killed while riding in cars, pickups, vans and SUVs. While fatalities decreased by 7 percent from 2017 to 2018, there is still more work to be done to eliminate these preventable tragedies.

In Illinois, children must be restrained in an appropriate car or booster seat until age 8 and in a rear-facing seat until age 2. NHTSA recommends that children stay restrained in their car seats until they outgrow the height and weight limit set by the seat's manufacturer. This often means keeping children in rear-facing seats beyond age 2 and boosters far beyond age 8.

For more information on car seat safety or to locate a certified technician, visit nhtsa.gov/therightseat. If you'd like to learn more about IDOT's Child Passenger Safety program, see buckleupillinois.org.

Early childhood providers receive grants

SPRINGFIELD — Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Human Services Monday announced that over \$156 million in BIG funding has been provided to 4,686 child care providers across Illinois facing challenges as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The first round of funding helped child care centers and homes in 95 counties across the state. Forty-seven percent of the grant funds were awarded to childcare programs located in areas that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

"Anyone who knows anything about what it takes to raise a family knows that without quality, affordable child care, there is no economic opportunity for working parents, and especially working mothers. That's why — even in these incredibly difficult economic times — Illinois directed federal pandemic response dollars to helping child care providers operate in safer, smaller group sizes without needing to impose large tuition increases on families," said Governor JB Pritzker. "To date, I'm proud to say that over half of that funding has already been distributed — including over \$65,000 to Christian Child Care. Remaining on track to become the best state in the nation to raise young children is achievable, even in these difficult times. Holding ourselves to the highest standards when it comes to our youngest children is vital to strengthening the social and economic fabric of our state and our nation."

An additional \$114 million in grants will be available for child care providers across the state through the Business Interruption Grants (BIG) program, the second round of funding dedicated to supporting child-care centers and homes. Grantees eligible for funding include childcare centers and family childcare homes that are

"These dollars represent an investment not only in the families of our essential workers, but also in the healthy future of our communities."

Dr. Carmen I. Ayala

licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and are currently open and serving children in their communities. IDHS is partnering with the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA) to distribute the grants. Applications will be available online in the coming weeks at <https://www.ilgateways.com/financial-opportunities/restoration-grants>.

"Governor Pritzker clearly recognizes the importance of investing in childcare, teachers, our children and caregivers, which are a top priority as we work toward economic recovery and getting families back to work. I am humbled to think of all the children who will benefit from this latest round of BIG grants. Working in conjunction with DCEO, we are fully committed to help childcare businesses across the state get every dollar possible to help rebuild after an unimaginable pandemic," said Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Secretary Grace Hou.

"Under the leadership of Governor Pritzker, Illinois has acted swiftly to provide businesses across the state with supports needed to offset their losses, prepare for a safe reopening and put our state economy back on track," said Erin Guthrie, Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). "These latest BIG grants for childcare providers are crucial as Illinois works to reopen our state safely, and bring more of our residents back to work. Working in partnership with IDHS and businesses across the state, we will continue to leverage the equity framework provided

through these programs to ensure that businesses from every community across our state have a shot at emergency relief dollars that will help them make ends meet."

"Christian Child Care is a licensed, nationally accredited, ExceleRate Illinois Gold Quality center. Proudly, CCC has been serving Logan County for over 30 years. 2020 has been a different year. Operating under a pandemic has thrown everyone a curveball, but CCC continues to serve Logan County with best practices and supports early childhood education efforts. As a recipient of the Illinois Child Care Restoration Grant, we are pleased to host the Governor as he shares information regarding the Child Care Restoration Grant, and how it has impacted child care and early childhood education overall," said Libby Canady, Christian Child Care Program Director.

Funding

In addition to BIG funding, the administration is utilizing federal relief dollars to support early childhood programs. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) dedicated \$10 million of Governor Pritzker's Emergency Education Relief Fund to early childhood education providers. The funding includes \$9 million for Early Childhood Block Grant programs in Illinois communities that have been most heavily impacted by the pandemic. Programs can use the additional resources to supply parents and families with hands-on home learning materials, purchase technology to support remote learning, purchase personal protective equipment, provide staff members with

stipends to work beyond contractual hours, and support the implementation of remote home visiting services.

"Every educator will tell you that these early years are profoundly important to long-term outcomes for our children," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala. "These dollars represent an investment not only in the families of our essential workers, but also in the healthy future of our communities."

ISBE also granted \$450,792 to the Pyramid Model Consortium, which supports a framework of evidence-based practices for early childhood educators and caregivers to promote young children's healthy social and emotional development; \$182,258 to increase the Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health consultant workforce; and \$370,000 to the University of Chicago Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab to create a text messaging program to deliver educational prompts and reminders to parents whose children are enrolled in Preschool for All and Preschool for All — Expansion programs.

In accordance with the latest guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health, all childcare programs must operate at approximately 30 percent reduced capacity in Phases 3 and 4 of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan to allow for social distancing. Governor Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly directed a minimum of \$270 million of the state's Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) Fund to support the economic health of child care providers as the Illinois economy begins to safely reopen.

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Guest column

Lame-duck Congress isn't all that it's quacked up to be

CONGRESS is back, although we can't quite say that we missed our "favorite" lawmakers. Now that the leaves are turning brown and there's pumpkin spiced-everything all-around, our elected officials are back to their usual, partisan bickering. Senate Republicans returned from recess with a \$500 billion "skinny" coronavirus relief bill, but that measure got promptly voted down for not churning enough red ink.

At the very least, there seems to be a (tentative) bipartisan understanding that core agency funding (via continued resolution) and stimulus spending should be kept separate from one another. But all restraint may go out the window once lawmakers become lame ducks after the 2020 election and spend freely without an iota of democratic accountability. By approving spending through the start of 2021, Congress can stop these outvoted and retiring lawmakers from passing bad policy and dragging taxpayers even deeper into debt. And, a CR that runs into 2021 means that Congress won't try to pass a bloated spending bill right before the holidays.

Even before the coronavirus pandemic, America had a significant debt problem. And after a 6-month, \$4 trillion spending binge, America owes nearly \$27 trillion to her creditors. That astronomical sum amounts to more than \$200,000 for every American household. If lawmakers continue to embrace short-term spending "solutions," this problem may get significantly worse by the end of the year.

After every midterm election, lawmakers inevitably get voted out or decide that it's time to leave the hallowed profession for good. Devoid of any sort of accountability, these lame-duck Congresses embrace all sorts of spending shenanigans. After the midterm elections concluded in 2010, lawmakers wasted

no time putting together a \$1.2 trillion spending bill laden with more than 6,000 earmarks totaling \$8 billion. An outraged Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., lamented, "The American people said just 42 days ago, 'Enough!' ... Are we tone deaf? Are we stricken with amnesia?" And with shameless inclusions such as \$349,000 for swine waste management in North Carolina, the late, great senator may have been onto something.

Fast forward two years to 2012 when the next lame-duck Congress passed the "American Taxpayer Relief Act" filled with dubious carve outs such as an "extension of tax-exempt financing for New York Liberty Zone" and the "modification and extension of American Samoa economic development credit." Thanks to the last-minute inclusion of these bizarre provisions, the "compromise" legislation went from 30 pages to 157 pages of goodies for special interests.

In recent years, lame-duck Congresses have become even more unwieldy and hostile to the interests of the American people. The most recent lame-duck session featured a 34-day government shutdown (the longest in U.S. history), which caused significant disruptions to agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Sure, government shutdowns happen outside of lame-duck periods as well, but lawmakers know full well that shutdowns do not make for good politics and removing democratic accountability certainly doesn't help matters.

According to research from Mercatus Center scholars Christopher Koopman, Matthew Mitchell and Emily Hamilton, House members skip more than 3 percent more votes during "very lame duck" sessions (following a party-switching election), even controlling for the time of year. There's just not as much incentive to show up and do critical work absent the possibility of voter backlash.

It's tempting to ask why lame-duck sessions even exist in the first place. Unfortunately, this anti-democratic period of legislating has to exist due to the demands of post-election Congressional staff organizing. Incoming lawmakers need

time to get their houses in order before taking their position in the House (and Senate). If the current Congress was dismissed during this critical transition period, the executive branch would have to govern in their stead. And this would of course be

unacceptable due to our democratic system's wise emphasis on the separation of powers.

Congress cannot make lame-duck sessions go away. But it can preemptively act to limit the power of lame ducks by passing agency funding

that will last until the new Congress takes power. Americans needn't place their faith in voted-out lawmakers keen on maxing out the federal credit card.

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Ross Marchand

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

With the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg last week, do you think that the nomination of her replacement should be allowed or held until after the Nov. 3 election?

"The president is the president until he is not president which means it's his job to fill the seat, period. That's the Constitution."

David Reish

"It will have to wait."

Jose Alcantara

"Allowed!"

Tamara Burriell

"Whether you like it or not the president is still the president until January."

Jason Knight

"RGB left this world worrying about our democracy. Let us grieve her and honor her last wish and wait. Please let the people decide on Nov. 3."

Leah Clue Vanstone

"Only if the nominee is Merrick Garland."

Christine Wengelewski

"This has happened 29 times in our history in an election year and each year the current president named a nominee. I don't know why our current president wouldn't."

Patricia Goodwin

"Allowed without any question, debate or delay. The president nominates and the Senate has the choice to confirm, reject or ignore the nomination at their discretion. To not do this would be an abdication of their Constitutional duty."

Chris Clarke

"Wait, like we were forced to wait during the election in 2016. Especially when certain Sena-

tors said they were obligated to do so, yet now have changed position on the very same thing."

Laura Emke Salazar

"The president has the power to fill the seat. There is no rule saying he has to wait until the election. The president has a duty to fill that seat, so we fill the seat."

Noah Norris

"In 1993 Ruth Bader Ginsburg was confirmed in 50 days. So, 119 days is plenty of time now to appoint the new SCJ."

Sue Mohler

"Allowed, like the last several years were replaced in election years."

Willie Watson

"Once the political season is underway, and it is, action on a Supreme Court nomination must be put off until after the election campaign is over." That, he said, "is what is fair to the nominee and is central to the process." ~ Mitch McConnell

Jeremiah Elliott

"Fill that seat!"

Jordan Dobberstein

"The Senate Majority Leader set the precedent under the previous president so there should not be a vote."

Renee Page

"The precedent that was set in 2016 by the current Senate Majority Leader would be that no, there should be no vote on a nominee until the election. The quote the sitting Majority Leader (both then and now): 'The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court Justice. Therefore, this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president,' McConnell said. For 11 months Senator McConnell refused to allow a vote. I do not see why now would be any different than then."

Emily Whitaker

"Give the appropriate timeframe for mourning then get on with life and the business of replacement. She said as much in her own words about replacing her in a timely fashion. There is no reason to delay. It's a typical stall tactic and the rumor of her not wanting a replacement was 'made up' because of the timing. That's all."

Angela Wood Almazan



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COMMUNITY

Sen. Stewart to host Medicare 101 webinars Oct. 1 and Oct. 8

FREEPORT – State Sen. Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) will host free community Zoom Webinars on Oct. 1 and on Oct. 8 to help constituents learn more about the federal Medicare program.

The Webinars are scheduled on those dates for 10 a.m. Central Time. Registration is not required.

Facilitated by the Northern Illinois Age Guide and the Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program, the Medicare 101 Webinars include information about who is eligible,

coverage details, how to get help with out-of-pocket expenses, and open enrollment. Participants will have the opportunity to ask live questions and get answers during the webinars. New and current beneficiaries are welcome.

Participants will be asked to copy and paste a link and a passcode to join the Webinar. The link and the passcode will be provided on Sen. Stewart's Web site at <http://senatorstewart.com/> on the morning of the Webinar.

On the date of the Webinar, participants should copy and paste the link into their browsers at about 9:50 a.m. and enter the password. They will be put on hold for a few minutes until the program begins at 10 a.m.

Participants unable to join via the Internet should call 1-312-626-6799. Please enter the Meeting ID and then enter the Passcode, which will be provided on the morning of the Webinar.

For more information, call Sen. Stewart's office at 815-284-0045.

Egyptian Theatre moves touring shows to 2021

DEKALB – The Egyptian Theatre in Downtown DeKalb has moved their three remaining live touring shows to their Spring 2021 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resurrection: A Journey Tribute which was supposed to occur on Friday, Sept. 25 has been moved to Friday, April 16, 2021, Roy Orbison & The Everly Brothers Reimagined has moved from Sunday, Oct. 4 to Saturday, April 10 and Recycled Percussion has moved from Friday, Oct. 23 to Saturday, May 1.

Any tickets that were purchased for the original

dates of these shows will be valid at the new 2021 dates. If ticket buyers have any questions or concerns, they may contact the Theatre at 815-758-1215. The Egyptian Theatre located at 135 N. 2nd St. in Downtown DeKalb, IL is owned and operated by Preservation of Egyptian Theatre, Inc. a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Annual support provided by First National Bank, Northwestern Medicine, Shaw Media, and Tapa La Luna.

For more information, visit www.egyptiantheatre.org.

The Kitchen Table menu

Sept. 24 (Thursday) Lemony chicken over pasta with capers, salad, dinner rolls

Sept. 29 (Tuesday) Balsamic pork with roasted carrots and potatoes, green bean and dinner rolls

*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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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 **F**

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LOCAL NEWS



Distillery introduces special whiskey

ROCHELLE — Kennay Farms announced late last week a limited edition rye whiskey cask strength release honoring law enforcement.

Inspired by officers within the Kennay family, local law enforcement and two Chicago officers that visited the distillery, Kennay's got to work creating a label that would showcase their strength in the face of adversity.

This special release, Backing the Blue, shows one more family and small business that supports officers and their fight for the community. The first 100 off the line, numbered and signed by the owner and head distiller, sold out in just eight hours.

To pick up a limited release bottle and show support for law enforcement, visit Kennay Farms Distillery, located at 416 Lincoln Highway, during open hours Thursday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mobile food pantry coming to Oregon

OGLE COUNTY — Lifeline Food & Self-Help Project in partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting two Mobile Food Pantries.

The Mobile Food Pantry will be in Oregon on Monday, Sept. 28 and again on Monday, Oct. 19. The truck will

be parked in St. Mary's parking lot at 300 N. 3rd St.

Please be aware that clients need a picture ID each time they pick up food. Also, in accordance with Health Department restrictions, a properly worn face mask is required for anyone entering Lifeline.

State regulated utility moratorium extended through winter 2021 for eligible customers

SPRINGFIELD — On Monday, the Illinois Commerce Commission announced the moratorium on disconnections has voluntarily been extended by several state regulated utilities through the Winter 2021 for eligible low-income residential customers, and those who self-report to utilities that they are experiencing financial or COVID-19 hardship. Previously, several of the utilities had voluntarily agreed to extend the moratorium on shutoffs for residential customers until Sept. 30.

At the request of the ICC, the following utilities have committed to extending the moratorium on utility disconnections for low-income (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program qualified) residential customers and those financially impacted by COVID-19 until March 31, 2021: Ameren Illinois, Aqua Illinois, Illinois American Water, Commonwealth Edison, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, and Utility Services of Illinois. MidAmerican will voluntarily extend the moratorium on disconnections for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program qualified residential customers through March 31, 2021 and is further considering additional options to help their customers during this unprecedented time. Additionally, Nicor Gas and Liberty Utilities have agreed to extend the moratorium on disconnections for all residential customers until March

"The voluntary actions by these utilities will provide our most vulnerable citizens with some peace of mind, especially as cold weather approaches. We appreciate the utility companies for their responsiveness and action."

Carrie K. Zalewski

31, 2021.

"Illinois citizens are facing extraordinary challenges due to the pandemic. Low income families and those impacted by COVID-19 should not have to fear losing basic services like electricity, heat, or fresh water," said Chairman Carrie K. Zalewski. "The voluntary actions by these utilities will provide our most vulnerable citizens with some peace of mind, especially as cold weather approaches. We appreciate the utility companies for their responsiveness and action."

The ICC reminds customers to call the utility company if you have missed bill payments or you are struggling to pay your bill. No documentation or written proof is necessary, but you must make the phone call and verbalize your difficulty. This action will ensure a continuation of utility service. Deferred payment arrangements are also available for both residential and small business customers

needing help managing their utility bill obligation during these difficult times.

On June 18, 2020, the Commission approved landmark COVID-19 utility relief agreements in Docket No. 20-0309, which were the product of negotiations between thirteen utility companies and numerous consumer advocate groups and parties. In addition to extending the moratoriums on disconnections and late payment fees, the agreements provided historic consumer protections involving utility credit and collection practices, deferred payment agreements, temporary waivers of reconnection fees and new deposit requirements.

More details on the Stipulations, each utility's commitments and compliance reports are available on the Commission website in the ICC Docket 20-0309. To learn more about the Commission's response to COVID-19, please visit: www.icc.illinois.gov/home/covid-19.

Tar spots on maples now more evident

BY TRAVIS CLEVELAND
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EXTENSION

TAR spots are now evident on many maple species. I recently traveled to northern Illinois where nearly every Norway maple that I came across had tar spot symptoms. Fungi in the genus *Rhytisma* cause this disease.

Tar spots are appropriately named for the raised, black spots that develop on the upper surfaces of affected leaves, which resemble splattered tar. The

symptoms initially appear in mid-June as small, pale yellow spots. By mid-July, the yellow spots expand and a thick, raised, black stromata starts to form within the spot. Then, by late summer, the affected leaves develop the characteristic tar spot symptoms. When severe, the disease may cause some premature defoliation. Fortunately, injury resulting from tar spot infections is mostly aesthetic and rarely affects the host tree's overall health.

Tar spot outbreaks have been more frequent in recent years, likely



due to moist spring weather with above average rainfall.

Trees that are damaged on an annual basis tend to be located in moist, sheltered sites that provide an ideal environment for the pathogen. Tar spot fungi overwinter on infected leaf debris. In the spring, overwintering fungal fruiting bodies ripen and eject spores. Wind then carries the spores to nearby developing leaves of susceptible hosts where the infection occurs.

Disease management practices are rarely warranted. When necessary, the first step is to rake and destroy leaf debris in

the fall or early spring. This practice will help reduce spores capable of causing new infections. Fungicides containing the active ingredient Mancozeb (Fore 80 WP or Protect DF) or Copper Hydroxide (CuPro 500) can be used to protect newly developing leaves from infection. Begin sprays when the leaf buds are opening and re-apply twice more at 10-day intervals.

Results from tar spot research on Norway maples in Canada suggested that one fungicide application, just prior to full leaf expansion, may provide sufficient control for this disease on Norway maples.

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Education & Experience:

NIU School of Nursing – Bachelor's Degree 1973
 Masters of Science in Nursing 1990
 Post Masters Family Nurse Practitioner 1997
 Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner Since 1997
 Certified Medical Examiner–DOT Physicals Since 2014

Services Offered:

Sees scheduled patients at Family Healthcare Clinic and occupational health patients at On-the-Go Healthcare Clinic.

Personal Info:

Employed at RCH as a Family Nurse Practitioner since 2001.

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Stephanie D. Crawford, DNP, APRN
Family Healthcare Clinic
at Rochelle Community Hospital

Education & Experience:

Bachelor of Science of Nursing, 1998, St. Anthony College of Nursing; Master of Business Administration, 2005, Cardinal Stritch University; Master of Science in Nursing, 2010, Northern Illinois University; Doctor of Nursing Practice, 2019, Grand Canyon University.

Certifications:

Adult Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified 2011; Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse, 2016

Services offered:

Provides services for patients age 16 and older in primary care and advanced illness management.

Accepting New Patients:

Yes



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Kendall Vogeler, MD
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at Rochelle Community Hospital

Education/Experience:

Medical school: University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford 2015; Residency: University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford rural training track at KSB Hospital 2019

Board Certification:

2019

Services Offered:

Full scope family medicine with clinical procedures. Special interest in preventative screenings with ability to provide screening colonoscopies and EGDs. Also, interest in women's health, prenatal care and pediatrics.

Personal or Family Info:

Excited to have started at RCH, being close to family and back in a small community.

Accepting New Patients:

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Christine M. Gorman, M.D.
Family Healthcare Clinic
at Rochelle Community Hospital

Education/Experience:

Practicing in Rochelle since 1992. Completed undergraduate education at University of Illinois and medical school at Rush University, Chicago.

Specialty:

Family Medicine with interest in women's health and children.

Services Offered:

Care for the entire family starting at birth. Disease diagnosis and management, wellness care, preventative medicine, minor surgeries, pap smears.



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Lucinda K. Zoeller, APRN
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Education & Experience:

MSN from University of Illinois, 1997
 Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
 A Nurse Practitioner at RCH Since 2003
 Certified Medical Examiner–DOT Physicals

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Susan Mueller, APRN
Convenient Care Clinic
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Education/Experience:

St. Anthony College of Nursing, Bachelor's 1994; NIU Masters of Science in Nursing, Specialty: Family Nurse Practitioner 2009

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Midwest Physical Therapy and Rehab

Education & Experience:

Have a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy; More than 35 years experience in physical therapy in hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, home health & rehabilitation centers

Specialty/Focus:

Physical Therapy for hip/knee/shoulder replacements, Auto accident injury, Work injury, Arthritis, Stroke, MS, Parkinsons, Back pain, Weakness, Balance problems, Shoulder/back surgery, Sports injury, etc.

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Jason C. Popp, M.D.

Family Healthcare Clinic
at Rochelle Community Hospital

Education & Experience:

I have been in practice in Rochelle since the fall of 2001. I received my undergraduate education at Northern Illinois University and my medical school education through the University of Illinois.

Areas of Specialty:

I am a board certified Family Physician who focuses upon care of the whole family, children and adults.

Services Offered:

Family medicine offers services focusing upon preventative health care, but also manages disease processes. On top of this, many minor surgical procedures can be done within the office. Certified Medical Examiner for DOT Physicals.

Accepting New Patients:

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Rupesh Manek, R. Ph.
Rochelle Pharmacy

Education: Graduate of Midwestern University (Chicago College of Pharmacy). Retail Community experience since 1997

Areas of Focus: Geriatric Care, Diabetes, Asthma & Durable Medical Equipment

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How to take a more active role in your personal health

THE role individuals play in their own health care became more prominent in 2020. As a global pandemic forced people from all walks of life to prioritize their personal health each time they left their homes, many individuals sought ways to take a more active role in their health care.

Proactive health care has long been touted by medical professionals, though many people still don't take such recommendations to heart. In fact, a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that as much as 75 percent of health care spending in the United States is reactive in nature, meaning that money is going toward treating conditions and diseases rather than preventing them from occurring in the first place.

Taking an active role in your own health care is easier than people may think. And the benefits of such a proactive approach are numerous, including a reduced risk for various

diseases.

- **Schedule annual physicals.** Annual physicals are one of the simplest and most effective ways for individuals to take active roles in their personal health. Many health insurance plans cover annual physical exams at no cost to policy holders, and these examinations can uncover issues even when individuals are not feeling any symptoms. Annual physicals also provide great opportunities for individuals to discuss diet and healthy lifestyle choices with their physicians in relaxed settings.
- **Learn about the preventive services that are right for you.** Individuals should speak with their physicians about which services are recommended for individuals in their situations. Screening guidelines are often age-based, but they also take personal history and family history into account. For example, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends all adults between the ages of 50 and 75

be screened for colorectal cancer, but the frequency of those screenings will depend on each individual's personal risk and which screening test they choose.

- **Embrace physical activity.** The DHHS notes that regular physical activity increases a person's chances of living a longer, healthier life. In addition, the CDC says regular physical activity reduces a person's risk for chronic conditions, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, various types of cancer, and even mood disorders like depression and anxiety. Access to fitness facilities may be limited or unavailable during the pandemic, but that should not deter people from exercising regularly. Walking, jogging, hiking, and cycling are great forms of cardiovascular exercise that have been linked to a host of health benefits.

A proactive approach to personal health is simple and effective, potentially helping people reduce their risk for a variety of diseases and conditions.



Melissa Inman
DLX Medical Group

Education & Experience:
Chamberlain College of Nursing/Downers Grove, IL Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL. Three years as a nurse practitioner Cardiothoracic Surgery-Inpatient. Thirteen years as Registered Nurse-Emergency.

Areas of Specialty of Focus:
Board Certified. Family Nurse Practitioner. Trauma Nurse Specialist.

Services Offered:
Management of acute and chronic medical conditions & preventative health.

Personal or Family Info:
I am a lifelong resident of Rochelle. I enjoy running, working out and spending time with my family.

Accepting New Patients:
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Kelly Tonielli Davis, DNP, APRN FNP BC CMEWCN
Davis Family Health

Education: 19 yrs. beginning as a CNA, achieved Masters in Nursing Education 2011; Family Nurse Practitioner-Certified 2016; Doctorate in Nursing 2018.

Areas of Focus: Family, Drug Treatment, Diabetes, Wound, DOT

Services Offered: DOT Physicals, Drug Treatment, Weight Loss Solutions Pediatrics-Elderly. End of life coordination, Wound Treatment, Minor office surgical procedures, overall wellness

Personal or Family Info: Married 22 yrs., 2 children, 2 grandchildren. Served in the USAF for 7 years from 1986-1993 as a Security Specialist (Security Police). Served during Desert Storm and achieved many awards.

Accepting New Patients: Yes

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Areas of Specialty of Focus:
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General dentistry services which include but are not limited to: adult and child cleanings, periodontal therapy, root canals, extractions, fillings, dentures/partials, implant crowns, porcelain crowns and bridges, veneers, whitening, orthodontics (braces) and Invisalign.

Personal or Family Info:
Native of Illinois. Grew up in a small coal mining town in South Central Illinois and resides in Rochelle, IL. Enjoys spending time with his friends and five children that range in age from 20 - 29 years old. Presently in the Illinois Army National Guard. Enjoys traveling, golfing and watching football. Also likes to collect coins from different periods of American history.

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Aaron Nevdal, P.T., D.P.T.
Board Certified in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy
Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists

Education & Experience:
Aaron earned a Master of Physical Therapy Degree from Northern Illinois University in the spring of 2002. In 2008, Aaron earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Regis University in Denver, CO. In 2009, he completed board certification in orthopedic physical therapy. Aaron has also completed various courses focusing on evaluation and treatment of the spine, hip, foot and ankle, knee and shoulder.

Specialty/Focus:
Aaron enjoys seeing a varied caseload of orthopaedic conditions. His main professional interests lie in using exercise, manual therapy, and dry needling in the treatment of patients with spinal and extremity orders.

Services:
Manual physical therapy, sports therapy, strength training, spine, back & neck pain, joint replacements, ankle & knee, shoulder pain, rotator cuff, Osteoarthritis, tennis elbow, sciatica, Plantar Fasciitis, Sacroiliac Joint Pain, repetitive use injuries.

Accepting New Patients:
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Janet Truckenbrod Sarver, P.T., D.P.T.
Physical Therapist
Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists

Education & Experience:
Janet graduated with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy in May 2013 from Northern Illinois University. She also received a Bachelor degree at NIU, majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry in 2007.

Specialty/Focus:
Janet enjoys treating a variety of caseloads including pediatrics, orthopedics and sports related injuries through use of manual therapy and therapeutic exercises. She has taken several courses on pediatrics focusing on torticollis, developmental milestones, and gait analysis and and training. Janet is a Rochelle High School alumni and athlete. She continues to live and work in Rochelle, and enjoys serving and being a part of the community in which she was born and raised.

Services:
Manual physical therapy, pediatric physical therapy, sports therapy, strength training, spine, back & neck pain, joint replacements, ankle & knee, shoulder pain, rotator cuff, osteoarthritis, tennis elbow, sciatica, Plantar Fasciitis, Sacroiliac Joint Pain, repetitive use injuries, Torticollis, gait analysis, gait training

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Allison

Dickey

Year: Freshman

Sport: Tennis

Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?

A: This is my first year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: I enjoy being a part of the team and learning new skills.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Science because I love the experiments.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Lamar Jackson because I have him on my fantasy team and he's doing awesome.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My aunt and my grandpa because they coach me up and help me do my very best.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a pediatrician so I can help kids.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: The East Coast because it seems beautiful there.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I love seeing my friends and teachers who support and encourage me to be the best person I can be.

Laney

Hicks

Year: Freshman

Sport: Tennis



Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?

A: This is my first year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Being able to play doubles with my friends.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because it's easy for me to understand.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My sister because she's the reason I started playing tennis and I look up to her.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Bora Bora because it looks like a great place to stay.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

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RTHS Girls Tennis



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JV Lady Hubs face Kaneland at Rochelle Township High School

The Rochelle Township High School JV Lady Hub tennis team hosted the Kaneland Knights on Tuesday, with over a dozen student-athletes taking the court. Pictured above from left to right are several of the players including Madison Ost, Ella Seebach, Idaly Aguila, Lauren Jackson (top row), Liberty Hayes, Torrin Nantz, Francesca Williams and Abby Tarvestad (bottom row).

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OF THE)2020
ESTATE)P 59
OF)
JOHN)
GEORG)
WALSH,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOHN GEORGE WALSH, of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 17, 2020, to EDITH PFEIFFER, whose address is 2511 Reynolds Road, Ashton, IL 61006, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than March 23, 2020, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for EDITH PFEIFFER, Administrator of the Estate of JOHN GEORGE WALSH, deceased
No. 0928 (Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice to Bidders
Bid opening for September 21 has been cancelled. New bids will be received: Notice is hereby given that the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District, 735 North 2nd Street, Rochelle IL 61068 will receive bids at the office of the Executive Director until October 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM for the REC South Parking Lot Project. All requirements and details are described and listed in the bid packet. Prospective bidders may obtain bid packets from the office of the Executive Director or the Park District website (www.rochelleparkdistrict.org). The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive

Executive Director until October 5, 2020 at 2:00 PM for the purchase of sports equipment. All requirements and details are described and listed on the equipment specification list. All proposals for equipment are to be the same or equivalent to the specifications listed in the bid packet. Prospective bidders may obtain equipment specifications from the office of the Executive Director or the Park District website (www.rochelleparkdistrict.org). The Park District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to accept the proposal that the Flagg-Rochelle Park District Board of Commissioners believes to be in the best interest of the District. All bidders must abide by the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act where applicable. By order of: Jackee Ohlinger Executive Director Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District No. 0932 (Sept. 23)

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Notice to Bidders
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Rochelle Municipal Utilities, Ogle County, Illinois will receive sealed bids for: Prologis Park Substation Equipment Purchase until 11:00 a.m. local time on the 6th day of October 2020 at the Rochelle Municipal Utilities, 420 N 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois 61068. The plans and specifications are on file with the said Rochelle Municipal Utilities for viewing purposes only. Copies of the documents may be acquired from BHMGE Engineers, Inc., 630 Jeffco Boulevard, Arnold, Missouri 63010, Consulting Engineers for said City. Please email Laura Stackle, Lstackle@bhmg.com with request. Bids shall be received for the aforementioned items. A certified check or bank draft on a responsible, solvent bank, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company, payable to the Rochelle Municipal Utilities, Adam Lanning, Utility Manager, or Government Bonds or cash in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of bid, shall be submitted with each bid. The bid shall be marked to identify bid package contents, reference specification 2031 K003. The successful bidder will be required to:

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Adam Lanning, Utility Manager
Date: September 15, 2020
No.0924
(September 20, 23, 27, 30, October 4, 7, 2020)

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SPORTS

Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District



(PHOTO BY JOHN SHANK)

Local volunteers provide landscaping help at community center

As the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District's community center project nears completion, volunteers woke up early Saturday morning to help with landscaping work around the facility. The kids worked alongside other adult

volunteers to put plants in the ground and share what they're looking forward to most about the community center, which park district executive director Jackee Ohlinger said is 99 percent complete.

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SPORTS

RTHS Golf

Thiravong finishes fifth at Guilford Invitational

Lady Hub senior shoots 82 in 84-player field, Henkel cards 124

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCKFORD — Ingersoll Golf Course presented a shorter layout for players competing in the Guilford Girls Invitational this past Saturday. For Rochelle senior Megan Thiravong, club selection was critical for putting up a good score in a field that featured over 80 local student-athletes.

Thiravong carded 82 over 18 holes on Saturday, opening with 42 through her first nine holes before shooting with 40 on the back end to medal in fifth place out of 84 players. Thiravong, who competed on the Rockford Junior Series and won the Greater Rockford Women's Classic earlier this summer,

"I'm always excited to represent Rochelle."

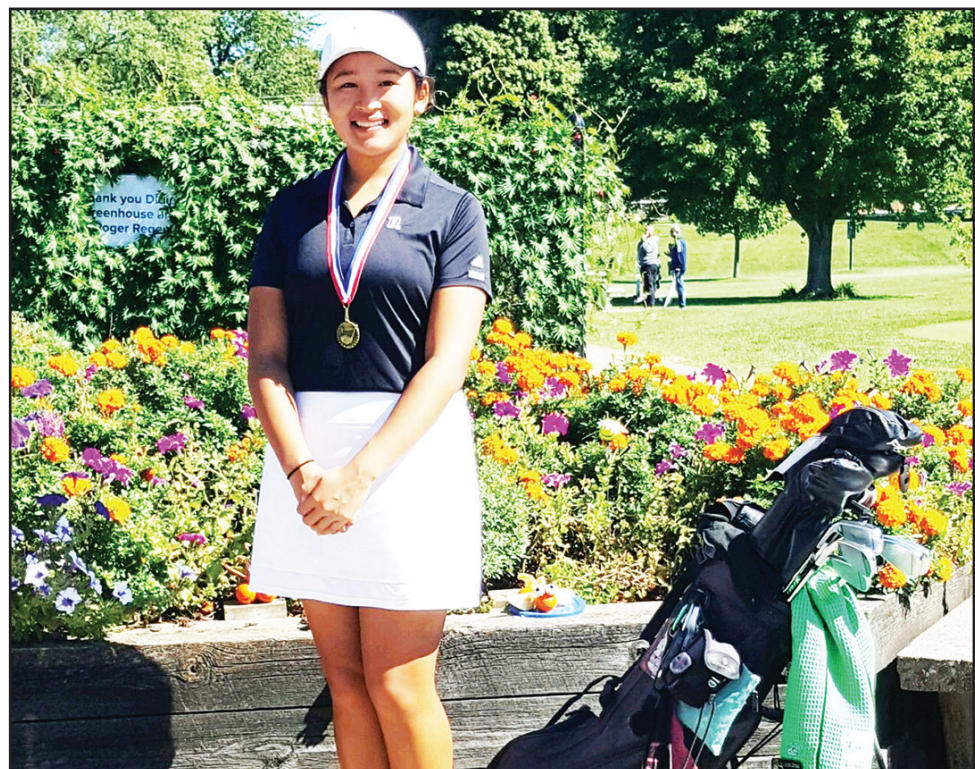
utilized her prior course knowledge well over the weekend.

"I'm always excited to represent Rochelle," Thiravong said. "I thought I could have played better. I was struggling in some aspects of my game, but I know I can improve those aspects in practice and bounce back next time. The course was playing a bit shorter, so my club selection was a bit different than usual and I had to adjust to hitting more long irons and switching to shorter wedges. The small greens and hard ground were presenting challenges for us all."

Megan Thiravong

Freshman Alivia Henkel also participated in the tournament, carding a 124 that included 59 over her first nine holes. Thiravong was one of four seniors who were honored Monday afternoon during Rochelle's Senior Night match against the LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers.

"It's been quite a journey with the team," Thiravong said. "We've had players come and go but I'm happy with the new players who joined this year and it's been a wonderful experience... I'm proud of the boys and I hope that they keep improving once us seniors are gone."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle senior Megan Thiravong shot an 82 to medal in fifth place at the Guilford Girls Invitational at Ingersoll on Saturday.

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