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Out on the roads

BY JENNIFER SIMMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The use of non-highway vehicles within the corporate limits of the City of Rochelle was approved by Rochelle City Council Monday night. The new ordinance was adopted to allow for residents to permit the non-highway vehicles; however, certain provisions must be followed.

Some of the provisions include a minimum speed of 15 m.p.h. and maximum speed of 25 m.p.h., four wheels, and does not include vehicles operated by a driver straddling the apparatus (such as an ATV).

Guidelines are also outlined in the ordinance including allowable hours of operation, proof of driver's license and insurance and



roadways which vehicles are not allowed to operate on.

According to the ordinance, permitted vehicles will be allowed to operate Sunday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Streets where operation is not permissible include: Illinois Route 251, Illinois Route 38, Interstate 39, Caron Road

Veteran's Parkway, 20th Street, Flagg Road, Steward Road, Dement Road

An exception to operation on these streets, in the ordinance, states "It is not prohibited to cross an excluded street with a speed limit posted of 35 m.p.h. or less. Crossing must take place at a designated intersection, at a 90 degree angle, providing no obstruction exists. The non-highway

vehicle must come to a complete stop and yield to all oncoming traffic before crossing such roadway."

Other restrictions include non-highway vehicles not permitted on private property or park district property such as the bike path; not permitted on sidewalks; and all non-highway vehicles operated within corporate limits of the city must have brakes, a steering apparatus, four tires, a rear-view mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, slow moving emblem on the rear, a tail-lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights, turn signals, headlight that emits a white light visible 500 feet from the front and a seat belt for each occupant.

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Shops burglarized

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE — Rochelle police are investigating reports of two local businesses broken into early Tuesday morning. There are currently no suspects, but the incident remains under investigation.

At approximately 2:33 a.m., Rochelle Tobacco N Liquor, located in the Rochelle Commons, was broken into. At approximately 2:39 a.m., Shell Gas Station, located on Lake Lida Lane, was also broken into. Burglars gained access to both of the businesses by smashing the glass front doors.

Alcohol, cash and cigarettes were stolen from Rochelle Tobacco N Liquor and currently, only cigarettes are known to have been stolen from Shell.

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A happy birthday surprise

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

A grandmother and her granddaughter who are born on the same day 49 years apart received birthday wishes from across the globe.

Dolly Edwards was born on Aug. 24, 1922 and her granddaughter, Katja Starkey, was born exactly 49 years later to the day. Fast forward another 49 years to the present day and they are celebrating their birthdays together, Edwards turning 98 and Starkey turning 49.

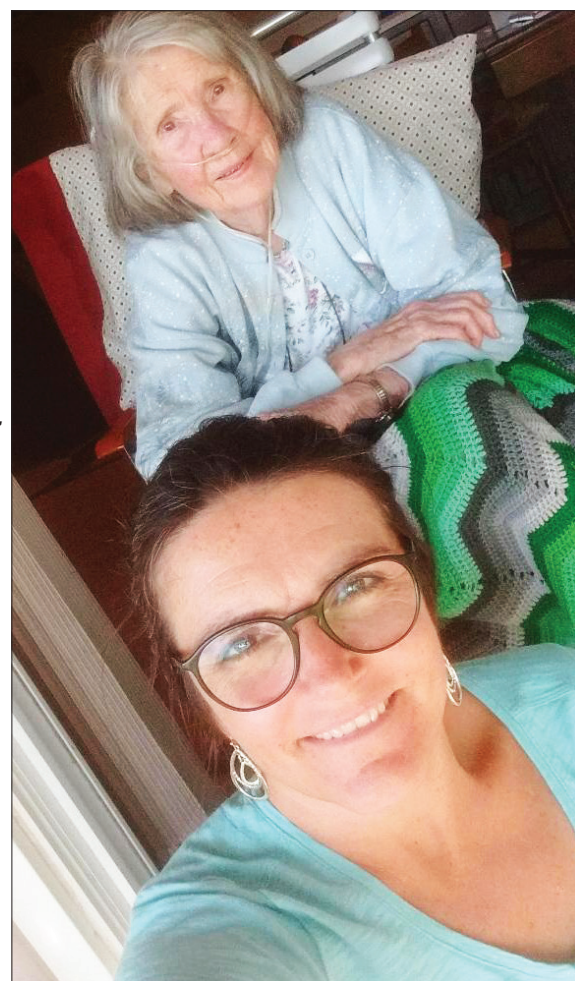
"Isn't it crazy that I was born when she turned 49, now I am 49 and we are celebrating together," Starkey said.

Dolly grew up on a farm just north of town. She then moved to Creston, where she spent most of her life and raised her children, before moving to Rochelle, where she currently lives. Edwards' daughter Bonnie grew up in Rochelle, graduated from Rochelle Township High School and eventually gave birth to her daughter Katja, Dolly's granddaughter.

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At right are Dolly Edwards and her granddaughter, Katja Starkey, who share the same birthday of Aug. 24. At left, children from the Touch the Nations orphanage wished Edwards and Starkey a happy birthday via video call on Monday.



Petition packets available

ROCHELLE — Petition packets are available for three seats in April's Consolidated Primary Election, according to Rochelle City Clerk Sue Messer.

At Monday night's Rochelle City Council meeting, Messer said four-year full term council positions will be on the ballot. Residents in Rochelle who want their name on the next city election for council can pick up a candidate packet at the city clerk's office

at Rochelle City Hall, 420 N. 6th St. Petitions may begin being circulated as of Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Terms coming to an end include council members Dan McDermott, Kathryn Shaw-Dickey and Don Burke.

There need to be 13 candidates on the ballot in order to have a Consolidated Primary Election on Feb. 23, 2021.

The Consolidated General Election will

be held on April 6, 2021.

Candidates can file their petitions between Nov. 16 and Nov. 20 and on Nov. 23 at Rochelle City Hall. The clerk's office will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 16; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 17 through Nov. 20, and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 23.

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New officers

City of Rochelle Clerk Sue Messer administered the Oath of Office to two new Rochelle police officers during Monday night's Rochelle City Council meeting. Above, Messer (right) swears in Cassie Rogers. At left, newly sworn-in officer Trevor Owen receives his pin from his wife, Alison. Rogers joined the Rochelle Police Department in 2013 as a dispatcher. She will begin Police Academy training in September. Owen joined the police department as a dispatcher in 2015. He has attended the police academy and has worked as a part-time police officer for an area department.



Auction goal surpassed

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – Bearrows Real Estate and Auction Company recently held a very successful online auction for the items inside the former Hickory Grove Banquet Hall, bringing the city one step closer to demolishing the building for a new developer.

The auction was held online between July 30 and Aug. 20 through the online auction website hibid.com. There were many different items for sale ranging from Rochelle memorabilia, banquet hall furniture, kitchen items and much more.

The main goal of the auction was to help clear out old items from the building and help raise funds for the future demolition project as well as keep many historical items in the hands of local community members. Bearrows Real Estate and Auction Company set a goal of \$10,000 at the beginning of the auction and exceeded its goal raising \$12,570.50.

"The auction went very well, we had a great time and a lot of response with 141 registered bidders from both local and surrounding areas" said John Bearrows, Rochelle mayor and owner of Bearrows Real Estate and Auction Company. "All funds will be put towards bringing the building down and while it isn't a huge number, everything counts because it all adds up."

All but six items were sold in the auction and those items will remain in the building for the time being. Individuals who purchased items during the auction picked them up from Hickory Grove on Saturday, Aug. 22 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The City of Rochelle is currently working towards securing a grant to help fund the demolition project which will begin next spring if the grant is secured and this fall if it is not. Both the city and Bearrows Real Estate and Auction Company would like to thank everybody who participated in the event and purchased a piece of Rochelle history.

"I would just like to thank all of the local people and bidders that helped in our auction," Bearrows said. "There was also a lot of nostalgic pieces that I am glad to see fall back into the hands of local folk."

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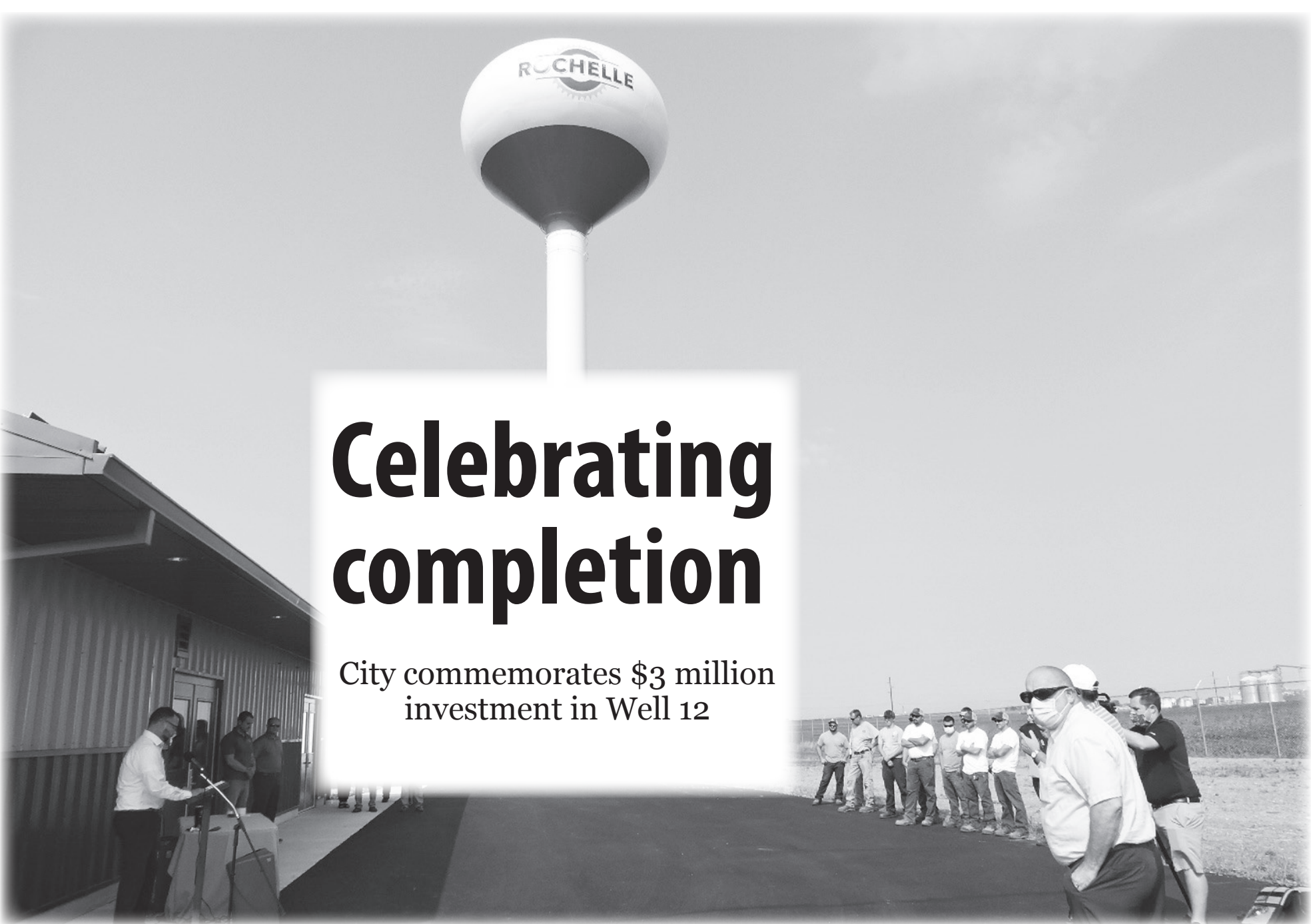
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LOCAL NEWS



Celebrating completion

City commemorates \$3 million investment in Well 12

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – Rochelle city officials, Rochelle Municipal Utilities staff and both local radio and television news outlets gathered outside Rochelle Well 12 to celebrate the completion of a \$3 million investment into city's drinking water system.

Well 12 was completed and went live in 2017, but in 2018, it began showing radium levels higher than the required amount set by the Illinois EPA. The recent project was completed to bring the radium levels down to the required amount as well as remove any iron in the water and update much of the technology used.

"With the new requirements, we decided to use the same Hydrous Manganese Oxide (HMO) technology used at the well by the high school," said RMU Superintendent Adam Lanning. "We are using all state of the art monitoring and automation so the water quality is continually analyzed. All monitors are also connected to a SCADA system that will automatically shut off the water and call out to a worker if an alarm goes off."

Along with the new automation, an employee will come out once a day to manually check the water quality. Work began on the project in the fall of 2019 and was recently completed this summer of 2020.

The cost of the plant itself was about \$1.9 million, extending the sanitary sewer line from town was about



(PHOTOS BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh, RMU Superintendent Adam Lanning and fellow RMU staff members cut the ribbon on the recently completed \$3 million dollar investment into the city's drinking water system. Pictured left to right (front row) are Fiegenschuh, Lanning, Jay Mullholand, Kyle Bridgeman, Dwayne Rangel and Joe Kinney.

\$650,000, rehabilitating the well was around \$100,000 and design and construction management was around \$400,000 for a total of approximately \$3 million. The work was contracted through Larson and Larson Builders Inc. and was funded through an Illinois revolving loan program through the IEPA at a 1.38 percent interest rate over the period of 20 years.

"I think that this will be a great addition to our water system and will be able to offer lots of high quality water for the next many years," said Lanning.

Along with increasing the quality of the city's drinking

water and technology at the well, this investment will also help the city attract new businesses to the area. Without this well and water access, businesses would not be able to set up in this area of town.

"Now with all of this water and sewer capacity, we are moving south with our industrial development," said Jason Anderson, Rochelle economic development director. "There is about 1,000 acres here that this will serve immediately and without this you don't develop. This has a huge impact on the growth of our industrial base because the infrastructure is here."

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ROAD: Permitting to begin Sept. 1

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During discussion prior to adoption of the ordinance Monday night, council members Dan McDermott and Bil Hayes raised questions.

“Will there be an inspection point when stickers are issued,” council member Dan McDermott asked.

“There will not,” Jennifer Thompson responded. “So, this will be similar to obtaining a registration for your automobile. When they come in to obtain the sticker they [applicant] will have to sign off on the various requirements agreeing that they have each item on their vehicle.”

Council member Hayes’ question dealt with safety concerns and liability over the proposal.

“16-year-olds will be able to drive up until midnight on the weekends, on regular streets, not on highways?” Hayes asked.

“That is correct,” Thompson said.

“Is there an age limit on the passengers?” Hayes asked further.

“Since the driver is subject to the rules of the Illinois vehicle code they would have to abide by the same rules as for motor vehicles. So if that means the 16-year-old is only allowed one passenger or they are allowed two passengers – whatever that may be – they have to follow that same motor vehicle code,” Thompson explained.

“But the state code doesn’t allow for these vehicles to be on the street, we have to change that in our municipal code. The state doesn’t allow it,” Hayes clarified.

“The state allows a municipality to make the determination,” Thompson verified.

“So we take on the liability if someone was to get hurt,” Hayes said. “I don’t want anybody to get hurt. Nor do I want the taxpayer to have to pay any litigation involved if somebody did get hurt. But the main thing is I don’t want anybody to get hurt.”

In order to clarify Hayes’ concerns, City of Rochelle Attorney Dominick Lanzito addressed the council.

“With respect to liability there are provisions in the Torte Immunity Act that give this council and the city which is known as legislative immunity,” Lanzito said. “By following the protocols and looking at what streets and analyzing which streets should and should not be used for this type of process... I mean there’s no guarantee that someone’s not going to get hurt or someone’s not going to make a misrepresentation on their affidavit or application, [it’s] no different than if someone was driving without a license gets into a car accident without the appropriate insurance... But from a legal standpoint you’re dealing with various provisions and the code allowed for this I think is based on factors that have been analyzed by staff.”

Hayes still expressed his concern about passing the ordinance.

“That answers my question to a certain extent... I’m still not comfortable with the likelihood of the people that vote to change the state law to allow for it to happen in our community taking on the opportunity for someone to get hurt. Once we sign off on it, we’re responsible if someone gets hurt,” Hayes said.

Council members voted 6-1, with Hayes being the only nah vote, and passed the ordinance.

Fees

Residents can begin permitting non-highway vehicles Sept. 1 at the Rochelle Police Department. Cost for permits are \$75 for the first-time applicant. Renewal permits will cost \$50 annually. The cost of a senior citizen’s application or renewal will be \$35. Annual permit fees will not be pro-rated.

All registered/permitted vehicles must display a current permit sticker at all times. Every application for permit will include name and address of applicant, name of liability insurance carrier, valid driver’s license number, serial number, make, model and description of the non-highway vehicle, a signed waiver of liability releasing the city and agreement to indemnify and hold the city harmless from any and all future claims resulting from operation of a non-highway vehicle on city streets and a copy applicable liability insurance coverage specifically for the vehicle covered by the permit.

STOLEN: Police investigate burglaries

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But the police expect more items could be reported when more information is known. Similar burglaries occurred in other surrounding areas on the same night, leading Rochelle police to believe they are all related.

“Sterling, Dixon and Sugar Grove had the same thing happen to some of their businesses last night as well, so we think that they are all by the same individuals,” Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby said. “It looks like they probably went to towns along Interstate 88.”

Obituaries

Margaret Smith

STEWART — Margaret E. Smith, age 91 of Stewart, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020 at her home with her family at her side.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. Sixth St., Rochelle. An online guest book is available at www.Unger-Horner.com.

Driver cited for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle

On Aug. 21 at 8:44 a.m. Rochelle police cited Edgar E. Lopez, 23, of Rochelle, for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 21 at 12:28 p.m., Rochelle police cited Grant D. Zickur, 21, of Rochelle, for speeding 54 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 21 at 11:45 p.m. Rochelle police arrested Stephanie O’Neill,

31, of Rochelle, for no valid driver’s license, no insurance and DUI. She posted an I-Bond. Her court date is set for Sept. 23.

On Aug. 22 at 6:24 p.m. Rochelle police arrested Nicholas Cadie, 35, of Davis Junction, on an Ogle County warrant. He was transported to jail.

On Aug. 23 at 12:31 a.m. Rochelle police arrested Ashley P. Paddie, 29, of Mount Morris, for battery. She posted I-Bond. Her court date is set for Sept. 25.

Man dies after crashing motorcycle

On Aug. 21 at about 2:18 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a crash involving an injury at Freeport Road and Sterling Road. Deputies learned that a 2014 Indian motorcycle driven by Harley Vogt, 77, of Sterling, was traveling south on Freeport Road, failed to stop at the intersection and entered the southeast ditch, coming to rest in a cornfield. Vogt was pronounced deceased on scene by the Ogle County Coroner. Deputies were assisted by Polo Fire and Ambulance along with the Polo Police Department. The crash remains under investigation.

On Aug. 21, at 6:56 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff’s deputies, Polo Police Department, Polo Fire Department, and the Polo Ambulance responded to an accident with injuries at Illinois Route 26 and Illinois Route 52. Gabrielle F. Klukaczynski, 18 of Princeton, was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 26 when she failed to stop for the stop sign. Kluk-

aczynski struck an embankment before coming to a stop in a cornfield. Klukaczynski was transported to KSB Hospital by the Polo Ambulance with multiple injuries. After a further investigation, Ogle County Deputies met with Klukaczynski at KSB Hospital where she was arrested for driving under the influence, illegal transportation of alcohol and disobeying a stop sign. Klukaczynski was given an I-Bond and a September court date.

Aug. 23

On Aug. 23 at 12:04 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Chevy Impala at Fourth Street and Washington Street in Oregon. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Raheem J. Martin, 28, of Dixon, for unlawful cannabis container, unlawful use of cannabis and driving while under the influence of drugs. Martin was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted on scene by Oregon Police.

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Senate GOP demands governor open IDES offices

‘Face-to-face assistance’ best way to address department delays, issues

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SPRINGFIELD — Ten “frustrated” Republican senators demanded Gov. JB Pritzker allow state offices tasked with processing unemployment claims to reopen in a letter sent exactly five months after Illinois’ first stay-at-home order was issued.

The Department of Employment Security was widely reported to struggle with the historic influx of unemployment filings it received from residents who lost their job due to the COVID-19-induced economic downturn.

While the unemployment rate dropped from the pandemic peak of 16.8 percent in April to 11.3 percent in July, the senators argued Illinoisans continue to have problems applying for and receiving benefits from the department. These issues are “long-standing” and “continue unabated,” they wrote in a letter Thursday.

Reopening the Employment Security offices for “face-to-face assistance,” as Secretary of State Jesse White allowed for motor services buildings, is the best solution, the senators added.

“Surely in 6 months, couldn’t we have installed plexiglass barriers and outside air ventilation systems in the IDES offices by now,” they asked in their letter. “Limit the number of people in the offices, socially distance, mask, all that, hell, we don’t care, put a tent up outside and buy laptops for the staff — but get these offices back open. People are hurting.”

Sen. Chapin Rose, from Mahomet, said in a phone conversation Friday that an avenue must exist for state employees to maintain their safety while still opening Employment Security Department doors for Illinoisans to receive assistance. He said if White could design a way for that to happen, schools can resume in-person lessons, and food and banking establishments are open, there is a way for residents to apply for unemployment benefits in person.

This request for department officials and Pritzker to rectify systemic delays and inaccuracies in unemployment benefits is not new. Most recently, House Republicans asked for the same outcome after residents experienced fraud in a program designed to provide economic relief for those members of the economy who do not normally qualify for such benefits.

When faced with complaints about the Employment Security Department’s trouble in the last six months, Pritzker has maintained that officials are doing everything possible to solve the problem. He has said waning state investment in recent years, outdated infrastructure at the department and federal mandates that call center staff receive certain training before being allowed to assist residents have led to some of the existing issues.

His administration has increased personnel who can assist callers in locating necessary forms and partnered with a private firm to create a system for Illinoisans to apply for unemployment benefits under the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program.

The Republican Senators wrote they supported the governor’s actions from March through June to manage the spread of COVID-19, but the IDES system is “broken and ridiculous.”

“It is now past the middle of August. We are moving into our 6th month with a system that is apparently incapable of being fixed — and phone calls from new hires, who have been poorly trained and are unable to respond to basic questions, aren’t helping,” they wrote.

They added they were “unsurprised” when Chicago television network WGN reported that “less than one half of one percent” of calls from residents to the Department of Employment Security were answered. The outlet analyzed more than 78 million phone calls placed over four months.

“To put it simply, this is not acceptable,” the senators wrote in their letter to Pritzker. “Our constituents feel like they are caught in some real-life Franz Kafka novel. But this is no joke — this is real and painful, and it is seriously damaging the people that we both serve.”

A spokesperson for the governor did not return a request for comment by time of publication.

Survey: Half of Illinois high school students report using e-tobacco

Cancer society calls state’s cessation efforts ‘abysmal’

By REBECCA ANZEL

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SPRINGFIELD — Half of Illinois high school students reported using an electronic tobacco product last year, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey found, “erasing gains” made by health advocates in recent years to curb tobacco use.

That trend of increasing e-cigarette, hookah and vape pen use is on par with the U.S. at large, which the nation’s wellness protection agency noted was a factor that prompted the surgeon general to proclaim electronic tobacco use an “epidemic.”

Fighting traditional cigarette, cigar and smokeless tobacco use “has always been a multi-prong approach,” Shana Crews, Illinois government relations director for the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network, said in an interview. State officials and advocates passed “strong smoke-free laws” and secured increased funding for tobacco cessation and education programs.

But in Illinois, electronic cigarettes are not included in a statewide ban of smoking at virtually all public places, taxes on the products are not “at parity” with traditional tobacco products and legislative proposals to ban flavored electronic products were not addressed by the General Assembly this session.

“We need to make sure that we’re treating electronic cigarettes just as we are combustible cigarettes,” Sen. Julie Morrison, a Democrat from Deerfield and long-time anti-tobacco advocate, said in a phone interview. “We were doing so well on changing the culture of smoking and now, especially the younger generation has gone backward.”

Crews added that funding for education programs “is abysmal.” An analysis performed by her organization found Illinois’ cancer reduction policies compared favorably to other states in all but one area — funding for its cessation program.

The CDC recommends the state spend \$136.7 million on related initiatives, but Illinois allocates just \$9.1 million — 6.7 percent of the recommended level — according to the American Cancer Society report



Sen. Julie Morrison, a Democrat from Deerfield, speaks during a February 2019 news event in Springfield about raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco products in Illinois to 21. The legislation passed later in the session, and Morrison said this week she intends to propose legislation focusing on mitigating e-cigarette use among Illinois youth. (Capitol News Illinois photo by Peter Hancock)

“Although current use of cigarettes, cigars, and smokeless tobacco among U.S. high school students has decreased, tobacco product usage has evolved, and the increasing prevalence of electronic vapor product use among youths during recent years is concerning,” according to the CDC survey. “Implementing evidence-based tobacco control strategies, combined with (the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s) regulatory efforts, is important for preventing and reducing all forms of tobacco product use among youths.”

The federal agency also found roughly one in five Illinois high school students used electronic tobacco products at least one day during the 30-day period before responding to its survey. Nationwide, that number was approximately one third of high school students.

Results also indicated that half of Illinois high school students surveyed did not attempt to quit using tobacco products in 2019.

“The fact that half of all high schoolers surveyed say they have used an electronic tobacco products (e-cigarette) and the frequency with which current e-cigarette users are using these products shows we need to do better to keep these products out of kids’ hands,” Lissa Lacasse, president of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, said in a written statement. “There is no safe level of use of tobacco products, and no reason for a child to be using an e-cigarette.”

The CDC report was released less than two weeks after preliminary research conducted at Stanford University suggested those who sometimes use e-cigarettes are five times more likely to be diagnosed with the novel coronavirus disease.

“Emerging research has already shown that e-cigarette use may increase coronavirus infection and cause more severe cases of lung disease — and we are only beginning to understand the lasting health impacts of this virus,” Dr. Ravi Kalhan, director of Northwestern University’s Asthma and COPD Program, said in a written statement. “Just a year after we first saw unprecedented cases of lung illness related to vaping, and now facing the COVID-19 pandemic, it is especially concerning to see a growing number of teens are putting themselves at risk by using e-cigarettes.”

Crews said that while she and her colleagues are aware of the Stanford University study and find the conclusions concerning, more analysis is needed to establish a “good body of research.”

The fact that scientists have noticed a preliminary correlation indicates that e-cigarette and vape usage “is dangerous” and causes lung damage, Morrison said.

“I intend to reintroduce some legislation to try and tighten the law up and get us back on track to encourage young people to quit smoking,” she added.

In addition to her measure banning flavored electronic tobacco products from Illinois, she is also spearheading an initiative that originated in Attorney General Kwame Raoul’s office. Senate Bill 3699 is “a really good bill,” Morrison said, that specifies advertising regulations for e-cigarettes, changes the age to purchase such products to 21 and alters how electronic tobacco products are taxed, among other aspects.

The legislation never left the Senate’s gatehouse committee and will need to be reintroduced in January.

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LOCAL VIEWS

RNL Editorial

Governor snubs most reliable media source

G OV. JB Pritzker no doubt hired a lot of so-called experts and probably expensive talent to guide his new \$5 million “It Only Works if You Wear It” campaign to encourage Illinoisans to wear a mask.

But the campaign isn’t spending a dime in newspapers.

Instead, it’s using various forms of broadcast, billboards and social media to spread the word.

The governor hired an ad agency to place the advertising, a world class photographer, development talent, an agency to provide creative direction, and another agency that specializes in understanding and simplifying. Then, there’s a firm that provides that data insights. And let’s not forget the COVID-19 modeling team, whatever that is.

But here’s one thing all of these media “experts” missed that the governor and his team do know, and it’s been in front of them every day — the newspapers of Illinois.

We’ve finally been told by the governor’s office that the goal is to reach a younger demographic and that’s why print advertising in newspapers wasn’t part of the mix. Ironically, a study conducted by Civis that was used to guide the campaign showed that with the exception of adults 65 and over there is little difference in the percentage of mask wearing between various age groups.

They missed the newspapers that covered his daily news conferences to update Illinoisans about COVID-19, and more importantly, they missed the local newspapers statewide like the Rochelle News-Leader, Ogle County Life, Ashton Gazette, Amboy News and Mendota Reporter that kept every community informed about the pandemic. These hometown newspapers provide a fact-based lifeline of much needed information, which we all know is critical in times of crisis, and in many cases our local newspapers are delivered and read every week in our local schools by students.

Analytics and metrics are great, but how do you measure what’s staring you in the face every single day? Maybe the analysts involved in this campaign should find a way to measure the impact that newspapers have had in communicating critical information to the governor’s communities across the state. That would be a very substantial metric.

Recently, the City of Rochelle ran an independent survey asking local residents where they looked to find local city news. Outside of the city’s own social media page, the Rochelle News-Leader was the second most relied upon source by a wide margin over all other local media options.

We understand the value of broadcast to the governor’s campaign. Just like newspapers, broadcast media have been there every step of the way to get the message out about COVID-19 and the state’s response. But there were no reporters from Facebook or any other social media platform at any of the governor’s news conferences. If we missed them, we apologize. In fact, it seems the only fact-based reporting on social media is from credible news outlets like newspapers and broadcast outlets, and it didn’t cost the state anything. Yet, Mark Zuckerberg profits while Illinois newspapers continue to struggle with economic hardships exacerbated by the pandemic.

So, newspapers have carried the message, but when it’s time to get the benefit of a paid campaign they weren’t included.

This is just the latest of a series of snubs of newspapers from state government. Others include the secretary of state’s recent campaign to reopen facilities, and the Department of Aging’s effort to report elder abuse.

The more than 400 newspapers in Illinois deserve much better treatment and respect from the governor, who has relied heavily on print journalists to deliver the much-needed fact-based information during these trying times.



VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

On Monday night, Rochelle City Council members approved an ordinance allowing for non-highway vehicles (golf carts and utility vehicles) to be permitted through the city and then drivable on city streets, per specific regulations. Do you have such a vehicle that you will permit and drive in town?

“They have these in a town near me and they even have built overpasses over major roads for them and pathways. It lessens the traffic.”

Stephanie Orlikowski

“Yes please.”
Jonathan Seabold

“Yes!”
Jennifer Manning

“Fun times!”
J R Van Hise



“Yes! Have one in Creston and it’s the best!”
Chelsea Marie

“Yes.”
Tim Albers

“Absolutely! Now we just have to get the county on board!”
Steve Messer



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COMMUNITY

BIRTHDAY: Special wishes extended

From page 1

Starkey was a schoolteacher for 17 years, but she also did relief work from 1999-2003, traveling to 38 countries helping out those in need. During her time abroad, she formed many close relationships with the individuals she helped, causing her to form the non-profit organization Touch the Nations when she returned to help those who have nobody to advocate for them.

"Our organization has started schools, given scholarships so kids can attend a local school and started four orphanages," Starkey said. "I didn't mean to start the organization, I just could not help it. Our motto is a Bible verse and it says, 'Do not withhold good from those

"If you just do a little something or just think outside yourself, regular people can really make a big difference. We are also so appreciative for all of the support from the surrounding community. This is a birthday that will be unforgettable."

Katja Starkey

who deserve it when it is in your power to act."

One of the orphanages started by Touch the Nations is named after Bonnie Edwards, who passed away. As a way to honor Starkey and wish her and her grandmother a happy birthday, the children at the orphanage video called and sang them the Happy Birthday song.

"Just talking about it chokes me up because we are just regular people and this is so humbling," Starkey said. "If you just do a little something or just think outside yourself, regular people can really make a big difference. We are also so appreciative for all of the support from the surrounding community. This is a birthday that will be unforgettable."

The Kitchen Table menu

Aug. 27 - (Thursday) - Italian beef sandwiches, onion rings or fries
Sept. 6 - (Sunday Brunch) - Sausage gravy and biscuits, sausage links, pancakes, breakfast casserole
*The Kitchen Table is located at 7034 S. Klondike Road, Rochelle. The suggested donation is \$5 unless otherwise stated. A kid's menu is available each serving date and includes peanut butter and jelly, corn dog with chips or chicken nuggets. Please note that all menus are subject to change. Serving is from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Sunday brunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu is always available on the answering machine by calling 815-561-9074 or visit www.KitchenTableRochelle.org.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug. 26
Derek & Christy Oleson
Aug. 29
Brad Arnold
Sept. 1
Weston Peterman
Sept. 3
Charles & Kayla Peterman
Sept. 4
Micah Coffman
Jeff & Michelle Larsen
Sept. 6
Melissa Villalobos
Greg & Liz Danekas

Sept. 7
Kyleigh-Ann McPherson
Sept. 9
Georgia Rogers
Sept. 11
Melinda Pourchot
Sam Oymaian
Sept. 12
Ianna Smith
Sept. 14
Alivia Law
Sept. 17
David Jones
Jenny Rosenbach

Sept. 18
Amie Eggenburg
Terry & Teresa Dodillet
Sept. 19
Leland & Lucy Hazlip
Madison Wooten
Sept. 22
Krew Sullivan
Sept. 23
John Worley
Chris Doering
Sept. 28
Ashley Bunker
Sept. 29
Josh Walker

Call 815-561-2151 to submit names for birthdays and anniversaries



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- Aug. 4 - Joan Woksa, Rochelle, \$25
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- Aug. 6 - Dakota Ames, Rochelle, \$25
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- Aug. 8 - Megan Egyed, Amboy, \$25
- Aug. 9 - Sheena Hessler, Stoughton, Wisconsin, \$50
- Aug. 10 - Alex Hutson, Rochelle (CHS), \$25
- Aug. 11 - John Dreska, Rochelle (CHS), \$25
- Aug. 12 - Melissa Long, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, \$25
- Aug. 13 - Hoover and Mary Mercado, Reno, Nev., \$25
- Aug. 14 - Ken Simandhar, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 15 - Teresa Strum, Dixon, \$25
- Aug. 16 - Joann Orr, Rochelle, \$50
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- Aug. 24 - Tricia Hernandez, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 25 - Jeff Perry Chevy, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 26 - Rochelle Area Comm. Foundation, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month



Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Early bird?
- 4 Said "not guilty"
- 8 Molt
- 12 By way of
- 13 Emanation
- 14 Rent
- 15 Work unit
- 16 Whirl
- 17 Long-billed wader
- 18 Sprinter's device
- 21 Many millenia
- 22 Parcel of land
- 23 Allude (to)
- 26 Driver's license datum
- 27 Foundation
- 30 Out of control
- 31 "Oklahoma!" baddie
- 32 Stead
- 33 Vat
- 34 Haw partner
- 35 Tureen accessory
- 36 Prohibit
- 37 Emeril's shout
- 38 Extremely exciting
- 45 Plankton component
- 46 Love god
- 47 Dove's remark
- 48 Works with

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- 49 New Haven school
- 50 Choose
- 51 Not so much
- 52 Resorts international?
- 53 "The Matrix" role
- DOWN**
- 1 Prior nights
- 2 Encircle
- 3 Lady —
- 4 Cleric
- 5 Pea-family plant
- 6 Ms. Brockovich
- 7 Hung
- 8 Half a circus clown's pair
- 9 Vagrant
- 10 — The Red
- 11 Dilbert's worksite
- 19 Stench
- 20 Go a few rounds
- 23 Snitch
- 24 Ostrich's cousin
- 25 Pass (off)
- 26 Total
- 27 Auction action
- 28 Wet wriggler
- 29 Payable
- 31 Football garb
- 32 Genie's home
- 34 Chapeau
- 35 Expires
- 36 Marching-band section
- 37 Half of 49-Across' fight song
- 38 Booty
- 39 Otherwise
- 40 Census statistics
- 41 Snare
- 42 PC picture
- 43 "Unh-unh"
- 44 Attend

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals W

KU RIRVPJMN P YRVR GM QFKA F
JEABZ MU YRKQZG, YMEXN GZFG
JVKAQ ED FXX BXMDRV GMQRGZRV?

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

CryptoQuip

bringing us all closer together?
bunch of weight, would that
if everybody were to gain a
answer

LOCAL NEWS

Contact Tracer class available online through Kishwaukee College

MALTA — Kishwaukee College Workforce and Community Education has added Contact Tracer to their short-term training programs.

The new program will be offered online this fall and will begin Sept. 13 and end on Sept. 26.

Contact tracers are skilled, public health professionals who provide information regarding isolation/quarantine, testing and public health resources. They work with individuals who have been diagnosed with a highly communicable disease and individuals who have been

exposed to highly communicable diseases.

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The cost of the program is \$50.

For more information, visit kish.edu/contacttracer or contact Melissa Gallagher, coordinator of short-term training and continuing education, at mgallagher1@kish.edu or 815-825-9466.



Village of Progress announces scholarship opportunities

OREGON — The Village of Progress Foundation will offer two scholarships in 2020. As a result of COVID-19, the scholarship winners will be notified by the end of October and their pictures will be posted on The Village of Progress Facebook page. Checks will be made out directly to the student.

The first scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is made possible through a joint effort between The Larry Young & Friends Charities and The Village of Progress Foundation. Larry Young & Friends Charities partner with The Village of Progress Foundation every year to help make our annual golf outing a success. Larry Young also serves on the Foundation's

Board of Directors.

The second scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is made possible through the generosity of the Cacciatore Family. The Cacciatores have been long time supporters of the Village of Progress. Wanda Cacciatore served on the Village of Progress Board of Directors for 10 years beginning in 1988. She has served on the Foundation's Board for almost 30 years.

The scholarship honors her husband, Pete, who was also an enthusiastic supporter of the Village of Progress. Pete passed away in the fall of 2014, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to the Village and its mission.

To be eligible for either scholarship, the student must:

Be a resident of Ogle County;

Be either a high school senior who is disabled or is planning on attending college and majoring in an area related to the disabled, or a full-time undergraduate college student who is disabled or is majoring in an area related to the disabled

Applications must be received by Oct. 1, be completed on the foundation application form, and include at least two written references. The financial status of the applicant is not a consideration.

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Public Notice is Hereby Given that Community Consolidated School District Number 231, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 8th day of September, 2020, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Rochelle Middle School Building, 111 School Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 231, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois

Dated the 20th day of August, 2020.
Trisha Vaughn
Secretary, Board of Education, Community Consolidated School District Number 231, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois
No. 0822 (Aug. 26)

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3. The Attorney for the Estate is: Patrick M. Flaherty, 2114 Deerpath Road, Aurora, IL 60506.

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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Former Rochelle Township High School student-athlete Hayden Jones will be playing baseball and golf for the Kishwaukee College this coming year.

RTHS grad Jones signs with Kishwaukee College

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

FORMER Rochelle student-athlete Hayden Jones has returned to the Hub City after one year with the TCS Post Grad Academy in McKinney, Texas. Jones will be continuing his academics and athletics at the collegiate level, signing with Kishwaukee College to play baseball and golf.

Jones spent four years with the Rochelle Township High School baseball program including two years on the varsity team under head coach Jarrod Reynolds. A first baseman and left-handed pitcher for the Hubs, Jones smashed four home runs and totaled 15 RBIs during his senior season, helping Rochelle to a 16-9 record. His efforts also contributed to a Northern Illinois Big 12 West title his junior season, Rochelle first conference baseball title since 2006.

"I chose Kishwaukee College because it's close to home and I can have a chance to play golf and baseball again," Jones said. "I'm looking forward to the competition because,

at the college level, you're not promised a spot, and that will motivate me to work hard. Being a student-athlete at RTHS allowed me to play the sports I love, and TCS gave me a great opportunity to improve my skills. I'm hoping to show some of what I learned while playing in Texas."

Jones played three years of golf at RTHS including two years of varsity golf under head coach Glen Mehrings. Jones, who recently competed in the 2020 Fairways Men's Championship earlier this month, will have the chance to learn under new Kishwaukee College coach Thomas Brennan, a local player and former club champion in the Hub City. The 2020-21 season will be the first for the Kishwaukee College men's golf program since before 2010. Jones said he plans to study business or sports management while playing for the Kougars baseball and golf teams.

"I never thought I would be able to golf collegiately," Jones said. "Coach Mehrings was and still is a great coach. He allowed me to have a lot of freedom on the golf course. He really taught me how to enjoy the game."



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RTHS Girls Tennis

Harlem edges Lady Hubs in season opener

Guevara wins at No. 2 singles; Lundquist, Hasz take No. 3 doubles match

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

MACHESNEY PARK — Monday’s season-opening tennis match between the Rochelle Lady Hubs and the Harlem Huskies went down to the final doubles pairing, with both teams vying for the deciding point and a victory to start the 2020 campaign on a high note.

After the courts cleared, attention turned to the No. 2 doubles matchup, where Rochelle senior Sawyer McGee and junior Megan Thompson took Harlem’s Haley Massari and Brooke Decho to a third-set tiebreaker. The pairs went back and forth throughout the set, but the Huskies managed to pull out the win, taking three of the last four points down the stretch to net Harlem a 3-2 win over Rochelle. Decho and Massari took the match 7-5, 6-7, 10-7. “When Sawyer and Megan started communicating with each other more, I saw a lot of improvements in their play,” head coach Lizzie Cartwright said. “As long as they continue to improve their chemistry,



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Junior Josie Lundquist goes to her backhand during her doubles match with the Harlem Huskies on Monday.

I think they’ll be in good shape... I’m really happy for our girls. They were really excited to be out there playing and giving their best effort. I thought the girls competed really well and I’m content with how they played today.” Rochelle (0-1) took the first point of the match Monday evening, with juniors Josie Lundquist and first-year varsity player Sylvia Hasz defeating Harlem’s Lexi Riley and

Lily Bennett in straight sets (6-3, 6-2) at the No. 3 doubles court. The Huskies evened the match 1-1 after Oriana Gjini took the No. 1 singles match 6-0, 6-2 over Lady Hub junior Emma Hicks. Senior Anna Guevara stepped up for Rochelle at No. 2 singles, winning 6-1, 6-3 against Harlem’s Madison Rush to put the Lady Hubs ahead 2-1. Needing another point to keep their team alive in

the match, Huskie players Delaney Johnson and Taylor Goodwin took down Rochelle juniors Jordin Dickey and Melissa Young 7-5, 6-3 at the No. 1 doubles court. “Anna did a great job of not letting up, even though the heat was getting to her and some of our other players,” Cartwright said. “We talked during the match about pushing through and that’s exactly what she



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Senior Anna Guevara prepares to serve. Guevara won her singles match 6-1, 6-3 on Monday.

did. I thought Josie and Sylvia worked together well. I enjoyed watching them hit their volleys because they show no mercy when hitting them.” Monday’s match was

the first of three for the Lady Hubs this week. Rochelle will host Rockford Lutheran on Tuesday before taking on Belvidere at home Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

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behind at 88. Sophomore Griffin Ohlinger (95) was the No. 3 player for Rochelle, with junior Brett Ferguson (109) and sophomore Damen Harrington (118) rounding out the Hub varsity lineup. Above from left to right are Harrington, Ohlinger, Thiravong, Kirk and Ferguson.