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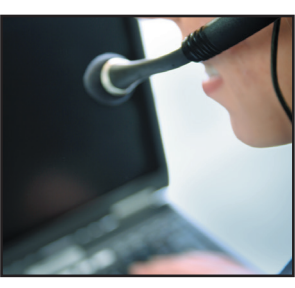
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A special send-off

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN and JENNIFER SIMMONS

ROCHELLE – The Rochelle elementary and high school districts, as well as the local community, held a drive-by parade Tuesday evening for a husband and wife who were very influential in both the community and local schools.

The parade was dedicated to saying farewell to Dr. Joe Thiele and his wife, Norma, as they move to Texas to be closer to their daughter and her family. The parade began at 5:45 p.m. on 10th Avenue by St. Paul Church. The parade went west to 20th Street, north on 20th Street to Carrie Avenue and east on Carrie Avenue before finishing on Sunset Terrace near the Thieles' home where the couple was treated to a horse-drawn carriage ride from friend Jim Cargill

of Cargill Carriage Rides of Franklin Grove.

Joe worked in the educational field his entire career, starting as a teacher and working his way up to superintendent of the Rochelle Elementary School District. During his time as superintendent, he was influential in many decisions, such as consolidating the district transportation systems, and he always made sure to handle himself professionally.

"Being a superintendent of a district can be very stressful at times and Joe always kept his demeanor," retired Central School Principal Neil Swanson said. "No matter the situation he was always very professional, respectful and I never saw him lose his temper. I have nothing but the utmost respect for Joe."

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(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

Neil and Marianne Swanson were just one of many who gave their well-wishes to Dr. Joe and Norma Thiele Tuesday evening during the send-off parade held for the couple.

City applying for shovel-ready grant

If approved, money will help with demolition project

BY JENNIFER SIMMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle City Council approved moving forward with the application of a shovel-ready grant under the state's Rebuild Illinois program Monday night that could assist in demolition costs of the Hickory Grove Banquet Center if awarded.

The total requested grant is \$356,750 to be used for the demolition and site preparation for the existing Hickory Grove Banquet Center. Any additional funds, up to \$365,750 will be committed by the City of Rochelle through its General Fund (franchise dollars from transmission sale to ComEd) and landfill funds. No general sales tax or property tax dollars are allocated to this project.

"Currently, DCEO has not indicated when they will be making the grant awards, but the team at Willett Hoffman think it could be this fall," Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. "If



The City of Rochelle purchased the Hickory Grove property for \$1 and will demolishing the property. The building has been in need of major renovations for years and with the demolition, the property will be available to be redeveloped.

that's the case the project will be bid out in early 2021."

Along with the grant application being submitted, letters of support from Representative Tom Demmer, the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Cooperation and the Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitors Bureau will be submitted to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

In Demmer's letter he said, "The City of Rochelle has been an excellent

steward of funds they've received and they continue to be a "city with it's vision on the horizon, focusing on business growth and business retention." Rochelle has remained proactive in their plans and committed to ensuring that development and infrastructure remain the backbone of this rural community."

Executive Director of Blackhawk Waterways Diane Bausman mirrored Demmer's thoughts.

"As the regional destination marketing organization, we welcome facilities that have the ability to attract

visitors and generate an economic benefit via increased sales tax dollars for the area," Bausman wrote in her letter of support. "The redevelopment of the former Hickory Grove Center into a multi-use facility would benefit not only the city of Rochelle but our entire region. It would provide much needed space for events, banquets and receptions and the addition of another restaurant in Rochelle expands the choices offered to locals and visitors when dining out."

The state has allocated

\$13 million in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Shovel Ready Sites (RISRS) component. A grant ceiling of \$2 million per project has been established. Grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded. The Governor's Five-Year Economic Development Plan recognizes there are sites across Illinois with great economic development potential that require additional investment in order to become "shovel-ready."

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Recommendations made for school opening in fall

No plans finalized for Rochelle schools yet

ROCHELLE — On Tuesday, Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education released recommendations for how to best safely educate Illinois students for the 2020-21 school year.

As a result of recommendations made, Rochelle Schools Superintendent Jason Harper released a statement to elementary and high school parents.

Today, Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State

Board of Education released recommendations for Illinois school districts as they determine how best to safely educate our students for the 2020-21 school year.

I know you are all ready to have immediate answers about what school will look like next year, but the Rochelle Schools will still need time to process the more than sixty pages of guidance. We ask for your continued patience as we develop our plan for next year.

As we plan, we will keep the following priorities in mind:

1. The health and safety of our students, staff, and the greater Rochelle community,
2. Providing for our students' basic physical and mental health needs,
3. Providing an excellent education to every student, and

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SPECIAL: Community gives Thieles a proper send-off

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Joe was also known to always look for the positive in any situation, even if he was meeting with a student or teacher about something that was done wrong or needed to change. Joe also made it a point to remember the names and faces of not only the teachers and principals in the building, but many of the students and their families too.

“He would always recognize a former student, a former parent, somebody he was involved with in the educational field or even somebody in his personal life,” Swanson said. “He would always stop and talk to them asking them how their kid or significant other is. He seemed to always have a great memory of the people he was involved with and I thought that was very impressive.”

Throughout his career as superintendent, Joe’s wife, Norma, worked as the librarian at Tilton School and would attend every meeting and conference with him. After his retirement, Joe was a member of many different organizations and committees in town including the Rochelle Planning and Zoning Committee which he served for 25 years and the Rochelle Lions Club.

Joe was also influential in the construction of the new Lincoln School. Whether it is in the community or in the school districts, Joe and Norma will long be remembered.

“As I got into the superintendent position, I was very conscious of the legacy that Joe had left,” retired Superintendent Todd Prusator said. “Joe had a legacy of being ethical, fair and kid centered, always doing what was best the



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

Dr. Joe and Norma Thiele wave to passers-by during the send-off parade held in their honor Tuesday evening. The couple, who has made their home in Rochelle for 62 years, will be moving to Wylie, Texas, this week. At right, the couple’s children, Mark and Debbie, were on hand for the event as well.

students.”

Joe and Norma will be making their home in Wylie, Texas, after calling Rochelle their home for 62 years.

The couple moved to Rochelle in 1958 and raised their family here — a daughter, Debbie, and a son, Mark.

Mark was on hand

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Todd Prusator



from Pennsylvania, as were Debbie and her husband, Craig, and their daughter, Megan, for Tuesday’s send-off.

Debbie and Craig

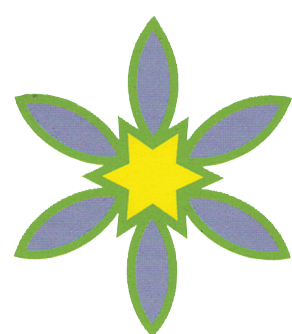
Sweet, and daughter Megan — along with her family — live in Wylie and are looking forward to having Joe and Norma close by.



The couple was treated to a carriage ride from Cargill Carriage Rides of Franklin Grove after the send-off parade.



Many held signs with words of well-wishes during the send-off parade Tuesday. Some, as above, even tossed candy and blew bubbles.



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LOCAL NEWS

Dozens of endangered turtles released

FRANKLIN GROVE — More than 70 threatened Blanding's turtles will be released in two prairie preserves for the first time thanks to a new collaborative species protection program involving The Nature Conservancy (TNC) of Illinois, Forest Preserve Districts in DuPage and Lake Counties, Richardson Wildlife Foundation and Northern Illinois University.

Scientists plan to release the year-old turtles, known for their apparent permanent "smile," at Nachusa Grasslands and the Richardson Wildlife Foundation, which together encompass nearly 6,000-acres of restored prairie, woodlands and wetlands in Lee County.

A large threat to the species is predation—survival rates increase as the turtles grow and reach adulthood. It's something many of them don't live to see—currently, the turtles are a needle in a haystack on this land and others in the state, with less than 20 remaining on both sites. Studies show that most Blanding's nests are raided by raccoons



and other animals.

"We are invested in protecting and expanding populations of the few turtles that remain," said Elizabeth Bach, ecosystem restoration scientist for The Nature Conservancy at Nachusa Grasslands. "It's truly an extraordinary wildlife effort involving the collaboration of scientists from across the state. We're excited to be part of this species' critical and rewarding conservation journey."

Eggs were collected

one year ago at both sites, a difficult, delicate and often days-long process requiring a deep dedication from the scientists involved. The eggs were then incubated by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Once hatched, the hatchlings were transferred to the Lake County Forest Preserve District, where experts have raised the baby turtles ever since, a process called head-starting.

In the wild, Blanding's hatchlings hiber-

nate during the winter months, but at the facility in Lake County, they stay awake to eat, potentially growing to the size of a three to four-year-old turtle in a year's time. Turtles are released back into the wild when they grow large enough to better protect themselves from predators.

A team from the Department of Biological Sciences at Northern Illinois University will place custom-built transmitters on a portion of the Blanding's turtles ahead of the release at each site to track survival rates.

"The headstart program has been crucial to helping stabilize and grow the Blanding's turtle population in Lake County," said Gary Glowacki, wildlife

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ecologist at the Lake County Forest Preserve District. "We're thrilled to support this effort at Nachusa Grasslands and the Richardson Wildlife Foundation."

The species is one of seven endangered turtles native to Illinois. The Blanding's turtle release will supplement an existing small and vulnerable population of animals to their habitats and is, ultimately, a step to restore the whole ecosystem.

As the climate rapidly changes, this is also a demonstration of the importance of land protection and how a connected landscape can support a species as populations are forced to relocate and adjust to these profound changes. Illinois residents can get involved in the initiative by learning about a main

cause of habitat loss—human development.

The Nature Conservancy

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In Illinois, The Nature Conservancy has helped protect more than 86,000 acres across the state since its inception more than 60 years ago with a particular focus on conservation of the prairies, savannas, forests, wetlands and rivers that dot its landscape.

For more information, visit <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/unit-ed-states/illinois/>.

Description

Blanding's turtle is a medium-sized turtle with an average straight carapace length of approximately 18 to 23 cm (7.1 to 9.1 in) with a maximum of 25.5 cm (10.0 in). A distinguishing feature of this turtle is the bright yellow chin and throat. The carapace, or upper shell, is domed, but slightly flattened along the midline, and is oblong when viewed from above. The carapace is speckled with numerous yellow or light-colored flecks or streaks on a dark background. The plastron, or lower shell, is yellow with dark blotches symmetrically arranged. The head and legs are dark, and usually speckled or mottled with yellow. Blanding's turtle is also called the "semi-box" turtle, for although the plastron is hinged, the plastral lobes do not shut as tight as the box turtle's.

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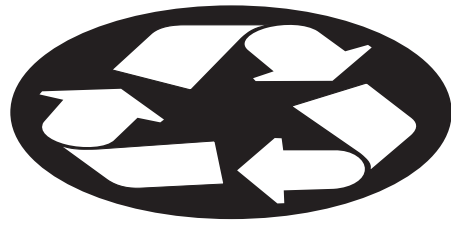
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LOCAL NEWS

Rebuild Illinois grant could help fund new well house, well rehab and water tower project

BY JENNIFER SIMMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE—The City of Rochelle's project on a new well house, well rehabilitation project and painting of the city's water tower is proceeding but may get some monetary support if a Rebuild Illinois grant application is approved.

Following approval by the Rochelle City Council Monday night, Rochelle City Manager will file an application with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

As part of the state's Rebuild Illinois program, the state has allocated \$25 million in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Public Infrastructure component with a grant ceiling of \$5 million per project. The city's new well house, well rehabilitation and water tower painting project submission is requesting \$2.625 million with a match from the city of \$875,000.

"The City of Rochelle is requesting this funding because they are unable to fund this vital infrastructure project on their own. The city just completed another major water system project with their own funds, and are not comfortable using the remainder of their surplus funds in this

uncertain climate," Fiegenschuh said. "Rochelle was prepared to move forward with construction on the proposed project, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the city decided to initially delay/postpone the project if they were going to fund it on their own. With design completed and permits in-hand, the city is ready to move forward with the project immediately; they just financial assistance to make it happen."

Following approval by council Monday night, the application for the grant will be filed with the DCEO.

Included in the grant application, paperwork reads "the proposed reconstruction project's impact will be amplified by it's location. The entire City of Rochelle is located in a designed DCEO Underserved Area.

In addition, the proposed project location is in an Opportunity Zone, in one of the City of Rochelle's TIF Districts, and in the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone. Any infrastructure improvements in this area will be incredibly impactful.

The City of Rochelle's connection and proximity to one of the greatest multi-modal transportation systems in the nation will be impacted by the project as well, as most systems utilize the City's water system in



Above is the vicinity of the where the well house will be constructed on Second Avenue, near the overpass and the city's power plant.

some capacity. Rochelle's multi-modal transportation system includes the second largest public transportation system, the second largest rail system, the third largest interstate system, the fourth largest highway system, and one of the busiest airport systems.

Rochelle is located at the intersection of Interstates I-39 Logistics and Distribution Corridor and the I-88 Research and Development Corridor. The City of Rochelle Industrial Railroad has been the catalyst for economic development for the City

of Rochelle for more than 30 years. The continuous expansion of the rail system has allowed rail-served industries to cut cost and increase efficiency in shipping and receiving operations due to the dual interchanges with Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroads.

The CIR was strategically established and located on the growth edge of Chicago's westward commercial frontier to meet the demand of industries looking to locate outside the capacity-constrained Chicago area."

OPEN: Plans still uncertain for Rochelle schools

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4. Being good stewards of our district resources. When we have our local plan ready, we will share it out with students, parents, and the community as quickly as we can.

Some of the recommendations made during the governor's press conference Tuesday included:

Students and teachers will be required to wear face coverings if they are medically able;

Gatherings in one place will be limited to no more than 50 people;

Schools must adhere to stricter cleaning and disinfecting guidelines;

And conduct regular symptom checks.

Gov. JB Pritzker said at the news conference every district must develop its own plan based on those guidelines.

Pritzker also said the Illinois Emergency Management Agency will provide public K-12 districts in Illinois with 2.5 million cloth face masks, allowing schools to provide one to all students and staff.

Pritzker first ordered all public and private schools, including colleges and universities, to close for in-person instruction on March 13 and on June 4, schools were allowed to offer limited in-person instruction and summer school programs as part of Phase 3 of the reopening plan.

Kishwaukee College announces fall plans

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will be open for classes for the Fall 2020 semester. As the

State of Illinois begins to re-open, Kishwaukee College is planning to bring some students, faculty

and staff back to campus.

The current plan is to offer the majority of classes online, with some lab and career and technical education courses on campus following CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines.

There are three types of courses for the fall:

Online/Online. These courses will be offered in a traditional online format. Students complete coursework at any time of day that works best for them.

Online/synchronous. These courses are online at a particular time, with scheduled virtual class meetings that students will attend via computer, providing live interaction between instructor and students. "Online/synchronous" class sessions will meet during the times listed on course schedule for those sections.

Hybrid. These courses will combine online lecture with limited on-campus meetings in labs, shops and studio art. These on-campus meetings will occur during the times listed on course schedule.

Kishwaukee College is committed to providing quality, affordable education to students in a safe

environment.

"We are looking forward to welcoming students back to campus in the fall with new safety guidelines and reduced capacity on campus and in the classroom," said Kishwaukee College president, Dr. Laurie Borowicz. "With the current plan, the College will be prepared to make quick adjustments to the course schedule and college operations should there be further disruptions if a surge in COVID-19 should happen."

With all courses having an online component, the college is committed to providing the necessary tools and resources needed for student success in the online environment. Having access to the required technology is key. The college has Chromebooks and laptops available for check out for students who do not have access to a computer. In addition, the college campus will be open during set hours for students needing access to the internet.

The fall semester begins Aug. 17. Students can enroll now online or set-up an appointment with an academic advisor or our counselor. For more information, visit www.kish.edu/fall.

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DEMO: Grant could help offset cost

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Redevelopment in infill locations can use vacant buildings, parking lots, empty schools, or other underused sites for new amenities and businesses near existing neighborhoods. The purpose is to provide funding for site preparation for underutilized properties that can transform into economic development opportunities across Illinois, according to the DCEO website.

Council voted 7-0 in favor of moving forward with the application process.

LOCAL NEWS

Rochelle officers write several speeding tickets

On June 19 at 12:46 p.m., Rochelle police cited Desiree S. Walker, 27, of Rolling Meadows, for speeding 60 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date is set for July 24.

On June 19 at 1:02 p.m., Rochelle police cited Graeila Balderas-Lopez, 41, of Creston, for speeding, 57 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date is set for July 24.

On June 19 at 1:28 p.m., Rochelle police cited Ivan J. Price, 52, of Rochelle, for speeding, 49 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for July 24.

On June 19 at 2:03 p.m., Rochelle police cited Deanna D. C. Edwards, 20, of Rochelle, for speeding, 60 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date is set for July 24.

On June 19 at 5:23 p.m., Rochelle police cited Hailey F. Anderson, 19, of Rochelle, for speeding, 53 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date is set for July 24.

On June 20 at 10:17 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Terence J. Artl, 65, of Las Vegas Nevada, for having an overweight vehicle. He posted I-Bond. His court date is set for July 24.

On June 20 at 11:16 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Dennis A. Koehler Jr., 47, of Rochelle, for disorderly conduct. He posted \$120 bond. His court date is set for July 24.

On June 21 at 3:01 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Emily A. Miller, 28, of Rochelle, for domestic battery. She was transported to jail.

On June 22 at 2:09 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Zechariah Furman, 26, of Rochelle, for violation of an order of protection. He was transported to jail.

Mehring, Myroth and Tilton named to Dean's List

MILWAUKEE—The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2020 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate

GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Local students include Emma Mehring, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Paige Myroth, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biomechanics, and Abby Tilton, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources, all of 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.

AFC FFA to host farmer's market

ASHTON — The Ashton-Franklin Center FFA will be going ahead with the Farmer's Market this year. It will be held in front of the AFC Jr/Sr High School every first Tuesday of the next three months: July 7, Aug. 4, and Sept. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, everyone will be required to wear masks. Social distancing will be practiced and there will be hand sanitizer stations placed throughout the market. Only 10 people will be allowed in the area including the vendors. Customers should stay in their vehicles until directed to shop by Market Manager Mallory Henert.

The AFC FFA members look forward to seeing you this summer. They are also looking for vendors to join the farmers market. If interested, contact Kelly Viall at kviall@afcschools.net.



Car catches fire after striking tree

On June 17 at 10:23 p.m., deputies responded to the 900 block of East Hay Road for a report of a one-vehicle crash. It was determined that a Ford Fusion driven by Steven Early was traveling east on Hay Road when he swerved to miss a deer, causing him to strike a tree. Early's vehicle caught fire and was deemed a total loss. No injuries were sustained in the crash. Deputies were assisted on scene by Oregon Fire. The crash remains under investigation.

On June 17 at 2:44 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 38 and Chana Road. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Carlos Loyola, 22, of Rochelle, for unlawful possession of cannabis. Deputies also arrested the passenger, Anthony Urrutia, 30, of Rochelle, for a valid Ogle County arrest warrant for failure to appear. Both were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

June 18

On June 18 at 7:58 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 104. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Elvie A. Turnage, 49, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for Driving While License Revoked. Turnage was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

June 20

On June 20 the Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Buddy List, 43, of Ashton, for driving while license suspended. List was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's deputies on Illinois Route 64 after being stopped for speeding. List was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 20 at 9:18 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's deputies received a complaint from a resident in the rural Oregon area that a woman had threatened a person with a handgun and left. Ashley Paddie, 29, of Mt. Morris, was located in Oregon by

Oregon Police. She was taken into custody for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, a violation of the Cannabis Control Act, aggravated assault, and no FOID card. She was arrested and taken to the Ogle County Jail.

June 21

On June 21 at 11:30 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas Russi, 51, of Oregon, for aggravated domestic battery following an investigation of a battery that occurred last week. He was taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

June 22

On June 22, Michael Rowe, 29, of Shannon, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for driving under the influence of alcohol. Rowe posted his \$5,000/10 percent bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail with a future court date of July 24.



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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Growing up a veterinarian's son

ON Father's Day, I found myself contemplating the veterinarians in my life.

You see, I've been blessed with two veterinarians — my father and my wife.



Scott Reeder

Growing up, I was always "Doc Reeder's boy."

Together we would ride from farm to farm across Knox and Warren counties. I observed and helped with countless surgeries.

Sometimes it was as simple as, "Hold the flashlight, Scotty."

Later, as a teenager, I was gripping the edges of a uterus incision as my father pulled a calf into the world during a Cesarean section.

I remember when I was in kindergarten, sitting cross legged in a barnyard answering my Dad's questions.

"How many stomachs does a cow have, Scotty?"

"Four, Dad."

"Well let's take a look at them, Scotty."

He then proceeded to perform a post mortem, explaining the purpose of each organ in language a 5-year-old could understand.

I remember falling off my bicycle in the second grade and walking home with an injured arm. My father took a look at it and said, "It's either a fracture or a really bad sprain."

His next step was to take me to the veterinary clinic for an x-ray.

I still remember him striding into Cottage Hospital's emergency room with me by his side. He hollered, "He doesn't need to go to radiology, I've got an x-ray film right here."

Animal doctors seem more direct and practical than their human counterparts. Perhaps it's not having to deal with lawsuits and hospital politics.

But it goes beyond that.

Animal doctors have such an intense love for creatures that their homes

tend to become, well, menageries.

When I asked my wife for her hand in marriage, I made her promise: no animals would be added to our family — unless we both agreed.

She hasn't exactly respected this wedding vow. Ok, perhaps she has won my repeated acquiescence by continually wearing me down.

I suspect the only reason I asked for the promise was because of childhood memories.

When I was 8, my dad came home with a billy goat. Dad was vaccinating cattle at a sale barn and as a joke bid \$5 on a lonely goat that had no ears.

We ended up owning the beast that devoured newspapers, cigarette butts and just about anything else. The ruminant had no respect for fences or screen doors.

No sooner had the goat been put in the pasture than it jumped the fence, ran across our yard, peered through the screen door and baaed loudly. Apparently, it had once been a house goat.

My mother took to chasing Billy off the porch with a broom — until he ate the broom.

Having no respect for fences, the animal took to sunning itself on the front porch, which caused more than a few drivers to nearly swerve off the gravel road that ran by our house.

Given this history, you'd think I'd have gone into marriage to a vet with my eyes wide open. Dream on. My wife brought a cat into the marriage that hated all men. Within a week, the cat marked my suit and every freshly pressed white shirt of mine hanging in the closet.

But marital adventures in felines didn't end there. A couple of years after we wed, my wife was more than eight months pregnant with our first daughter and she came home with a kitten that was born without eyes.

Between sobs, Joan said, "They wanted me to put it to sleep just

because it was born this way. I couldn't do it, Scott. What happens if our child is born without any eyes?" As my pregnant wife stroked the blind kitten she added, "It's just a foster cat. It will stay with us just until we find someone who will give it a home

permanently."

The "foster cat" lived with us for another 13 years. It had the floor plan of the house memorized, avoided the kids' toys on the floor with an eerie sixth sense and lounged on the window sill like a prince on a throne.

The current census in our home is: eight dogs, five guinea pigs, four birds, three sugar gliders (flying squirrels) one hamster, one ferret and one very overwhelmed cat.

Dad has been gone now almost five years. But I think about him

every day when I scratch a dog behind the ear, give the cat a tummy rub — or go to the hospital for an x-ray.

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Join farmers in making a difference

DURING this time of year, you might look out your window to see bees and butterflies buzzing around nearby flowers, moving from one plant to the next, pollinating along the way. Many of the fruits and vegetables we enjoy in the summer are a result of the important work these insects do.



Rich Guebert Jr.

What better time to learn more about the role pollinators play in agriculture than during National Pollinator Week?

Here in Illinois, the growing season is in full swing. As you drive by fields of emerging corn and soybeans, take a moment to look for insects flying through fields, helping our farmers produce a strong food supply through pollination.

Pollination occurs when pollen from the male part of a plant is transferred to the female part of the same or a different plant. This movement can take place when pollen attaches to an animal or is carried by wind or water to its destination. Successful pollination results in the fruits, vegetables and nuts that we grow in our gardens or buy at the grocery store.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), pollinators like bees, butterflies, bats and birds are responsible for pollinating more than 75 percent of the

nation's flowering plants and crops. In 2010, pollination by honeybees directly or indirectly contributed to more than \$19 billion of crops; pollination by other insects contributed to nearly \$10 billion of crops.

With such a high reliance on these creatures for food production, it is no surprise farmers are committed to doing their part to protect pollinators.

Last month, the Illinois Farm Bureau submitted data on behalf of our state's agriculture sector to the Illinois Monarch Project for the USFWS Monarch Conservation Database. The report detailed efforts made by farmers and others in the Illinois ag sector to protect pollinators like monarch butterflies throughout the state.

The data shows that from 2014 to 2019, more than 850,000 acres in Illinois were registered in the Conservation Reserve Program and more than 100,000 acres were enrolled in the Pollinator Habitat Program (CP-42). An additional 741 acres were also established as pollinator habitat outside of these federal initiatives.

It is thanks to the voluntary efforts of farmers and foresters, in addition to agriculture groups and state agencies, that pollinators remain protected with the habitat they need to support our food system.

Now that you know more about the role pollinators and farmers

have in producing the fresh produce you will likely enjoy this summer, you might be asking yourself how you can get involved in protecting pollinators.

The answer? Plant a pollinator garden. If you want to see more monarch butterflies in your area, add milkweed, a vital resource for this species, to your landscape. Create a pollinator-friendly environment by planting blooming annuals like salvia, zinnias and lavender. Try to limit the number of times you mow your lawn during the summer to allow wildflowers time to grow.

Pollinators are an integral part of agriculture and it will take all of us working together to ensure they remain in our fields and gardens for years to come. However you choose to make a difference in supporting bees, butterflies and other pollinators — start today.

Richard Guebert Jr., of Ellis Grove, is the 15th president of the Illinois Farm Bureau and serves as full-time executive officer. He is also president of COUNTRY Financial, Illinois Agricultural Service Company, and the IAA Foundation. He represents IFB on the coordinating committee for GROWMARK, Inc. Guebert has a bachelor's degree in agriculture education, with a minor in animal science from Southern Illinois University.



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COMMUNITY

Ashton couple celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

ASHTON – Esther Boyd and Wayne Silvius were united in marriage June 25, 1950 at, the then, Ashton Evangelical United Brethren Church. They lived in Oregon before moving to Ashton in late 1951, where they have lived ever since. They were blessed with three daughters, Ginger Lynn (deceased), Vickie Graham of Virginia and Lynette

Thompson of Wisconsin. Due to the coronavirus their daughters are planning a family get together via the “high tech online Google Meet.” Anyone interested in sharing their congratulations may send their cards and well wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Silvius, PO Box 105, Ashton, IL 61006.

Hospital offering sports physicals

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital will be offering Sports Physicals on Thursday, July 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. These physicals will take place at the Family Healthcare Clinic at the hospital instead of Rochelle Township High School as in years past. As part of the physical, a free physical therapy assessment will also be offered by RCH Physical

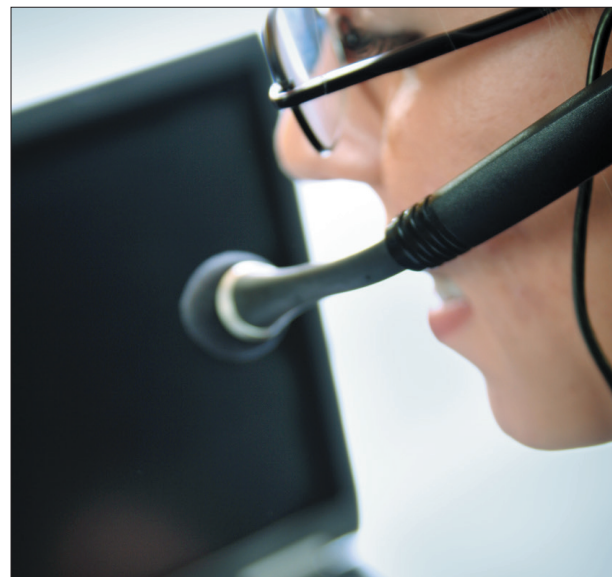
Therapy staff. To schedule an appointment, call 815-562-2181 and dial “0”. Walk-ins are welcome. High school, middle school, Rochelle Junior Tackle athletes or any student athlete is welcome. The cost is \$35 to be paid by cash or check only; no insurance will be accepted that night. All proceeds will be donated back to the schools/

organizations represented. Students and parents are asked to use entrance “G” at the South end of the hospital in the Health & Wellness Center. Masks are required and there will be a temperature check at the door. Parents should be advised that this physical does not meet the requirements for incoming sixth graders or freshman physicals.

Triage line hours reduced

ROCHELLE — Due to decreased demand, Rochelle Community Hospital has announced that effective Monday, June 29, COVID-19 Triage Line hours will be reduced to three days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Non-emergent COVID-19 questions will be addressed by calling 815-561-8829 and an RCH nurse will assist you. Callers will have the ability to leave

a message and the call will be returned during the triage line hours of operation. The hospital’s COVID-19 Triage Line was introduced on March 19 to answer questions, provide screening and refer patients for COVID-19 testing if indicated. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) COVID-19 hotline is available seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. by calling 1-800-889-3931.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 25
David & Courtney Jones
Treavon Huff
Chyanne Bozek

June 27
Brittany Sullivan

June 28
Grace Sherburne
Harold Sanders

June 29
Greg Danekas
Derek Oleson

Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 — Na Na

4 Swindle

7 Summery desserts

8 Fussess

10 Sixth president

11 Many

13 Proof of a crime

16 Sprite

17 Unclear

18 Still, in verse

19 Say it isn't so

20 Rhyming tributes

21 Groups of musicians

23 Slanted edge

25 Volcanic outflow

26 One of the Three Bears

27 Sailor's assent

28 Unwilling

30 Fine, to NASA

33 Texas city

36 Bill-payment period

37 Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"

38 Mystery writer's award

39 Don of radio

40 Sun. speech

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41 Rand McNally item

10 Expert

12 Man of — (Superman comparison)

25 Fond du —, Wis.

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32 Family

34 Cushions

35 "Joy of Cooking" writer

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3 Took for granted

4 Made pigeon sounds

5 "Strange to say ..."

6 — me tangere

7 "American —"

8 Hot rum drink

9 Withdraw

14 Catches some rays

15 — and outs

19 "CSI" evidence

20 Eggs

21 Louisiana marsh

22 Unwilling

23 Dog owner's ordeal

24 Son of

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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
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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: **R** equals **S**

OJ V ROZ QDOTW-HWOOEEYF AVAAVM
JYMQ OAVZOEVL C OMM EYHHYH, OQ'H
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King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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STATE NEWS

Guidelines released to safely reopen additional businesses and industries

400,000 Illinois residents set to return to work as state moves into Phase 4 on June 26;
New guidelines will allow key leisure, recreation and business sectors to safely reopen

CHICAGO—Governor JB Pritzker Monday released plans to safely continue reopening businesses and industries as Illinois moves into Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan.

Working with public health officials and business representatives, guidelines were developed to keep workers and customers safe as the economy recovers. All four regions of the state are currently on track to move into Phase 4 on June 26 as the state continues to make significant progress in reducing new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, with the average 7-day statewide case positivity rate falling to just 2.5 percent as of June 20.

Phase 4 allows for the safe reopening or expansion of several key business segments – such as health and fitness, movies and theater, museums and zoos, as well as indoor dining at restaurants. Phase 4 also allows for expanded gathering sizes, increasing the limit from 10 in Phase 3, to 50 people or fewer. This expanded gathering limit extends to key activities like meetings, events, and funerals. For full guidance and other resources visit: [Illinois.gov/businessguidelines](https://www.illinois.gov/businessguidelines).

“Over the last four months, Illinoisans have pulled together with the common mission of keeping each other safe. By staying home and practicing social distancing, the rate of new COVID-19 cases continues to drop and each region throughout the state is prepared to move to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan,” said Pritzker.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) collaborated closely with local governments, businesses, and other stakeholders in the development of guidelines for Phase 4. In all, more than 150 businesses and regional partners were consulted on the guidelines developed with IDPH to ensure alignment with the State’s Restore Framework and the latest public health data.

“From the beginning, our administration has worked tirelessly to find solutions for businesses and communities impacted by this crisis so they can reopen safely,” said DCEO Acting Director, Michael Negron. “These new guidelines for Phase 4 represent our continued progress in overcoming the virus and will make way for hundreds of thousands more to return to work, and for more Illinoisans and Illinois businesses to come back into the economy.”

To ensure businesses can reopen safely, the state released a common set of standards expected of all employers, while also outlining industry-specific guidelines using a risk-based approach to support unique operational needs of businesses across the state. Industry guidance will help businesses and residents feel safe in returning to many of these new activities that have been closed for the past several months.

Additionally, retail, service counters, offices, personal care (including salons, barber, nail salons), manufacturing and other industries allowed to reopen in Phase 3 will continue to operate at a reduced capacity.

During Phase 4, common public health standards remain in effect – including the use of face coverings and social distancing. Industry-specific guidelines may vary but are designed to help employers, workers and residents feel safe in transitioning to the next phase of reopening the state. All industries should continue to conduct regular cleanings, employee health screenings upon entry and mid-shift, and allow employees who can continue working from

home to do so.

The state’s move to Phase 4 of the plan is expected to bring approximately 400,000 additional Illinoisans back to the workplace across all industries. While Phase 4 marks the return of 7 percent of the state’s workforce, it accounts for about \$30 billion in annual GDP returned to operations and represents continuous progress towards

fully reopening the state’s economy.

Phase 4 guidelines were designed by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in coordination with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to ensure that as more activities and businesses resume operations, policies are in place to protect the health and safety of Illinois residents.

Guidelines

Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan creates safety guidelines for the following permitted activities and businesses to resume, with capacity rules in place:

- Meetings and events: Venues and meeting spaces can resume with the lesser of up to 50 people OR 50% of overall room capacity. Multiple groups are permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups. This includes activities such as conferences and weddings.

- Indoor and Outdoor recreation: Revised guidelines to allow select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks), as well as clubhouses to reopen. Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers OR 50% of facility capacity with outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.

- Indoor Dining: Indoor dining can reopen with groups of 10 or less, with tables spaced 6-feet apart in seated areas and with standing areas at no more than 25% of capacity.

- Museums: Can reopen with no more than 25% occupancy, and with interactive exhibits and rides closed; guided tours should be limited to 50 people or fewer per group; museums should have a plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing; concessions permitted with restrictions.

- Zoos: Can reopen with no more than 25% occupancy, and with interactive exhibits, indoor exhibits, and rides closed; guided tours should be limited to 50 people or fewer per group; zoos should have a plan to limit congregation

via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing; concessions permitted with restrictions.

- Cinema and Theatre: Indoor seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers to allow admission of the lesser of up to 50 guests OR 50% of overall theater or performance space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall theater or performance space capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.

- Outdoor seated spectator events: Outdoor spectator sports can resume with no more than 20% of seating capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.

Film production: Allow no more than 50% of sound stage or filming location capacity; crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer.

- Youth and Recreational Sports: Revised guidelines allow competitive gameplay and tournaments; youth and recreational sports venues can operate at 50% of facility capacity, 20% seating capacity for spectators, and group sizes up to 50 with multiple groups permitted during practice and competitive games given venues have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.

- Health and fitness centers: Revised guidelines allow gyms to open at 50% capacity and allow group fitness classes of up to 50 people with new safety guidelines for indoors, with multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups.

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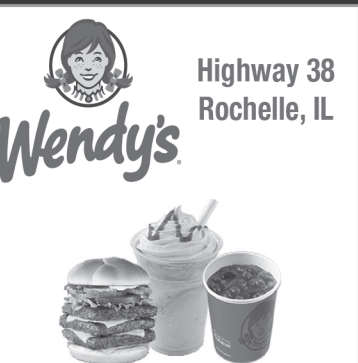
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HUB SPOTLIGHT

Quintanilla builds trust, confidence in net

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

WHEN Rochelle Township High School senior Alexis Quintanilla was 6 years old, he would watch his cousins play soccer every Saturday in Rockford. The interest in soccer prompted his father to sign him up for the sport, and as soon as he was placed on his first team, he was hooked. Quintanilla went on to spend three years with the RTHS Hub soccer program, working his way up from the junior varsity team to earn the starting goalkeeper position as a senior. Quintanilla led the Hubs with 56 saves this past season, spearheading a defense that helped Rochelle finish 13-8 overall, third in the War on 34 and fourth in the Interstate 8 Conference.

"The RTHS soccer program taught me that I have to push myself beyond my limits," Quintanilla said. "I have to push myself in everything I do if I want to be my best. I also learned that communication is important on and off the field. Regardless if we were winning or losing, we were all a family at the end of the day. During my time at RTHS, I feel that my confidence in the net improved, and I trusted myself to know that I could block every shot that came my way."

Quintanilla, who plans to attend Kishwaukee College and study business, said his fondest memories with the RTHS soccer program were from his junior season, when the Hubs pulled together a historic campaign that including a Northern Illinois Big 12 Conference Championship, an IHSA 2A Regional Championship and the school's first-ever sectional finals appearance.

"My favorite memories were winning the regional final, making the sectional finals and running on the track after school every day with the boys," Quintanilla said. "I hope to find a career that



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

Rochelle senior Alexis Quintanilla recorded nearly 60 saves for the Hubs this past season.

makes me happy my whole life or be successful in something that makes me happy every day."

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OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
BEATRICE)
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Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of BEATRICE A. MANNEL, of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters were issued on June 18, 2020, to DONALD J. MANNEL, whose address is 8830 S. Lynn St., Rochelle, IL 61068, and whose attorney is James G. Ahlberg, P.O. Box 358, 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, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, no later than December 24, 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.

JAMES G. AHLBERG, Attorney for DONALD J. MANNEL, Executor of the Estate of BEATRICE A. MANNEL, Deceased No. 0637 (June 24, July 1, 8)

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IN RE THE
PARENTAGE OF:
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Petitioner,)
And)
ADAM DAVIS,)
Respondent.)
Case No.: 19-F-83

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, ADAM DAVIS, Respondent, in the above entitled action, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Ogle County by the Petitioner, KRISTIE KNETSCH, against you praying for a Judgment of Parentage and for other relief.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, ADAM DAVIS, the Respondent, file your answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise make your appearance, in the Circuit Court of Ogle County, held in the Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Illinois, on or before July 20, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Petition. Dated this 11th day of June, 2020. Kimberly A. Stahl, CIRCUIT CLERK No. 0628 (June 17, 24, July 1)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**
County Ogle/Lee
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RTHS Section NumberNot applicable
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Sealed proposals for the improvement described below will be received at the office of RTHS, District Board Room, 1401 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068 until 10:00 AM on July 8, 2020
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Name Transportation Center Pavement Replacement
Length: NA
Feet: NA
Location RTHS Transportation Center, 1382-1384 N. 8th St., Rochelle, IL 61068
Proposed Improvement
Transportation Center Pavement Replacement
Time

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4. The following BLR Forms shall be returned by the bidder to the Awarding Authority:

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b. BLR 12200a Schedule of Prices
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e. BLR 12326: Affidavit of Illinois Business Office

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7. The bidder shall take no advantage of any error or omission in the proposal and advertised contract.

8. If a special envelope is supplied by the Awarding Authority, each proposal should be submitted in that envelope furnished by the Awarding Agency and the blank spaces on the envelope shall be filled in correctly to clearly indicate its contents.

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PROTECTING THE NET

RTHS senior Alexis Quintanilla worked his way into a starting role this past season.

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RTHS Boys Basketball

Back on the hardwood

Prusator accepts varsity assistant coaching role at Zionsville High School

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE Township High School alum Grant Prusator ended his prep basketball career as one of the greatest scorers and all-around players in program history. Nearly eight years after graduating from RTHS, Prusator will be returning to the high school hardwood, only this time he'll be coaching from the bench as a varsity assistant at Zionsville High School in Indiana.

Prusator scored over 1,500 points in his career with the Hubs, earning two IBCA All-State Honorable Mentions and setting a single-season record with 96 triples during the 2011-12 season. The all-time 3-point record holder with 282, Prusator went on to play four years of college hoops, spending one season at Highland Community College before transferring to Indiana State University for two years and ending his career at Arkansas Tech.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to help players achieve their goals on and off the court,"

Prusator said. "There are so many things to learn through the game of basketball about leadership, handling adversity and how to focus on details and mastering skills... The more I get away from playing the game and investing in coaching, the more I've loved coaching and training players who have goals to make the varsity team or play collegiately."

Prusator currently lines in Noblesville, Indiana and teaches special education at Zionsville. He was introduced to the basketball program two years ago, hiring on as a volunteer assistant for the junior varsity team before current head coach Shaun Busick informed him of the varsity assistant opening for this coming season. Outside Zionsville, Prusator has recently served as a youth basketball skills and development coach with the M14 Hoops Training Academy.

"I have so many mentors and coaches at different levels who have taught me how to connect with players," Prusator said. "My father Todd [Prusator], coach [Tim] Thompson and coach [Russ] Zick have made a huge impact

on how and why I coach... I hope to become a full-time basketball trainer one day and help players achieve their dreams on the court."

From JUCO to Division I and Division II, Prusator's unique collegiate experience saw him fill a variety of different roles with his respective teams. Whether he was a leading scorer and facilitator, a 3-point specialist or a reserve on the bench, Prusator said his ability to relate with players and their experiences, including injuries, has helped him grow as a coach and a trainer.

"I've had to work through many different situations so I can relate to what many players are going through," Prusator said. "I want to help players learn and grow through my experiences and hopefully I can elevate their experiences on the court... I think I can help players who are hungry and ambitious to achieve their goals. I'm a basketball junkie and I love having the ability to focus on the details of scoring, being a point guard and studying what makes players great."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Former Rochelle Township High School basketball star Grant Prusator will be coaching with the Zionsville High School program in Indiana this coming season. Prusator will be a varsity assistant for the team.

RTHS Softball

Irving ready to slide into special education career

Lady Hub senior pursuing dream job

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

AFTER four years with the Rochelle Township High School softball program, senior Molly Irving will prepare to begin her academic studies at Kishwaukee College as she works to pursue a career in special education, which has been her dream for as long as she could remember.

Irving had been slated to be one of Rochelle's top returning seniors this spring, but the Lady Hubs unfortunately lost their season to the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout her four years with the program, Irving said her favorite memories were the talks she had with her coaches, something she called her "Molly chats," after each practice to see

where she could improve.

"I wanted to be 100 percent focused since it was my last year playing softball, and I wanted to be a positive influence for the underclassmen," Irving said. "We were having a really good time together, which made it a hugeummer when COVID-19 broke out and cut our season short... The RTHS softball program taught me that communication is key. If you can't communicate with others on or off the field, it's going to be difficult to get to where you want to be."

Irving spent her first season with the freshman team before playing for the fresh-soph team as a sophomore and then moving up to the varsity team her junior season. Her interest in the sport began when she started playing T-ball with other



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Rochelle senior Molly Irving plans to study special education at Kishwaukee College.

boys and girls at 5 years old. She continued to play until she was old enough for softball and has played ever since.

"I'm not sure why I started playing, but I knew I loved the sport from day one," Irving said. "I always enjoyed playing with my friends, and whether we won or lost, the fact we had the opportunity to play together was something that meant a lot to me."

RTHS Wrestling



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Nadig medals at Cheesehead Apocalypse

Rochelle Township High School wrestler Caleb Nadig competed at the Cheesehead Apocalypse in Wisconsin Dells this past weekend. Nadig went 4-1 in the tournament, winning his final two bouts by fall to claim the third-place medal in his 138-pound bracket. Above are Nadig (middle), his father John (left) and RTHS head coach Alphonso Vruno (right).