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Hub City Senior Center makes plans for monthly birthday party. See page

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# "Striking out cancer"

# Bowling fundraiser planned for Kings' Tammy Greene

**BY ANDREW HEISERMAN** STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE**-Local teachers will be rallying around a fellow colleague next month and are asking the community to join in.

Kings Elementary School will be hosting a fundraising event at T-Byrd Lanes next month to help benefit one of its long-time teachers who is battling breast cancer for the second time.

The event, which they have titled "Strike Out Cancer" will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 beginning at 5 p.m. at T-Byrd Lanes in Rochelle. The event will feature many activities for people of



Tammy Greene (center) with several students from Kings School.

all ages such as bowling, basket raffles, silent and live auctions, a 50/50 raffle, food and drinks,

music and many different giveaways throughout the night. All of the proceeds

will be used to help Tammy Greene offset her medical expenses from fighting this disease.

"We host a fundraiser event at the school every year that we call spirit night and usually the funds go the school's extracurricular activities," explained Niki Adamski, parent of a student and school board president. "But this year it was a different need and had a different feel for sure. so we thought we needed to do something a little bigger. Something that would bring in more than just people with a kid in the school."

This whole event was put together by the parents of kids in the school and not the school itself.

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# **Task force being created**

Four-person group to reach plan for dealing with strays, feral cats

#### **BY JENNIFER SIMMONS** MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — An ordinance that had been on the City of Rochelle books since 1996 was amended Monday night — a move resulting from an uproar over the city posting on social media last week about policy for trapping stray cats and possibly euthanizing them. City officials received a great deal of public backlash on Thursday afternoon following the release of a proposal for dealing with feral cats in the community, which was based on the current ordinance. Reaction was strongly opposed to a plan that was released by the city through its own social media platform, allowing residents to trap and turn in feral cats roaming



*"...we have a* program called Ask Us Anything - some earned through the event

# **Cash calendars** on sale now Support local groups through annual Rotary fundraiser **BY ANDREW HEISERMAN** STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – As the holiday season approaches that means it is time to decorate the house and start shopping for gifts, but it also means it is time to get your 2020 From the Heart Cash Calendar for the upcoming year. Cash Calendar is a program that has been put on annually for the last seven years by the Rotary International Organization and the From the Heart Giving event. People purchase the calendars for \$20 and have a chance to win different cash prizes every single day of the year. Along with getting the chance to win money each day, people who purchase the calendars will be benefiting eight different non-profit organizations.

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the neighborhoods. The uproar was caused by a statement in the release that the local veterinarian clinic may euthanize any stray cats that were captured.

Monday night, council approved an amendment to the ordinance, striking the wording from the ordinance that read: Any

dog or cat not registered and unclaimed after three days may be destroyed. Any dog or cat registered and unclaimed seven days after notice is mailed to the person designated on the registration as the owner, by regular mail, may be destroyed.

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# Grants helping VCCT bring building to code

**BY ANDREW HEISERMAN** 

STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE**-The Vince Carney Community Theatre recently received two grants that will help the organization complete the renovations of its future home, the former Lincoln School.

The first grant of \$15,000 was from the Union Pacific Railroad as part of its "community ties" giving program as part of their community spaces section. The second grant is a matching grant from the Landmarks Illinois, preservation heritage grant. This was a matching grant, so the community theater had to raise at least \$2,500 and then the organization would also put in \$2,500.

Both of these grants are very helpful in paying for some of the costs of remodeling the old school.

"The grant from Landmarks Illinois is going to be used to pay for the

plaster construction that they fixed outside," explained Amy Frank, Vince Carney Community Theatre president. "And the Union Pacific grant will be used for paying off the rest of the plaster bill, along with moving the old emergency exit from the west wall located behind the stage to the more accessible south wall."

Along with these repairs the group also brought all of the other exits up to ADA code, making them more handicap accessible.

The Vince Carney Community Theatre is very thankful for the grants, because without the help from them the theater would have to do a lot more fundraising from the community. Not only did receiving these grants help fund the renovation project, but it also helped validate to the theater that other organizations see the importance of what they are doing.

"It means that other people and organizations are recognizing the work that we are doing and think it is just as important as we think it is," added Frank.



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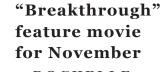
### Celebration





The Hub City Senior Center hosted the October birthday party on Oct. 9. Above are several who celebrated a birthday in October. According to the center, those celebrating in October included Steve Aldis, Alice Arjes, Don Barton, Georgia Broome, Larry Brown, Frances Bruns, Betty Ann Burns, Ruby Call, Mary Clark, Thora Cliffe, Bobbie Colbert, Ken Cradduck, Verda Crum, Jim Donoho, Mildred Doyle, Ken Esgar, Ginny Gabriel, Jose Gallegos, Tom Grennan, Earl Hardcastle, Betty Henley, John Henze, Sandra Hickey, Bessie Holt, Richard Johnson, Linda Kaisher, Frances Karper, Tom Kersten, Ginny Kettleson, Lynn Kraus, William Kucenski, Dub Lambert, Maria Lara, Simon Latinwo, Nancy Lazenby, Donna Lowe, Don Lytle, Gayla Martin, Amos Miller, Marilu Montgomery, Keith Nesemeier, Ralph Papke, Shirley Plumb, Esther Prabhakar, Wilma Ramsey, Velma Rasmussen, Joe Schrader, Norma Seebach, Carol Shempert, Dean Shook, Charlene Smith, Sherry Smith, Bill Stocking, LaVonne Strom, Alberta Taylor, Helene Timm, Barbara Tomanek, Patty Troxel, George Vrana and Donna Waters. At left are Rose Larsen and Ralph Papke at the October party.

(PHOTOS SUBMITTED)



**ROCHELLE** – Movie day at the Hub City Senior Center will be Friday, Nov. 22 at 12:15 p.m.

Due to cancellation last month, this month's movie will be "Breakthrough."

Based on a true story, "Breakthrough" is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, sometimes even a miracle.



**The Hub City Senior** Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. The center will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2.



# Senior Moments

T'S so hard to believe that November is upon us. We have had quite the October with the

center being closed for two weeks due to the



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ment. It looks beautiful. I can't wait for you to see for yourself. Our computer

classes are continuing through the month of November. Sarah Flanagan from the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District

is teaching Computer Basics at 9 a.m. and Advanced Computers at 10 a.m. Thank you so much, Sarah.

Kelly from the Sterling Hearing Aid Center will be at the senior center on Friday, Nov. 8. Kelly can test your hearing, and help with other issues having to do with your hearing aids. Call us to schedule your appointment. We will be closed

on Monday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. Thank you very much to all our veterans. We appreciate each one of you for your service to our country.

Libby from State Representative Tom Demmer's office will

Hintzsche will set our festive tone with his beautiful music. It's going to be a great celebration complete with presents, flowers and balloons.

Those celebrating their birthdays in November include: Marlys Bennett, Mary Margaret Bernardin, Brenda Bjorneby, Ronald Boweman, Eugene Brake, Larry Brown, Marcella Brown, Nancy Carr, Hisako Chisamore, Robert Dougherty, Shirley Fields, Erika Fischer, Carolyn Fleenor, Modesta Garcia, Karen Haiman, Frank Hintzsche, Marlene Hobbs, Cathy Horton, Marion Jarrett, Laureen Lower, Paul Lower, William Martin, Sylvia Mattson, Annabel Mercer. Berdean Moland, Carol McCarter. Joan McCleavy Meg Montalto, Alice Murphy, Margaret Olson, Cecile Plourde, Dixie Plourde, Barbara Price, Maria Ramirez, Connie Rivera, John Roe, Evie Sandlin, John Savage, Joyce Schabacker, Irv Scott, Francine Spring, Mary Stein, Pat Stoll, Steve Strang, Norma Swanson, Gladys Tastad, Larry Tastad, Linda Thomas and Norene Yelich. Call the senior center at 815-562-5050 soon to make your lunch reservation for this fun and festive morning of celebration and thanksgiving.

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join us on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 10 to 11 a.m. Libby will answer questions and voice your concerns to our representative.

Our November Birthday Party and Thanksgiving dinner celebration will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13 starting at 10 a.m. We will feast on a traditional Thanksgiving meal catered by Iron Skillet, which will include roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, cranberry relish, pumpkin pies and birthday cake. We are asking for a \$5 donation, which will help cover most of the cost of the meal. Roger



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# LOCAL NEWS COUNCIL: Plan in the

# works for cat program

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"On Thursday when this happened and the whole process started around 11 a.m. and by 4:45 p.m. there had been a full interview with [a local] TV station, also broadcast live on Facebook, there had been a meeting with staff to address the issue and there were talks about what was going to be done moving forward. Friday morning the city manager and myself met with staff and there was some talk about what was being done going forward a little further, and it was stated, not that this matters, but it's clear that everyone knows, the ordinance was an ordinance that started in 1996," Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows said. "It's not an ordinance that any council members currently or staff had anything to do with. This was an old ordinance and I think it's also important, because of some of the attacks made on staff, that the council and the mayor set policies, the city manager carries out the policies based upon what the council wants. So, to attack the city manager for carrying out a policy that was on the books was totally wrong."

Bearrows continued by explaining how the issue came to the forefront.

"This only came up because of some ques"We've had several people reach out to us about some things that we can do and some programs that are out there available...there's a ton and I learned that in the last 72 hours...We're going to discuss not only what program we're going to come up with and how we move forward but we're going to figure out how we're going to fund it."

### John Bearrows

tions posed to the city council on Facebook – we have a program called Ask Us Anything - some comments were made about what to do about feral cats, some people felt it was a problem, that's kind of what started this whole issue."

Along with the amendment to the ordinance, Bearrows said a task force would be formed to research how to move forward in dealing with stray and feral cats in Rochelle.

"Tonight, what we do going forward, I'm going to ask city council for a motion to remove a section of the current code Section 14-36 relative to feral cats and euthanization... I'm also going to ask to work with the city manager over the next several days to develop a task force of board members, three of which will be myself and two staff members and the fourth will be an outside member of the community to review... we've had several people reach out to us about some things that we can do and some programs that are out there available...there's a ton and I learned that in the last 72 hours," Bearrows said. "We're going to discuss not only what program we're going to come up with and how we move forward but we're going to figure out how we're going to fund it.

Council members voted 7-0 in favor of the amendment to the ordinance.

# **BOWL**: Fundraiser planned

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Greene has been a teacher at Kings School for approximately 30 years, coming in as a seventh grade history teacher and then, after five or six years, switching to fourth grade where she has been teaching since. During her time as a teacher she has been so involved with the school and both the kids and their parent's lover her.

Many of the faculty and staff even had her as their teacher when they attended Kings School as a child.

"She was my teacher as well and now she has second generation because my daughter has her as well. The families all have a really cool 
 Greene

bond with her, because she took us on all of our junior high trips and now she is taking all of our kids on these trips," added Adamski.

Greene has previously beaten breast cancer and had been in remission for the last nine and a half years before finding out in May that her cancer had returned.

Bowling slot reservations are on sale for \$10 each that include three games of bowling, shoes and prize opportunities or four packs for \$50, which include three games of bowling, shoes, prize opportunities, a pitcher of pop and an appetizer. Attendees can have up to eight people per lane.

Reservation forms can be acquired from the school or printed off their Facebook page "Tammy Greene Benefit" and must be returned to the Kings School office, with checks made payable to Tammy Greene Benefit.



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# LOCAL NEWS

#### **Obituaries**

MALTA — Donna J. Gommel, 86, of Malta, passed away Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, at Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb.

She was born April 2, 1933, in

Creston, the daughter of Ellwood and Alberta (Quitno) Cedarholm. Donna married Robert R. Gommel on October 10, 1954 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Creston.



Donna was a

graduate of Rochelle High School Class of 1951 and graduated from Lutheran Deaconess School of Nursing in Chicago in 1954. She was a nurse at DeKalb Public Hospital, also in Junction City, Kansas and was a private care nurse in the community. She was a teller at Resource Bank.

Donna farmed with her husband for 60 years in the Malta Community

Donna Gommel

and together they enjoyed traveling to Norway, Sweden and Germany to explore their heritage. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church where she served on many committees; and a board member of Woodlawn Cemetery Association. She was a district leader for Northern Illinois Synod of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and was an election official for many years for Malta Township. She is survived by her husband,

Bob; her children, Dave (Jeanette) Gommel of Malta, Sharon (Jon) Popp of Gilbert, Iowa, Mark (Laurie) Gommel of Malta; grandchildren, Julie (Andy) Bailey, Christy (Dan) Popenhagen, Katie Popp, Kaleb Popp, Maria (Bryan) Taylor, Erik (fiancé Lori Perry) Gommel; great-grandson, Jason Popenhagen; two sisters, Marge (Ray) Huftalin of Osage, Iowa, Mary (Ken) Seim of DeKalb; sister-in-law, Dorothy (Bruce) Latimer of Clare; aunt,

# Bertha Byro of DeKalb; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her in-laws, Reiny and Hedy Gommel.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 126 E. South St. in Creston, with the Rev. Ron Larson officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 at Anderson Funeral Home in DeKalb.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Donna J. Gommel's name, for St. John's Lutheran Church or Malta Township Library, addressed to the Gommel Family in care of Anderson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 605, 2011 S. 4th St., DeKalb, IL 60115.

For information, visit www. AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com or call 815-756-1022.

# Rita Marie Kisner

**DAVISBORO, Georgia** — Rita Marie Kisner, 75, of Davisboro, Georgia, passed on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 following a brief illness. Mrs. Kisner was a native of Ro-

chelle, the daughter of Allen and Betty Kisner. She was preceded in death by her sister, Sandy Dinsmor, and daughter, Anita Furman.

Survivors are her son, Eugene Kisner of Rochelle; daughter, Sheryl Pate and her husband Jerry of Davisboro, Georgia; grandchildren Eric Kisner, Davianna Johnson, Terry Olsen, Nichole Olsen, Sam Guzzardo, Andrew Groth, Nathan Groth and Victoria Pate; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Jean Tabor (Gory) of Mesa, Arizona; and brother, John Kisner of Rochelle.

A celebration of life for Rita will be held at the Rochelle Moose 903 on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.

# **CALENDAR:** Support groups

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"The main goal of this program is to help the non-profit organizations that partner with From the Heart," explained Rotarian David Eckhardt, the person in charge of the From the Heart event. "Where else can you spend \$20 and help out eight organizations."

All of the proceeds from the sale of calendars will benefit each of the From the Heart recipients.

There is a drawing every single day of the year, ranging in amount by the specific day. Each normal day of the week is \$25, Sundays are \$50, and other special days such as holidays range from \$250-\$1,000 drawings.

There is a slip at the bottom of the calendar where people put their name and number to be entered into the drawings.

"Each of the drawings very in amount, and there is no limit to the number of times a person can win. I have known multiple people who have won twice," added Eckhardt.

Counting up all of the daily winners and special drawings, there is a total

of \$18,275 worth of cash prizes.

When someone purchases the calendar, along with being entered into the daily drawings and helping support the non-profit organizations. They also receive an insert with valuable coupons to 15 local businesses.

Even if someone were to buy a calendar and never win once, they would still get their money's worth in coupons.

"There is more than \$20 worth of benefits in just the coupons themselves," said Eckhardt.

Calendars can be purchased at a variety of locations in Rochelle and surrounding communities such as: First State Bank, Stillman Bank, HOPE Chest, the Rochelle News-Leader, and Hub City Senior Center in Rochelle, Merlin's in Oregon, Shining Star in Dixon, and the Amboy News Office in Amboy.

Calendars may also be purchased through the mail. Clip out the ad in the Rochelle News-Leader paper and send the form with a \$20 check to Rotary Calendar, PO BOX 372, Rochelle, IL 61068.



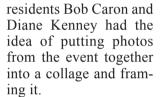
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# **Pair preserves history**

#### **BY ANDREW HEISERMAN** STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – Two local residents who came up with their idea to preserve a historical event in Rochelle over a cup of coffee, have now turned it into a reality.

Approximately a week after the Union Pacific Big Boy Steam Engine 4014 stopped in Rochelle and drew a crowd of more than 1,000 people, local



ing it. "We were having coffee together and we were still buzzing about the amount of people that came out to see the train," said Kenney. "Between the two of us and the pictures from the News-Leader we had some great pictures doc-



Bob Caron and Diane Kenney (right) presented Sarah Flanagan of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library with a framed memento commemorating the Union Pacific Big Boy Steam Engine 4014 stop in Rochelle.

umenting what happened that will never happen again. We started putting it together very soon after we came up with the idea, working at it a little bit at

Township Museum.

In the meantime, the collage will be displayed at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library during upcoming events for people to see. "We have our spooktacular event coming up this weekend and then we have our Christmas walk in December, then once we are finished with those events it will be put on display at the museum," explained library director Sarah Flanagan. Both of the creators, the library and the museum are all happy to help preserve a piece of history that represents what Rochelle and the community is about.



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a time."

The train came to Rochelle this past July, and the final touches were put on the collage the morning they were going to present it — Thursday.

"In the process of putting it together we went through three different frames until we found the one that was just right," added Caron.

The collage was put together with the thought in mind that it would eventually end up on display at the Flagg



A close-up view of the framed photo.

# Chlorination levels to increase in Illinois water supply

**ROCHELLE** – Following an increase in required chlorination levels in Illinois drinking water supplies by the Illinois Environmental Protection, Rochelle Municipal Utilities will increase from the previous .5 milligrams per liter to 1 milligram per liter. \The regulations are part of an effort to decrease the frequency of Legionnaire's Disease, a pneumonia-like condition. The previous standards were adopted in the 1980s.

As a result of the increased chlorination, residents may notice a chlorine-odor in the water.

# LOCAL NEWS

# Woman cited for failure to yield

On Oct. 23 at 8:15 a.m., Rochelle police cited Brooke A. Miller, 25, of Rochelle, for failure to yield/stop at an intersection. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date is set for Dec. 13.

On Oct. 23 at 6:15 p.m., Rochelle Police arrested Dustin M. Hutcherson, 32, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. He was transported to jail.

On Oct. 25 at 10:21 a.m., Rochelle Police arrested Lawrence C. Tweed, 62, of Charlotte, North Carolina, for domestic battery. He was transported to jail.

On Oct. 25 at 11:36 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Ronald A. Mear, 52, of Kennett, Missouri, on a Kane County Warrant. He posted \$500 bond. His court date is set for Nov. 21.

On Oct. 25 at 12:20 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Justin R. Prew, 39, of DeKalb, for DUI. He was transported to jail.

On Oct. 26, Rochelle police arrested April R. Burgess, 30, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. She posted \$300 bond. Her court date is set for Nov. 15.

On Oct. 27 at 12:15 p.m., Rochelle police cited, Alexandria R. Ethridge, 20, of Rochelle, for improper passing. She posted I-bond. Her court date is set for Dec. 13.

On Oct. 28 at 10:16 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Patrick J. Larson, 19, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. He was transported to jail.

# Woman arrested for driving while license revoked

On Oct. 25 at approximately 11:30 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at 5534 N. Limestone Road, Monroe Center. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Rhonda Conderman, 55, of Monroe Center, for driving while license revoked. She was transported to the Ogle county jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 26, the following were arrested for Ogle County Outstanding warrants:

Maximilian Steck, 23, of Mount Morris. Steck was arrested for a speeding warrant with a bond of \$3,000. Steck received a recognizance bond of \$3,000 and was released from the Ogle County jail. Steck has to return to court on Nov. 12 at 9 a.m.

Marion Frye, 22, of Rockford, for failure to appear warrant. Frye had a bond of \$875. Frye posted bond and was released from the Ogle County jail.

On Oct. 25, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office investigated a disturbance in the parking lot of 1401 Flagg Road in Rochelle. As a result of the investigation, Destinee Mohica, 18, of Rochelle, was arrested for battery. Mohica was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. The victim, a 17-year-old female, also of Rochelle, suffered minor injuries and refused treatment.



From 1860 to 2019 the H.I. Lincoln Building, now the Lincoln Highway Interpretive Center, has been a major feature of Franklin Grove's business district.

# **New direction for historic building**

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — The Historic H.I. Lincoln Building in Franklin Grove is starting a new lease on life. Originally built in 1860 as a dry goods store by a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, the building served many uses over the next 135 years.

Very seriously deteriorated by 1995, a group of community minded historians began a five year restoration project. When the building reached a usable state in the year 2000 a relationship with the Lincoln Highway Association, that continues to this day, began.

While the building is currently closed for installation of new windows, interior cleaning and repainting, a new boardwalk and many other upgrades, the refurbishment will work around a Nov. 23 two show concert date by the internationally renowned musical duo of Marty McCormick and Brian Fitzgerald known as Switchback.

Upon re-opening when renovations are complete, the building will be known as the Lincoln Highway Interpretive Center. New management for both the interpretive center/souvenir sales and the ongoing music shows will be named before re-opening at a date to be determined.

Souvenir selection will be upgraded and significantly expanded in Lincoln Highway items plus a wide selection from other area tourism attractions.

Progress can be monitored on Facebook by going to H.I. Lincoln Building.

# Federal REAL ID mandate takes effect Oct. 1, 2020

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding Illinoisans that the federal to conduct business from home. Some online transactions include: obtaining a duplicate driver's license or

on whether they want to apply for a REAL ID or keep their current driver's license or ID card," said White. "We are asking Illinoisans who choose REAL ID to come prepared with the necessary documents and to please be patient at the facility because the process takes longer due to the multiple documents required by the federal government." The REAL ID Act is a federal mandate by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that sets standards for state-issued DL/IDs by making identification documents more secure to combat fraud and identity theft. REAL ID cards meet security requirements set by the federal government and have a gold star marking in the top right corner. Standard DL/IDs that do not

comply with requirements of the federal REALIDAct are marked with the phrase "Federal Limits Apply," as

those who currently hold a standard Illinois DL/ID — must provide:

One document prov-

passport with an approved I-94 form).

For more information on REAL ID, visit REALID. ilsos.gov. For more information on the REAL ID Act, please visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's website at dhs. gov/real-id-public-faqs.

REAL ID mandate takes effect on Oct. 1, 2020. For Illinois residents who fly domestically, effective Oct. 1, 2020, the federal government will require you to use a valid U.S. passport or obtain a REAL ID from the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

It is important to know the following key points:

You have a choice. You do not need a REAL ID if you have a valid U.S. passport, military ID or otherTSA-acceptable form of identification. These documents will be accepted for domestic air travel. For a complete list of acceptable documents, please visit: https://www.tsa.gov/ travel/security-screening/ identification.

You do not need a REAL ID if you do not fly domestically or visit secure federal facilities.

However, if you want to apply for a REALID, come prepared with the necessary documents.

Customers are encouraged to visit www.RE-ALID.ilsos.gov and use the interactive document checklist to help ensure they bring the proper documents to the facility, making the process more efficient.

Customers are asked to please be patient at facilities as the process to apply for a REAL ID takes longer due to the multiple documents required by the federal government.

Customers are also encouraged to take advantage of the many online services offered allowing patrons ID card, renewing a vehicle registration, obtaining a driver record abstract or renewing a standard driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal Program.

Illinois REAL ID cards are now a permanent option for Illinois residents.

Current Illinois driver's licenses or ID cards will be accepted for domestic air travel or to enter secure federal facilities until Oct. 1, 2020. According to the federal government, a valid U.S. passport, passport card, and military ID are some acceptable alternatives to a REAL ID card.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed 2019 property tax levy increase for Illinois Community College District #523 will be held on November 12, 2019 at 5:30p.m. at Kishwaukee College.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President or

Jill Hansen, Chief Financial Officer, Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois, 60150,

815-825-2086, extension 9334 or 9517.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2018 were

\$10,575,371. The proposed corporate and special purposes property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$11,086,825. This represents a 4.84% increase from the previous year.

III The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$4,328,586. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public commission leases for 2019 are \$4,420,406. This represents a 2.12% increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2018 were \$14,903,957. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$15,507,231. This represents a 4.05% increase from the previous year.

/s/ Kathleen Spears Kathleen Spears Secretary

# LOCAL VIEWS

### Letters to the Editor

# **Shares practice protocol**

#### Dear Editor,

To say my emotions are running high this week is an understatement. I am angry that my business was blindsided by a careless Facebook post; I am appalled that there are people who think that euthanizing stray cats is even an option; I am hurt that people make accusations about us without knowing the facts; and I am humbled by my amazing clients that have my back.

Anyone who knows me or comes to my hospital knows how much I love helping animals and how hard I work to advocate for them. I have never chosen to euthanize healthy animals. The doctors I work with feel the same way, so our hospital policy is to offer alternatives for healthy, adoptable pets. Euthanasia is not something to be taken lightly.Anowner's choice to euthanizetheirbelovedpetis difficult, and although I try to keep myself composed, I can be found crying right along with them.

I had never spoken to Jeff Fiegenschuh, the Rochelle city manager, until he came to the hospital to apologize to me on Friday. Until that conversation with him, no one from the city or the police department had discussed implementing a program to address the feral and stray cat situation with me or anyone from my hospital.

When I purchased the Rochelle Veterinary Hospital on Feb. 1, 2010, Ilearned of aprior agreement with the city to euthanize strays if they were not claimed within three days. When I bought the hospital and found out what the policy was, I contacted the city immediately and got permission from them to start a stray adoption program. This same program has been in effect since February of 2010.

When a stray is brought in we try to find its owner. This is why microchipping pets is so important. It allows us to contact the owner as soon as they are brought in. For the animals without a microchip or tag, after the mandated time, if we are unable to find an owner we put them up for adoption. If we can't find them a forever home, we transfer them to one of the areanon-kill shelters so they can find them a home. The exception to this is if they are severely injured, we will make the decision that they should be euthanized to prevent further suffering.

I am very proud of our stray adoption program. Over the years we have been able to find wonderful homes for many many animals. I would not have my own pets if it weren't for strays being adopted. Both my dogs and two of my cats were brought in as strays. PepperJack, Annabelle, Booger and Buster are part of my family and I can't imagine my life without them.

The only good thing that has come out of this mess is to see that the community cares for the cats as much as we do. I will be happy to work with the city to implement a program that helps address the feral/stray cat problem, but one that will benefit the cats as well.

I would again like to thank everyone who has supported me and the Rochelle Veterinary Hospital this week.

**Dr. Nicole Marquardt** Rochelle Veterinary Hospital





"I THINK WE CAN BEAT HIM IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER."

# VOICE ON THE STREET

# Question:

Halloween is Thursday and temperatures are expected to only reach a high of 36 degrees with wind and 1 to 3 inches of snow possible. Do you ever remember trick-or-treating on Halloween when there was snow? Will that change your plans for trick-or-treating this year?





# Humane means getting stray cats off the streets

#### Dear Editor,

If Rochelle truly wants to address the homeless cat crisis "in a humane way," it should do everything it can to get cats off the streets, even if that means euthanizing those that are too sick, injured, or unsocialized to be placed in homes ("Public outcry over city's stray cat proposal," Oct. 25, 2019).

Painless euthanasia by caring shelter staff is nothing to be ashamed of: It is far preferable to dying alone and in agony under a porch or shed. Faced with extreme temperatures, contagious diseases, speeding cars, and predators, it should come as no surprise that the average outdoor cat has a lifespan of just 2 to 3 years, compared to 12 to 15 years for an indoor cat.

When shelters try to appease "life at any cost" bullies, it inevitably adds up to slamming the door in animals' faces. As a result, citizens with unwanted animals or with perceived conflicts with strays take matters into their own hands, setting cats up for violent deaths by poisoning, shooting, drowning, or worse. The infamous videotaped attack on a stray cat by a Chicago teen armed with a pot of boiling water is just one horrifying example. Another Chicago man allegedly allowed his dog to attack and kill a cat while he filmed it. In Waterloo, a man admitted to shooting and killing a cat with a sawed-off shotgun. Just like dogs, cats need a safe refuge. There is nothing "humane" about turning our backs on cats and leaving them to suffer and die on the streets.

> Teresa Chagrin Animal Care & Control Issues Manager; People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Norfolk, Virginia

"No, I don't remember any snow and this weather will not change my plans. I live in an apartment and the kids don't really get all the way up to my floor."

Darrell Jones

*"Yes, I do remember the snow and cold on Halloween."* 

John Loggins

"I do remember snow and I don't like snow, and the weather will not change my plans because I can't go out anyway."

George Wilcox

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# COMMUNITY

# Esmond UMC to host annual bazaar

ESMOND—The Esmond United Methodist Church in Esmond will be holding their 8th annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The kitchen will be serving coffee, coffee cake and cinnamon rolls. Chili and chicken noodle soup will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be crafts, home baked goods.

There will also be several outside vendors, including: Designs by Danelle, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-One, and USBorne Books.

# Roast beef dinner set

MALTA — The Malta United Methodist Church will host its annual roast beef dinner and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 9. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are King Cut (Double Meat) for \$20, regular dinner (ages 8 and up) for \$15, children ages 0-7 for \$5. Carryouts are available. Tickets may be purchased from members or at the door.

The menu includes beef pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, raspberry-applesauce jello salad, fresh baked rolls and homemade desserts.

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## **CALENDAR**

## Thu., Oct. 31

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes chicken and slicks (dumplings), peas and carrots and salad and chili & cornbread. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.

### Fri., Nov. 1

First Fridays Open Stage will be held at the Mount Morris Moose Family Center, located at 101 Moose Drive in Mt. Morris.

## Sat., Nov. 2

8:30-10:30 a.m. The Ogle **County Animal Control** office will host a microchipping day for dogs and cats in the back of the Ogle County Health Department

## Sun., Nov. 3

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — The annual Rochelle Wildlife **Conesrvation Club Turkey** Shoot will be held at the club.

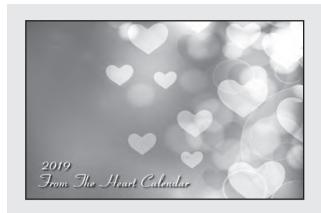
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Brunch will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes shredded chicken over rice with gravy, dinner rolls, peas, sausage, egg and cheese bake, sausage gravy and biscuits and grits.

## Mon., Nov. 4

6 a.m. – Registration for Kishwaukee College spring semester classes begins online. In-person registration at the campus begins on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 8 a.m.

5 to 6 p.m.— Rochelle Christian Community free Monday supper for all in need. The supper is served at St. Patrick Parish Center, 244 Kelley Drive.

6:30 p.m. – Group Hope



## **FROM THE HEART DAILY CASH WINNERS**

Oct. 20 - Samantha Kudelka, Rochelle, \$50 Oct. 21 - Jake Muntean, Dixon, \$25 Oct. 22 - Jill Gallagher, Kings, \$25 Oct. 23 - Jason O'Neal, Cortland, \$25 Oct. 24 - Maggie Nye, Rochelle, \$25 Oct. 25 - Violet Hall, Rochelle, \$25 Oct. 26 - Tracey Johnson, Rochelle, \$25 Oct. 27 - Kathy Pfeiffer, Rochelle, \$50 Oct. 28 - Danielle Hill, Lisle, \$25

Oct. 29 - Gracyn Gabriel, Rochelle, \$25

Oct. 30 - Kassie Elliott, Rochelle, \$25

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

meets in the RCH Health & Wellness Center Conference Room. Provides support with depression and bipolar disorder. Affiliated with the **Rock River Mental Health** Association. (every Monday)

## Tue., Nov. 5

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes Swiss steak, mashed potatoes or rice, green beans, salad, bread and butter. The kids' menu includes corn dog with

chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.

Wed., Nov. 6 1:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednesday)

## Thu., Nov. 7

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes chicken alfredo with broccoli on the side,

salad, garlic bread. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.

5 to 8 p.m. — Kennay Farms Distilling, located in the former Hub Theater at 416 Lincoln Highway, will host Sip 'n Shop, an indoor market featuring a variety of vendors including handmade pottery, wood crafts, jewelry, fresh flower bouquets, homemade breads, soaps, fresh vegetables, pizza by the slice and more. There will be a variety of drink options to enjoy while you sip & shop. Check Kennay Farms Distilling Facebook event for vendor details.

## Sat., Nov. 9

5:30 p.m. — Rochelle United Methodist Church will hold a Turkey Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser in Hicks Hall to benefit the Community Outreach program. Carry outs are also available from 4:30-5:45 p.m. and tickets may be purchased from the church office.

## **Meetings**

## Tue., Nov. 5

7 p.m. — The Creston Village Board will meet in regular session at Creston Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

# Mon., Nov. 11 6:30 p.m. — The Rochelle

City Council will meet in regular session in council chambers at Rochelle City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

## Tue., Nov. 12

7 p.m. — The Rochelle Elementary District No. 231 Board of Education will meet in the media center at **Rochelle Middle School for** its regular monthly board meeting. The meeting is open to the public.



# Coffee Break

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by Linda Thistle

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#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: $\blacklozenge$

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# CryptoQuip

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Clue: L equals O

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# Official Rochelle Trick-Or-Treat Hours Thursday, October 31, 2019 5:00-8:00 pm

# Here are a few tips for lots of safe Halloween fun:

- Trick-or-treat before dark, and don't go alone.
- Only go to houses you know; never go into a strange house or car.
- Don't eat anything until an adult has checked it; throw away unwrapped candy.
- Cross at corners, not between cars.
- Wear light-colored costumes you can move in, and masks that don't block vision.

ATTENTION PIRATES, ALIENS, PRINCESSES, GHOSTS AND WEREWOLVES: Free Roast Beef Slider Sandwich & a kids soft drink to all kids in costume 12 and under between 4-8 pm. on Hallowen 10-31-19. Kids must be accompanied by an addut. Remoteled 13 Now Open 1 Kids must be accompanied by an addut. These businesses would like to remind everyone to follow these tips for a fun and safe Halloween!





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## **BUILDING FOR 2020**

The Rochelle football team will return a large chunk of its roster next season.

See page 4 for more details

### **RTHS Volleyball**

# Home-court advantage

Lady Hubs bounce Belvidere to reach second straight regional final

#### **BY RUSSELL HODGES** SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Tuesday marked the start of the first IHSA 3A Regional volleyball tournament at Rochelle Township High School since 2010. The Lady Hubs reached the championship match when they last hosted, and the girls will be back in the finals this season after eliminating the Belvidere Bucs in the semifinal round.

No.4 seed Rochelle controlled the first set before scoring 13 of the last 17 points in the second set to defeatNo.6 seed Belvidere 25-18, 25-18 and clinch its spot in the regional championship Thursday at 6 p.m. The Lady Hubs improved to 21-15 overall, and they'll carry their four-match winning streak into the finals against No. 1 seed BelvidereNorth(33-3).Avictory on Thursday would result in Rochelle's first regional volleyball championship since 1995.

"It would be awesome if we can win a regional becan hang with Belvidere North and get the win. We played really well tonight and our energy was really high. We met each challenge head-on."

Both teams played a contested first set, splitting the first 20 points evenly before the Lady Hubs took control with service points and strong outside offense from Van Hise and sophomore Sylvia Hasz, who combined for 14 kills in the match. Back-to-back aces from junior Clare Green, who recorded a team-high three on Tuesday, gave Rochelle a 17-12 lead.

Senior Caitlin Hensley kept the Lady Hubs in front with a service point to make it a 20-14 match. Rochelle claimed the opening set after Belvidere deflected a shot from Van Hise out of play. The second set started in similar fashion as the first, with both teams tied 9-9 before Rochelle scored three straight points to force the Bucs to call timeout.

Belvidere gave itself its best chance to win after tallying five straight



Senior Caitlin Hensley throws the ball up for a serve as the Rochelle student section looks on during regional play Tuesday.

senior Maggie Duval, who teamed up for 23 assists in

"A home regional title would be fantastic," head

North can put up some good blocks and they run

Green led the Lady Hubs with eight digs on

cause we haven't won one in so long," senior Katie Van Hise said. "Thursday won't be anything we can't handle and I feel like we

points to lead 14-12. But the Lady Hubs recovered nicely, tightening up their defense and running their offense through Green and the win. Rochelle rallied for a 6-1 run to take a 18-15 lead before closing the match with a 7-3 spurt after a Belvidere timeout.

coach Molly Sly said. "It's exciting to watch good volleyball and I think we'll have a very good match on Thursday... Belvidere

a quick offense. Their back row seems to move very well so I'm excited to see how we match up with them."

Tuesday, while junior Ellie Kinn added six digs. Senior Emma Smith blocked a team-high two shots in the victory.

### **RTHS Cross Country**

# Lady Hubs qualify for second straight sectional

Rochelle girls take sixth at IHSA 2A Regional in Sterling

#### **BY RUSSELL HODGES**

SPORTS EDITOR

**STERLING**—For the second straight season, the Rochelle girls cross country team will be competing for a sectional championship.

The Lady Hubs took sixth place with 176 points in the IHSA2ARegional at Hoover Park on Saturday to qualify for a spot at the 2A Sectional in Belvidere on Nov. 2. Senior Britney Baez led Rochelle in the girls race, finishing 20th with a time of 20:24 while sophomore Sara Johnson ran a personal-best time of 21:36 for 31st place and freshman Yuelma Ortiz added a personal-record time of 22:44 for 38<sup>th</sup> place.

"Our girls team ran very well today, with three of our six runners setting new PRs," head coach Mark Zilis said. "Four of our seven boys ran their PRs, but it just wasn't enough without a runner finishing near the front."

The Hubs placed eighth with 202 points at the



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle girls cross country team finished sixth in the IHSA 2A Regional at Sterling's Hoover Park on Saturday. Above from left to right are Morgan West, Sara Johnson, Britney Baez, Emily Garcia, Yuelma Ortiz and Ahtziri Zepeda.

regional championship. Sophomore Josue Huerta led Rochelle with a personal-best time of 17:58 to take 36th place while junior

Aiden Seldal clocked in at a personal-best 18:07 for 40<sup>th</sup> place. Seniors Tucker Louis (18:16), Seth Gould (18:40) and freshman

David Wanner (18:42) all recorded top-50 finishes in the regional race.

"Our usual top runner, Santi Cordoba, gave it

his best, but is recovering from an illness and just could not produce his usual top-flight finish,"Zilis said. "Josue just missed

qualifying as an individual by one place. Still, I am proud of the effort that our boys team produced at the meet."



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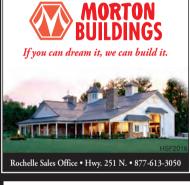
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Q: What is your dream job and why? A: To be a robotics engineer because I have some experience. Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why? A: I would like to visit a deserted island because it sounds so peaceful. Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS? A: Hanging out with my friends.

**Evin Odle** Year: Freshman











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#### **RTHS Boys Soccer**

# Young players rise up as winning ways continue

Leading scorer Orozco, assist man Walters eligible to return next season

#### BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

#### **ROCHELLE** — Ex-

pectations were high as the Rochelle boys soccer team looked to follow up the most successful season in school history this fall. While the Hubs fell short of their championship goals, the team finished with a positive record for the fourth year in a row, and the team will have the majority of its roster back for next season.

Rochelle went 13-8 this fall, placing third in the War on 34 Championship before finishing fourth in the Interstate 8 Conference Championship and bowing out in the IHSA 2A Regional Semifinals against Kaneland. Senior Max Torres (26 goals and 13 assists) headlined the Hubs on offense, while senior Austin Brown (10 assists and 19 saves) showcased his versatility by playing in the midfield, on defense and in goal.

"I was pleased with our progression toward the end of the season," head coach Brad Male said. "I'm looking forward to next season and hopefully we'll have a lot of young players coming "I'm looking forward to next season and hopefully we'll have a lot of young players coming back."

back. They earned a lot of experience this year and I hope they can carry that experience over into next season."

Junior Brayan Orozco turned in another stellar season, finishing with a team-high 31 goals and adding six assists. He'll be flanked next year by sophomore brother Josue Orozco, who recorded 12 goals and eight assists despite missing a chunk of the season. Junior Juan Cincire (three goals and three assists) is an early candidate to step up at forward next year.

**Brad Male** 

The Hubs will return most of their starting midfielders including juniors Josh Hurtado (six assists) and Zane Walters, who totaled a team-leading 19 assists and seven goals for Rochelle. Senior Carlos Nambo (four assists) will be one of the few Hubs departing from the midfield.

"I thought the boys were looking for each other more often and we played more of a passing game where we were always looking for the open player," Male said. "We got our shots off a little better and I thought we were where we wanted to be offensively by the end of the year."

Senior Alexis Quintanilla (56 saves) will be vacating the net after this season, creating an opportunity for freshman Jarett Milan (49 saves) to be the starting keeper next year. Senior Gyvanziel Quinonez will be the only starting defender leaving the program, as junior Damian Salinas and sophomores Ethan Tooley and Bryce Whitehead are all slated to return.

"We worked some players in defensively who hadn't been in that position before," Male said. "I thought they progressed very nicely and they continued to communicate together. We were a lot stronger defensively at the end of the season than we were at the beginning."

#### **NIU Football**

# Huskies dominate Akron for homecoming shutout

# Childers tosses three touchdown passes in 49-0 victory

DEKALB — Junior quarterback Marcus Childers (Adairsville, Ga./ Adairsville) threw for three touchdowns and junior running back Tre Harbison (Shelby, N.C./Crest/ Virginia) ran for a pair as the Northern Illinois University Huskies recorded their first shutout since 2012, blanking Akron, 49-0, on Saturday afternoon (Oct. 26). Harbison rushed for 158 yards on 31 carries and the NIU defense added a pair of touchdowns while holding the Zips to just 145 yards of total offense; pitching its first shutout in 93 games (Nov. 3, 2012 vs. UMass: 63-0).

"I'm proud of the effort of our young men," said NIU head coach Thomas Hammock. "These guys have been grinding the last few weeks to continue to get better and follow the message of the way we prepare and the way we practice. That's indicative of how we play, and we played a clean football game for the most part." NIU (3-5, 2-2 MAC) scored on its first possession of the game as Harbison capped off a 14-play, 74yard drive with a five-yard touchdown. The junior running back had six carries for 29 yards on the drive and gave the Huskies a 7-0 lead with 6:08 to play in the opening quarter. The Huskie lead was still 7-0 when sophomore cornerback Devin Haney (Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill) intercepted a pass from Akron quarterback Zach Gibson on the first Zips drive of the second quarter. It took NIU just one play to convert the turnover into points as Harbison cut through the middle of the Akron (0-8, 0-4) defense and went 30 yards for his second touchdown of the day, giving the Huskies a 14-0 lead. After a three-and-out by the Akron offense, NIU tacked on another touchdown as Childers connected with redshirt freshman Brett Bostad (Kennedale, Texas/Kennedale) from five yards out, giving the Huskies a 21-0 lead to take into halftime. Bostad's catch was the first of his career. The NIU defense allowed just 56 total yards in the first half and held Akron to 0-of-5 on third downs.

NIU's first drive of the second half stalled just past midfield but Huskie junior punter Matt Ference (St. Louis, Mo./ Lafayette) pinned Akron at its own three-yard line. On the first play of the drive, the Zips fumbled inside their own end zone and senior safety Trayshon Foster (Tuscaloosa, Ala./TuscaloosaAcademy)jumped on it for a Huskie touchdown, the first of his NIU career. Following another threeand-out by Akron, the NIU offense marched 70 yards in 11 plays, capped

by an 18-yard touchdown pass from Childers to junior tight end Mitchell Brinkman (Council Bluffs, Iowa/Lewis Central). The Huskies ran the ball on each of the first 10 plays of the drive, with Haribson getting six carries while Childers and sophomore running back Jordan Nettles (Romeoville, Ill./Romeoville) split the other four. Brinkman had two catches for 36 yards, Nettles finished the contest with 71 yards rushing on 12 carries. "My goal was to run

it 50 times a day," said

Hammock. "We knew the weather was going to be a factor, and we wanted to to lean on our offensive line and our running backs, and those guys came through. They played well."

On the fourth play of the fourth quarter, Childers connected with junior Corey Lersch (McHenry, Ill./ McHenry) for a three-yard touchdown, finishing an eight-play, 48-yard drive. Childers went 7-of-9 through the air in the game for 71 yards while also gaining 36 yards on nine carries. NIU closed the scoring with 9:43 left in the fourth when freshman linebacker Nick Rattin (Palatine, Ill./ Fremd) stepped in front of a pass from Robbie Kelley and returned it 31 yards for a Huskie touchdown.

"Our defense and our young players are really improving," said Hammock. "We see it in practice and our young guys – if given an opportunity – are going to make plays. I was impressed with Nick's (Rattin) run after the catch – we certainly may need to use him on offense – Devin Haney the same thing, the run after the catch. He looked good with the ball in his hands. Our goal is to get the ball in their hands and make picks and create fumbles. We left a couple of balls on the ground that we could've picked up, but with the defense that we have and the guys we have out there playing, you can see the real potential."

Akron's Brandon Lee rushed for 76 yards, 38 of which came in the fourth quarter. The Zips had just seven first downs, one shy of the NIU record for fewest allowed in a game.



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### **RTHS Football**

# Hubs carrying momentum as roster rebuilds

Kissack excited for future after 4-5 campaign this fall

# **BY RUSSELL HODGES**

SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Resiliency was the theme for Rochelle football players throughout the 2019 season, and Friday's doubleovertime thriller against the Ottawa Pirates was the ultimate test for a young team with only eight seniors.

Down their starting quarterback as well as three running backs, three linebackers and one linemen, the Hubs refused to let their season end in defeat. Armed with a next-man-up mentality, the Rochelle football team escaped Ottawa with a win, and head coach Kyle Kissack was proud of how his players battled through difficult situations all season.

"What I thought was really neat about Friday night was that the next kid stepped up and performed well under pressure," Kissack said. "We talk all the time about how pressure is a privilege, and as a young athlete, sometimes you can fold when you're put in situations where there's a lot of pressure. I was really proud of their effort Friday night and I thought their effort spoke to the type of kids we have in our program right now."

Rochelle finished 4-5 overall and 3-4 in its first run as an Interstate 8 Conference member. Senior Gavin Ansteth carried the load for the Hubs offensively, rushing for a team-high 720 yards and 11 touchdowns this season. Senior Austin Greifenkamp totaled five touchdowns on nearly 300 yards of offense, while senior quarterback Ethan Etes threw for 213 yards and added 58 rushing yards and one touchdown.

Juniors Ben Harvey (456 rushing yards and two touchdowns) and Gabe Neece(three touchdowns) will be carrying the rock next season, while sophomores Eric Briseno, Owen Angell and Cam Ajazi are likely to step up after combining for over 400 rushing yards and three touchdowns this fall.

"We threw a lot at the kids this year," Kissack said. "I felt like we needed to do some different things with our formations and those things can be difficult at times. I thought the kids handled that well and I think we ran the ball really well. Our kids up front adjusted throughout the season and they did a nice job with in-game adjustments."

Senior Keegan Davis-Carter led the Rochelle defense with 38 tackles. The Hubs finished with seven interceptions including three from Etes and two from senior Nick Albers, who added 32 tackles, two fumble recoveries and two sacks. Senior Charlie Jandak had two sacks, and Jandak is the only senior graduating from the Rochelle defensive line.

Junior Ethan Albers



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES) Sophomore Eric Briseno was one of several young skill players who gained experience as first-year members of the Rochelle varsity football team this fall.

headlines Rochelle's returning players after recording 35 tackles and a team-high 4.5 sacks this fall. Junior Noah Messer also recovered two fumbles this season, and sophomore Braden Alfano stepped up with two sacks and one forced fumble. Junior Michael Schlenbecker had 1.5 sacks for the Hubs this fall.

"I was really proud of

our defense this season," Kissack said. "Our defense played really well, and of the two groups, it was definitely the more experienced of the two groups. We had two sophomores

and three juniors on the inside of our defense by the end of the season, and I thought our identity was being relentless to the football. I think our younger kids proved that this year."







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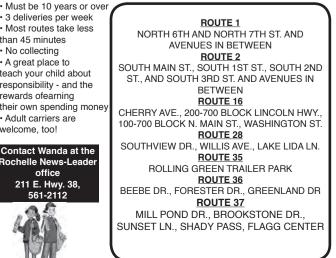
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