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"This isn't going to become a scenario where people are

just walking down the street consuming marijuana." **Dominick Lanzito** 

# To dispense or not to dispense

Town hall meeting held to inform public of Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act laws, possibility of dispensaries within the city

**BY ANDREW HEISERMAN** 

STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – With the legalization of recreational marijuana in Illinois, small town leaders across the state are trying to get their arms around the various laws and whether they want to allow dispensaries.

City of Rochelle officials held a special town hall meeting Monday night to discuss the new Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act that will be going into effect Jan. 1, 2020 and approximately 50 people attended.

The main focus of the meeting was to inform the community of the new laws and what they will mean, as well as to get feedback from residents on the possibility of dispensaries opening in town.

During a candidate's forum earlier

"...we will be recommending to the planning commission and ultimately the mayor and city council to put them in the "red areas," which are industrial type zoning. We are trying to keep it away from areas that have schools and neighborhoods and parks."

**Jeff Fiegenschuh** 

this spring, several current city leaders weighed in on the legalization of cannabis and the consensus seemed to favor allowing dispensaries and the accompanying tax revenue provided certain ordinances and protections were put in place.

The new laws allow adults 21 years and older to possess up to 30 grams of cannabis and up to five cannabis plants in their home for personal use.

"The possession and sale of cannabis is only going to be allowed to those who are 21 and older. Do kids under the age of 21 smoke cannabis, yes, it is happening now, but the sale will not be lawful," explained Dominick Lanzito, Rochelle city attorney.

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# Americold celebrates new facility

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN

ROCHELLE Americold of Rochelle officials hosted a grand opening ceremony for their new \$93 million cold storage facility

Tuesday morning. The event took place outside in the parking lot of the Americold facilities in Rochelle and included food, comments from the CEO of Americold and the Rochelle mayor, a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours inside the new facility.

features 173,000 square feet of refrigerated space and 7,000 square feet of non-refrigerated space for offices, electrical and engine rooms, maintenance and other operational duties. Everything within the new facility will be 100 percent fully automated and it will also feature a state-ofthe-art fire protection system, eliminating the need for a traditional

sprinkler system. "This building took about 50 man years of

The new building, "We think it might be the most technologically advanced building in the world."

**David Stuver** 

engineering to build, and with its fire suppression system, there is no chance for a fire," said David Stuver, executive vice president "We think it might be the most tech-

nologically advanced

building in the world." When products arrive at the Americold facility they are picked up by a crane which then brings the full pallets over to a robot that will then go in and delayer the contents. And then ultimately if the customer only wants one case or so of the product, it then travels down a conveyer belt to a work demand station. Some of the benefits of this automated system are eliminating the need for workers to travel the entire distance of the facility to receive a package and it decreases the amount of times the packages are touched at the facility.

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## **An annual tradition continues on**

**BY ANDREW HEISERMAN** 

STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – Rochelle hosted its 22nd Annual Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival this past weekend and it was a hit for both residents within the community and visiting ones as well.

The festival took place Friday through Sunday with the carnival rides, food and drink favorites and live music on tap each day among many planned entertainment

Friday featured the Kiwanis Club's Little Miss Peanut Pageant on the main stage before the headlining music act of the night, while Sunday included Pancakes in the Park put on by the Lions Club and the Lincoln Highway Heritage

One of the most anticipated highlights each year is the Hub City Cruisers Car Show on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Saturday morning rain this year kept a few of the car owners from coming out, but there were still plenty of classic cars for attendees to admire.

"The show is very good, it is a better turnout that we thought with the rain. Little less cars than normal but the weather probably scared them away," said Brad Dewey.

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(Photo by Andrew Heiserman)

A variety of games, rides and food were available during the annual Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival this past weekend.





# Proceeds fund community programs, services

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Masonic Lodge enjoyed a busy Saturday during this past weekend's Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival.

The organization not only served up root beer floats for the community outside the lodge building, but it also announced the winners of its successful gun raffle fundraiser.

"It was a good day for us," said Mason Bud Norcross. "The weather ended up being very nice and we must have served close to 150 floats on Saturday."

The drawing for the gun raffle was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon with two winners being announced, including first place winner Donna Page, of Ashton, and second place winner Jack Thompson, of Steward.

Page will have first choice of either a Sig Sauer P 238 Compact Pistol .380 ACP or a Glock 17 Gen 4 Postol 8 MM. "The raffle really went well," Norcross said. "We

had great participation and sold out all of the available tickets." Norcross recognized Hickory Ridge Arms for providing the firearms, Hub Printing for donating the raffle

tickets and the Rochelle News-Leader for advertising

the event. "We really had strong local support and by advertising in the News-Leader, the Rochelle Shopper and through the paper's website and social media venues, we really reached a wide audience," Norcross said. "I actually had many people see the advertising and call me up directly to buy tickets."

A portion of the proceeds from the drawing will go toward community programs and services provided throughout the year by the Masonic Lodge members.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Sue Messer draws the winning tickets for the Rochelle Masonic Lodge gun raffle while lodge member Bud Norcross looks on Saturday afternoon. Raffle winners were Donna Page of Ashton and Jack Thompson of Steward.

(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

A group of attendees waiting to go next on the carnival ride "The Zipper."



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# **FESTIVAL**: Fun in the 'Hub City'

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Even though there may have been slightly fewer cars than normal, that didn't stop car fans from finding their favorite ones of the bunch.

"My favorite car from the show has to be one of the two 1966 Chevy 2 Novas," added Kim Hawkins.

While the car show and live bands were the favorite part of the festival for many of the adults, the carnival rides and games drew the attention of many of the kids. But for one kid attending with his father and sister, his favorite part is walking around and looking at all the different shops set up.

"My experience has been pretty good so far, but my favorite year was two years ago when they had three times as many shops and a lot more stuff," said



(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

One couple attending the car show as they admire the engine of the cars in the show on Saturday.

Liam Wise.

Among the other events throughout the weekend was a flag raising ceremony at noon on Saturday. The ceremony took place at the north end of the festival and the large flag

was hung from the ladder of one of the Rochelle Fire Department engines.

Whether attending for the live music and carnival rides with the family or for the car show with friends, this festival has become an

end of summer celebration for the whole community.

"This event is a great way for the community to come together when the school year is starting, it is a great time for the kids to have fun," said Jodi Riley.

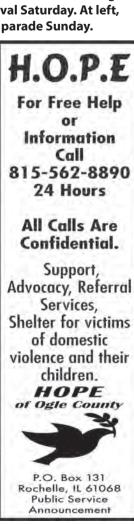




(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

Above, festival-goers wait in line to ride the dragon roller coaster inside the carnival Saturday. At left, dancers entertain during the parade Sunday.





# Love down to the marrow

BY ANDREW HEISEMAN STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – It has been nearly eight months since Tyler Lent and his family got the news that he had been diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), a rare form of bone marrow

In January, doctors discovered the cancer had progressed into leukemia of the bone, which is extremely rare in children. Leukemia generally occurs within the blood, but in certain rare cases, can occur within the bone marrow.

"From what the doctors said was most of the time the condition occurs in older people, like over 55, it is hardly ever in kids. They said the number was like one in a million," said Jessica Bays, Tyler's aunt.

After receiving the diagnosis, the first step was to test to see if the cancer were genetic, so that Tyler might possibly receive a bone marrow transplant from one of his two siblings. The test came back negative, so

physicians then had to test the siblings to determine who carried the closest gene. Even though they are biological siblings, it is not guaranteed to be a perfect match. The older sister came back as a 50 percent match and the youngest sister came back as a perfect 100 percent match.

After learning the younger sibling was a match, a chemotherapy treatment began. Lent received three rounds of chemotherapy, with each round lasting six days after which his body was given four weeks to recover before receiving another round of chemo.

"Me and my family were freaking out wondering why they would wait so long because the cancer cells can grow back," Bays said. "But with the chemo it actually goes in his IV and it is so slow moving it actually takes a week for it to start working, and gives his body and his organs time to recover."

The first and second rounds of chemotherapy were unsuccessful of ridding all the cancer and



it wasn't until two weeks ago that the test results from the third round of chemo came back, indicating he was officially cancer free. While the chemotherapy killed the cancer that was inside of Lent, it also killed necessary functions of his body, including his immune system and many of his cells. This is where the 100 percent match from

his sister comes into play.

By using the stem cells from his sister and injecting them into Lent, his body will be allowed to recover back to good health. This is not an easy process, but one that was crucial in helping Lent heal. His youngest sister, Brooklyn, was given injections every day for an entire week to help thicken her blood

"I am beyond grateful for the love and support from everyone in the community, to give me the opportunity to be here for my son when he needs me the most."

**Angela Lent** 

and double her cells. She then received a port into the main vein in her neck and was hooked up to a machine called the strainer.

"What they do is they hook up this machine to her and they pull her blood out, because in your blood is your red blood cells, white blood cells and your platelets. It then strains out her stem cells which are then injected into Tyler to get him back to where he needs to be," explained Bays.

The straining process took a total of six and a half hours, and Lent is currently moving back and forth between Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald house in Chicago. Hospital staff are monitoring him

multiple times a day and giving him anti-rejection medication to help his body accept the stem cells that he received.

Some of his favorite activities are playing with Legos, playing his Nintendo Switch and playing Minecraft. If everything goes according to plan, his family is hoping he will be home by Christmas.

While this whole process has been very hard on Tyler and his family, his mother could not have asked for more support from the community.

"I am beyond grateful for the love and support from everyone in the community, to give me the opportunity to be here for my son when he needs me the most," expressed Angela Lent.

# Nominations being taken for annual Cederholm Award

**CRESTON**—Creston Booster Days is rapidly approaching. As part of the annual community celebration, nominations are being accepted for the annual Theodore Cederholm Community Service Award. Any resident of the Creston area is eligible.

This year Creston Booster Days occurs Sept. 14, 15 and 16. The selection committee is looking for

individuals who have contributed of their time and worked for the betterment of the greater Creston area.

The individual may have held public office. They may have worked on projects in the Creston area. They may be local businessmen. The prime consideration is their contribution to community service.

#### Cederholm

Ted Cederholm served his friends and neighbors as Mayor of the village for 27 years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, he was a Mason, and was a founding member of the Creston Booster Club. The award was established by his family and the Creston Booster Club the year after his death in 1981 and has been presented at Booster Days for 35 years.

To nominate an individual, the person needs to fill out the nominating petition (see below) or write a letter describing the individual's years of service in the Creston community area. The completed nomination must be mailed to: Cederholm Award, PO Box 62, Creston, IL 60113.

Entries must be received by Friday, Sept. 6 for consideration. Nominations may also be dropped off at the Creston-Dement Library, Headon's Fine Meats, and Casey's in Creston by Friday, Sept. 6.

Announcement of the 2019 recipient will be made after the Community Church Service on Sunday. The recipient will ride in the parade, and the name will join previous recipients' names on the plaque in Booster Park.



Fresh picked bi-color sweet corn is available at Jerry Seebach's farm at the corner of Kyte and Center roads daily for \$5 per dozen.

# Fresh picked daily

**ROCHELLE** — For nearly 40 years, Jerry Seebach has been selling sweet corn from his back yard and the tradition continues until, hopefully, the end of this month.

"Hopefully we will have corn until the end of August," he said.

Seebach began planting the almost 3-acres of corn with a two-row planter he received from Norm Skare and he did the work by hand.

This year, Seebach's son, Jeff, did the planting and much of the work as Jerry has not been able to do it himself

this season. 'Jeff planted this year, sprayed and he picks early in the morning before he goes to work," Jerry said. "The neighbor boy, Andy, has helped a lot

too, and we have had a lot of friends

who have helped too."

Seebach sells all bi-color sweet corn for \$5 per dozen along with other garden vegetables such as zucchini, squash and cucumbers.

"I've had a lot of good experiences over the years," Seebach said.

Seebach's sweet corn is available at his farm, located at the corner of Kyte and Center Road in Rochelle.



#### Nomination

Name of individual: Years in the community: Why this individual should be considered:

Person making nomination:

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# FOOD: Americold partners with Feed the Children

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"Clearly speed is one of the benefits, the ability to be able to bring product off the rail, induct it very quickly and seamlessly without a lot of touches. With reduced touches you have less damage, you have less inventory shrink and things like that," explained Fred Boehler, president and CEO of Americold.

# Food partnership In addition to complete the project. Ameri-

ing the project, Ameri-

cold has also partnered with Feed the Children to continue its commitment to fighting childhood hunger and providing resources to the local communities the company serves. Immediately following the grand opening event, Americold employees, the city manager and mayor and Feed the Children handed out more than 200 boxes of food and essentials to families within the community at VFW park. "Feed the Children

"Feed the Children is proud to partner with Americold to help vulnerable children and struggling families in Rochelle," said Feed the Children president and CEO Travis Arnold in a press release. "We know that when we combine our efforts, we will have a greater impact on the lives of families who need us most."

Bearrows said the

City of Rochelle is

very grateful for Americold and everything the company does for the community.

"Rochelle is truly blessed to have Americold making a long-term commitment in the community with creating jobs and helping with daily activities," said Bearrows at Tuesday's ceremony.



Joe Allegro from Feed the Children, John Doherty the chef, Gary Sloan Chief Operating Officer for Feed the Children and Hogan Thomas Vice President of corporate partnerships and donor relations at Feed the Children were on hand Tuesday at VFW Park.

#### **Obituaries**

# Mary Jeanne May

ROCHELLE — Mary Jeanne Lingenfelter May passed away Aug. 17, 2019. She was born in Aurelia, Iowa, July 9, 1923, to Fred Bondurant and Mary Helen (Gra-

ham) Lingenfelter.

She attended grade school in Mitchellville and Des Moines, Iowa, and then graduated high school in Bondurant, Iowa, in

June 1941. That fall, Jeanne entered Drake University in Des Moines where she met her future husband, Phil W. May, Jr. She also became a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority at Drake University.

Jeanne and Phil were married Feb.

Jeanne and Phil were married Feb. 10, 1944, at the University Church of Christ in Des Moines. At that time, Phil was in the Army Air Corps and flew the P-40 fighter plane. Following WWII, Jeanne and Phil moved to Phil's hometown of Rochelle, where they became active in the community and raised their family.

Despite the demands of family, Jeanne was always an active volunteer. She was a Rochelle Community Hospital Board Member and a hospital Auxiliary member where she served as president. Jeanne helped start the hospital gift shop and volunteered there for many years. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and served three times as Chapter Regent, a Division Director, and State Recording

Thomas, 35, of Oregon and formerly

of Chana, a son any mom and dad

would be proud of, died Friday, Aug.

16, 2019 from injuries received in

in Rockford, the son of Howard

"Duke" and Mindy (Mearns)

Thomas and was a Mayflower de-

scendant. Ethan was a 2002 graduate

of Oregon High School, worked

with his dad at Thomas Plumbing

& Heating and for the past seven

years employed by CIG Logistics

movies (with an extensive collection) especially Batman with the

Joker, helped with the old Chana

School, and always had a joke or

a story. Ethan loved his nieces and

nephews, and they loved him, and

enjoyed cheering on his twin brothers

He loved his dog, Hooch, loved

He was born Oct. 15, 1983

a work place accident.

in Rochelle.

Secretary from 1997 - 1999. Jeanne was a member of the PEO Sisterhood since 1951 and three times served as its president. Other organizations she was active in were the Rochelle Service Club, the League of Women Voters, Campfire Girls and she became a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Jeanne was always ready to lend a helping hand and her volunteerism over the years has greatly helped many organizations, people and causes in Rochelle. She was an active lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church. Jeanne loved her home, family,

seanne loved her nome, ramily, friends and community and pets, but she also loved to travel. Jeanne and Phil were fortunate enough to have taken several wonderful trips during their marriage. They traveled to Sweden, England, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, and the Panama Canal plus trips to many of our states. Phil was the organizer of the trips and Jeanne the willing travel partner.

Jeanne also worked for many years as a Real Estate Broker with May Realty and served a term as treasurer for the Ogle County Realtor Board. She enjoyed working as a Realtor because she said it offered her an opportunity to meet and help new people.

Jeanne and Phil had three children, Phillip W. (Joan) May III of Durango, Colorado, James Frederick (Merilyn) May of Rochelle, and Deborah (Steve) May Scherer of Los Angeles,

California. Grandchildren are Phillip W. May IV, John Cory May, Rachael Scherer, and Dr. Benjamin Scherer. Step-grandchildren are Dana Ptucha and Jay Taft. Great-grandchildren are Taylor May, Aiden Redsteer, Devon Guerra, Leo Jellen, Jacob Scherer and Maxwell Scherer, plus great-great-grandchildren, Salena Guerra and Liam May. Step great-grandchildren include Bricen Babcock, Zachery Taylor, Haley Taft, Trey Taft, Roxy Taft, Tara Ptucha and Tessa Ptucha, plus great-great step grandsons, Graham Taylor and Quinn Taylor. Jeanne also had many wonderful nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. She was especially close to niece, Anne Avery of Montreal, Canada.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Helen Lingenfelter; her husband, Phil W. May Jr.; and her brother, Dr. John Lingenfelter of Kingman, Arizona.

Cremation care is provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 400 N. Sixth St. in Rochelle.

Memorials may be directed to

the Rochelle Community Hospital Auxiliary, the Rochelle Senior Center, or the First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle.

A private family service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date

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# INTEGRITY & STABILITY

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows helps Gary Sloan load

boxes of food into the trunk of one family in need

Tuesday at VFW Park where the Feed the Children

and Americold partnership project was held.

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# Ethan Thomas OREGON — Ethan Robert running track.

He was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Bears fan, highlighted by the Cub's World Series win, going to

the victory parade in Chicago. He once entered a 72-ounce steak eating contest in Amarillo, Texas, which was broadcast live and just missed completing the challenge.

Although not a church goer, he was a Christian. An all-around good guy, Ethan was always there to lend a hand to anyone that needed help and will surely be missed. He had the absolute greatest and most giving heart.

He is survived by his parents, Duke and Mindy Thomas of Chana; brothers, Ryan Thomas of Oregon, Garrett Thomas of Oregon and Jordan (Tabitha) Thomas of Mt. Morris; niece, Ainsley Thomas of Mt. Morris; grandparents, Marvin and Juanita Miller of Mt. Morris; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert Mearns and Howard and Marie Thomas; uncle, Matt Mearns; uncles, Wayne Thomas, Robert Thomas and Roger Fisher; aunt Nancy Greenfield; and cousin, Matt Thomas.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home with Pastor David Rogula officiating, Oregon. Burial will be in Daysville Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ethan's name may be made to Tails Humane Society, DeKalb.

Visit www.farrellhollandgael. com.

#### Cathy Jean Thomas

**ROCHELLE** — Cathy Jean Thomas, 67, of Rochelle, passed away Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, at Rochelle Community Hospital.

Arrangements are pending with Unger-Horner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Rochelle. Visit www.ungerhorner.com.

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# Helping those most in need

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN

STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – The Rochelle Rescue Mission has been open for just over a year and a half and has already helped many people from the community

The mission is a Christian based organization that aims to provide temporary shelter and guidance so that eventually a more permanent solution can be found. The mission operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can house up to 20 individuals. There is room to sleep seven males, six females and two family rooms, one that fits three and another that fits four. Along with a living room, showers and more.

While the mission provides hot showers, food and shelter, they also help the individuals with more than just amenities.

"Along with temporary housing, we also offer mentoring on skills needed to become successful in order to return to their independence, such as tutoring, reading to children, helping find jobs, creating a resume, as well as working with others here in town," explained Autumn True, executive director of the mission.

The idea for the mission started back in 2016 when a few of the current board of directors saw there was a need in the City of Rochelle. The first guest was housed in December of 2017 and the next spring the mission saw an increase in people.

"Since we have opened, we have housed 75 people with a total of 2,377 nights and counting," added True.

If someone is in need of help, the first thing they must do is contact the director and schedule an appointment to participate in a screening process before they can begin their stay at the mission. The mission is a very safe environment, the front door remains locked at all times and the area is under audio and video surveillance. Screening processes are done to help ensure the safety of the individuals stating at the mission.

It is the missions goal to help anyone from the community in need, but there



The common area at the Rochelle Rescue Mission.

"Since we have opened, we have housed 75 people with a total of 2,377 nights and counting."

**Autumn True** 

are certain guidelines that they must follow to keep it a safe environment for everyone involved.

"We have admission guidelines that we must adhere to for the safety of all staff and guests. We cannot accept registered sex

offenders or anyone with a history of severe criminal acts or violent offenses," said True. "The mission is also a sober facility so we cannot accept anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

For all other policies

and procedures call the Rochelle Rescue Mission.

Since their opening, the Rochelle Rescue Mission has helped many families and individuals with their own success stories. But one of True's favorite ones to share is about a couple that came here on a Grey Hound Bus.

"My favorite one to share is about a couple who came here on a Grey Hound bus for a job here in town. Once they arrived, they went to the place they were supposed to be staying at

and it was empty and to top it all off the grey hound bus lost all of the male's belongings. This is what the mission is all about so we jumped at the bit as soon as we got the call to help them," explained True. "We got them warm food, clothes, a nice hot shower and a comfy bed to sleep in until they could get a place to call home again. Their names were Marc and Sophia and they still stay in contact with me to this day.

The Rescue Mission has helped many people in the community and hopes to continue to grow and help many more.

The mission is always in need of volunteers, whether it is a quick visit or a couple hour shift, any amount of help is appreciated. If time is unavailable to be donated, monetary donations of any kind are also accepted. To sign up to volunteer call 815-561-2731 or email rochellerescuemission. com to set up a volunteer orientation. And to make a donation visit their website at rochellerescuemission. org or visit the Rochelle Rescue Mission Facebook

# LEGAL: Several community members voice concerns, others support

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While it is legal to purchase and possess cannabis if 21 or over, it was brought up in the meeting that it will still be illegal to consume in any public places or non-designated areas. It will also be illegal to consume cannabis while driving or before driving a motor vehicle or in close proximity to a school, church, playground or by anyone underage.

"This isn't going to become a scenario where people are just walking down the street consuming marijuana," said Lanzito.

If the city does decide to allow dispensaries to open within town, possible locations were also brainstormed during the meeting. A possible idea for where the dispensaries could be located would be within

the industrial district in order to keep them away from schools and children.

"As a staff, what we have talked about is that if it is allowed, we will be recommending to the planning commission and ultimately the mayor and city council to put them in the "red areas," which are industrial type zoning. We are trying to keep it away from areas that have schools and neighborhoods and parks," stated Jeff Fiegenschuh, city manager, adding the most effective way of controlling the dispensaries is with the city zoning ordinances.

#### Public comment

During the forum, community members were given the opportunity to write down questions, comments and concerns that were read aloud and addressed by the city manager and village attorney. There were many different opinions on the topic, some attendees in favor of legalization and others opposed.

"This a hot issue with me because I had a son addicted to the stuff and it was ruining his life, and thank God he got off of it and he is clean, he is a new man," exclaimed one resident.

"We have seen what has happened in other states and they have come out very well with it. I as an ordained minister stand behind this one hundred percent, with no baggage on my part because I have never smoked in my life," said another citizen attending the meeting.

No decisions or ordinances were made at the meeting, and more discussions are likely between now and the end of the year.

#### Man arrested for DUI

On Aug. 17, at 12:50 a.m., following a traffic stop at Illinois Route 64 and Limekiln Road, deputies arrested Alvin L Griffey, 63, of Byron, for DUI. Griffey was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**Aug. 18** 

On Aug. 18, at approximately 9:25 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of West Illinois Route 64. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Matthew R. Krause, 28, of Chicago, for unlawful possession of cannabis 10-30 grams. Krause was issued a citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Krause was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

**Aug. 20** 

On Aug. 20, at 7:05 a.m., deputies were dispatched to 120 Azalea Ave. in reference to a domestic call. After an investigation, deputies arrested Taylor Hilgen, 25, of Davis Junction, for domestic battery. Hilgen was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she is being held in lieu of bond.

On Aug. 20, Jarrod Martin, 31, of Rochelle, was arrested for failure to appear. Martin had a bond of \$3,000, and Martin did post his bond. Martin was released from the Ogle County Jail. Martin will return for court on Sept. 13 at 9 a.m.

### Man arrested on DeKalb County warrant charge

On Aug. 16, at 8:33 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Xavier S. Thomas, 29, of Rochelle, on a DeKalb County warrant. He was transported to jail.

On Aug. 17, at 2:16 a.m., Rochelle police arrested James M. Hook, 39, of Rochelle, for driving under the influence and resisting a police officer. He posted \$100 bond. His court date is set for Sept. 27.

On Aug. 17, at 2:23 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Juan Rodrigues Jr, 40, of Rochelle, for domestic battery. He was transported to jail.

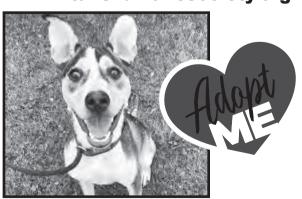
On Aug. 17, at 8:21 p.m., Rochelle police cited Nicholas J. Underhile, 19, of Rochelle, for failure to reduce speed and failure to secure a child under eight. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set

for Sept. 27.

On Aug. 17, at 9:15 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Chiffon S. Felix, 41, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County

warrant. She was transported to jail. On Aug. 17, at 11:27 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Vidal R. Mancilla, 27, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. He was transported to jail.





Scout

Hi!! I'm Scout and I'm only 10 months old. With these big brown eyes and my fantabulous ears, I'm sure to bring happiness and a sense of fun to any house-hold. I'm still a puppy so have plenty of energy and am always up for an adventure. I do very well with the other dogs in Tails' playgroups. Running around with them and taking a dip in the swimming pool is my idea of a good time. When I need to do my business, I go to the door and cry to let you know. At 55#s with lots of zip, I'd do best in a home with older kids. Other than house training, no one ever took the time to teach me things so I'd also be very excited if you took me to school. Please don't make me wait one more day!



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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

# Beg you not to pardon

disappointment of getting ready to put on civilian clothes and walk out the prison gate and then being told, "Oh, never mind." That's what reportedly

happened to former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich last week, when President Don-



ald Trump waffled on whether to commute his

sentence. I almost felt sorry for Blagojevich. Almost.

But then I remembered Blagojevich also governed with a wetted finger in the air trying to figure out which way the political breeze was blowing any particular day. He changed his mind often.

So far, he has served a little over half of his 14year sentence. But Trump said, "I think he was treated very, very unfairly. His name is Rod Blagojevich and I'm thinking about commuting his sentence."

The statement hacked off Illinois' Republican members of Congress who wrote a letter to Trump telling him to keep 'Blago" in the clink.

Later, the president tweeted about Blagojevich's sentence, saying 'White House is continuing review of this matter."

According to Fox News, a member of the president's administration halted the commutation because the person was 'concerned from the public push back.'

Imagine what it must have been like to find out by Tweet that you will remain separated from your wife, two daughters – and hair dye — for maybe another seven

I wanted to feel bad for Blagojevich, but then I remembered Lynn Raney.

You probably have never heard of Raney. He was an ordinary fellow who worked for the State of Illinois organizing ceremonies and events. He

taught art in schools and volunteered for the Boy Scouts. He was a nice guy all the way around.

On Blagojevich's first day in office, Raney organized a news conference for the governor. I was standing next to Raney, notebook in hand, when Blagojevich's press aides handed out a news release announcing the people the governor was firing.

I heard Raney gasp as he read the release and saw his own name on the

Imagine being asked to organize the news conference where they would announce your

Does it get any lower than that?

Well, maybe finding out by Tweet that you're not going to be released from prison after all comes close. But still...

The same week that Raney learned of his firing at the news conference he organized, Blagojevich hosted another media event. This time it was to condemn people who were being paid for unused vacation time at the end of their careers with the state.

Blagojevich issued a press release listing names of the "worst offenders."

One of the people on the list was Kim Knauer, a hard worker who was spokesperson for the Illinois Board of Education for 20 years. Even during her seven-year battle with breast cancer, she worked long hours. She died two weeks before Blagojevich took office.

At the end of the news conference, several reporters approached the governor and asked if he was aware one of the people on the list had just

The governor responded by saying if she had taken more vacation time she might still be alive.

Try as I might, I just can't feel sorry for Blagojevich. I do have sympathy for his wife and two daughters though. Like 2.3 million other American families, they know the pain of

#### **Letter to the Editor**

#### **Supports Rockford Rescue Mission**

Dear Editor,

For some time I've been watching obituaries in the Rockford paper and am so happy each time I see memorials designated to Rockford Rescue Mission. Rockford Rescue Mission helps so very many people in a year's time and takes not a cent from the government, they are able to offer programs to those addicted to alcohol and drugs and share the love of Christ, give them a place to live for a year or longer until they are finally well, and offer job training for those who have recovered enough to live on their own.

Not only to those who are addicted, the Rockford Rescue Mission provides a safe place for women and children who are homeless. They provide food, clothing, job training, medical aid such as doctors, dentists and help for those with diabetic needs.

When my husband and I toured the mission recently, we saw a model of a diabetic foot and were appalled to see the horrible damage feet can suffer when wet or frostbitten with no proper footwear to protect them.

All assistance to guests of Rockford Rescue Mission is given with great care and kindness, but this all takes money. As many people have left the Rock River Valley to move out of state, the needs continue to grow for the mission with fewer to donate. In the last year, 173,360 meals have been served; 2,664 men, women and children received shelter; 4,471 medical, chiropractic and dental appointments were provided; Men's Crisis served 1,431 different men; Women's Crisis served 1,041 women and children; Men's and Women's Life Recovery served 114 men and women. There were 848 participants in education with 465 assessments and 140 vocational training certificates.

Won't you consider sending Rockford Rescue Mission a gift today? If you would like a tour of the facilities to actually see with your own eyes the help being given in the Rockford area, please call Rockford Rescue Mission at 815-965-5332. Thank you and God bless you.

> Jeri Johns Rochelle



#### **VOICE ON THE STREET**

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# Question:

The new school year is underway. What advice would you give to a student that you wish someone had given you?



"Pay attention to teachers, they know more than you do. And take it seriously, but not too seriously, have fun because you are still young."

Joe Gomez



"I am a former teacher and I would always tell my kids to take pride in their work. Even to this day I still tell people that. Success in life will come if you're willing to pay the price to see the prize."

Sam Graber



"Keep your head in the books, study and pay attention more. And stay in school."

Evelyn Potter

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# **COMMUNITY**

# Kitchen Table recognizes **Everybody Eats Week**

**ROCHELLE** – Kitchen Table Inc. will join nearly 50 nonprofit cafes across the country for National Everybody Eats Week from Aug. 25 through Aug. 31. National Everybody Eats Week is a nationally coordinated campaign to help consumers understand the power they have in ending hunger in their own community.

What if deciding where to eat for dinner also involved deciding how you can make a difference right here in Rochelle?

"There is power in how you spend your money," says Julie Williams, President of One World Everybody Eats. "Empowered consumers can do so much more than a single organization."

Kitchen Table Inc. is a nonprofit pay-what-you-can café, affiliated with the One World Everybody Eats community café network. Here, diners determine what to pay based on what they can afford. And those who can, are asked to pay-it-forward to help our neighbors in need.

"During National Everybody Eats Week Kitchen

Table Inc. will open at 4 p.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday and stay open until 8 p.m. We will offer prize giveaways, bring a friend along to introduce them to a new way to dine," owner Carolyn Brown said. Kitchen Table Inc. encourages all Rochelle and sur-

rounding residents to come for dinner during National Everybody Eats Week or consider donating online at www.kitchentablerochelle.org to help a neighbor in Kitchen Table Inc., located at 7034 S. Klondike Road,

Rochelle, is open for dinner service from 4:30 pm to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday along with the first Sunday of each month for brunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the third Friday of each month is a steak or fish fry served from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



#### **CALENDAR**

Wed., Aug. 21

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

Thu., Aug. 22 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. -Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes beef brisket with gravy, sauerkraut, Perogies (homemade potato and cheese) and dessert. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or

peanut butter and

Sun., Aug. 25 & Mon., Aug. 26 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — If you've ever thought about getting involved with community theatre, but don't know if you're ready to be on stage yet, you might enjoy being an actor in the upcoming Murder Mystery dinner, "Murder on the 19th Hole." Director Dianne Jenner is looking for five men and five women to participate in this one-night-only event. There will be limited rehearsals (four to five) with little lines to memorize. Auditions for this production will be held in the Palmer Room at Salt 251. The performance will be on Sept. 20. Contact Jenner at dianne@ jennerranch.com for

Sun., Aug. 25 7 p.m. — "Peace for your Heart" AL-ANON meeting is held each Thursday at Hicks Hall in Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Ave. (every

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more information.



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

Aug. 11 - Judy Harrison, Rochelle, \$50

Aug. 12 - Jennifer Holtzclaw, Franklin Grove, \$25

Aug. 13 - Tiffany Engle, Kenosha, Wisconsin, \$25

Aug. 14 - Barbara Kannheiser, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 15 - Ryan Jacobs, Glendale, Arizona, \$25

Aug. 16 - Devon Gugerty, Dixon, \$25

Aug. 17 - Alex Hueramo, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 18 - Susan LeMay, Ashton, \$50

Aug. 19 - Ryan Stevens, High Ridge, Missouri, \$25

Aug. 20 - Lupe Gonzales, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 21 - Dean Richardson, Sycamore, \$25

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

Thursday)

Mon., Aug. 26 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 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., Aug. 27 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. -Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes BBQ baby back ribs with homemade apple BBQ sauce, baked potatoes, salad and garlic bread. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and

jelly.

Thu., Aug. 29 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes peanut chicken over white rice. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and

Sun., Sept. 1 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brunch will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes country ham, red eye gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs, grits and cooked apples.

(Submit items for the Community Calendar to jsimmons@rochellenews-leader.com)

#### <u>Meetings</u>

Wed., Aug. 21 6:15 p.m. — The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park Board will hold a public hearing on the adoption of the combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance. The meeting will be held in council chambers at Rochelle City Hall.

6:30 p.m. — The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park Board will meet in regular session in council chambers at Rochelle City Hall. The agenda includes approval of the 2019-20 cumulative budget and appropriation in final form, discussion and approval of paving projects and possible executive session. The meeting is open to the public.



# Coffee Break

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## Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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## CryptoQuip

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

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# STATE NEWS

# New funding pushes state senior care toward 'stability'

BY JERRY NOWICKI

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**SPRINGFIELD** — For senior care advocates in Illinois, a state funding increase is a reason for optimism after a prolonged period of government disinvestment that was marked by a crippling two-year state budget impasse which continues to impact social service providers.

But advocates for nursing homes and home-based senior care agree there is a long way to go to ensure long-term sustainability for Medicaid-funded senior care programs, especially as the baby boomer generation continues to age into long-term care systems.

"The last four years were particularly hard on our members, and many of them worked with their financial institutions on lines of credit or any sort of loans that could keep the business operational and providing care and services for seniors," said Liz Vogt, who represents the advocacy group Illinois Association of Community Care Program Homecare Providers, which is headquartered in Springfield.

"Unfortunately, there were several that did close during the budget impasse throughout the state because they exhausted resources and couldn't continue on. So, the fact that we have a budget and providers are being paid in a timely manner and the fact that there was an increase approved this year are just hugely beneficial to the overall sustainability of this program," she added.

The Community Care Program, which offers non-medical in-home care, is on one end of a continuum of senior care providers in the state. On the other end are skilled-care and intermediate-care nursing homes, which house the state's sickest and most vulnerable elderly populations. Other programs include medical in-home services and lighter-care or non-medical living facilities.

Advocates from the Health Care Council of Illinois, a group that represents nursing homes, described the industry as "already in crisis" before new funding was received this year to make up a little more than one-third of an anticipated \$649 million industry-wide single-year funding shortfall.

"This money means survival," Pat Comstock, executive director of the nursing home advocacy group Health Care Council of Illinois, said in a June interview. "Our members are thrilled, but they're also relieved because these dollars are going to provide some much needed relief from the struggles to survive that members are experiencing."

#### **Home-based care**

The Community Care Program is an age-in-place service that assists seniors in maintaining their independence through non-medical care such as providing meals and other support services. Participants must be over the age of 60 and possess less than \$17,500 in countable financial resources excluding their home.

Per the new operating budget, the CCP and all associated services will receive approximately \$960 million in funding this fiscal year, up from \$870 million the year before.

Part of the additional money will go to increasing the Medicaid reimbursement rate that pays for the CCP, first with a 10.9 percent increase in September to support a \$12 hourly wage for workers, then with a 7.7 percent increase on top of that in January 2020. The second raise is pending federal government approval and would support a \$13 hourly wage. Currently, the reimbursement rate supports an \$11 hourly wage, Vogt said.

Per state law, 77 percent of the reimbursement funding must be paid to direct support staff, while the rest goes to administrative costs, supplies, facilities and other associated expenditures.

"I would say that we are coming to a point where stability is the word that we would probably use," Vogt said. "Once that enhanced rate starts coming in, I think providers will feel a lot better about their situation."

Vogt also represents the Illinois Homecare and Hospice Council, an advocacy group for medical home health care providers which is also headquartered in Springfield. That group represents Home Health Agencies, which provide skilled nursing services in the home and are covered by Medicaid.

Currently, Home Health providers are reimbursed on a per-visit basis at a rate of \$72, while the cost of care is actually around \$160.A\$5.2 million increase to the program beginning Jan. 1, 2020, will allow the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to increase the rate. The amount of the increase is yet to be determined.

Vogt said hospice care, which is home care for endof-life situations, is generally funded through Medicare



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and has not faced the same struggles as Medicaid-funded senior care services.

#### **Nursing homes**

While at-home care programs allow seniors to stay in their own homes until later in their lives, there often comes a time when more skilled, around-the-clock care is needed and placement in a skilled- or intermediate-care nursing facility becomes necessary.

As the baby boomer generation ages into long-term care and Illinois' elderly population is set to triple in the next 30 years, nursing home advocates are hopeful that new state funding can stem a tide of facility closures that has been rising since March 2014.

Skilled-care and intermediate-care homes will see an increase of \$240 million this fiscal year – \$120 million from the state and \$120 from the federal government. Of that money, \$70 million will be directly appropriated to help nursing homes meet minimum staffing requirements, while \$170 million will update the reimbursement formula for support costs such as food, utilities, maintenance and equipment.

But according to a study commissioned by HCCI and

conducted by the business advisory firm Plante Moran, the \$240 million makes up only slightly more than one-third of an anticipated \$649 million single-year industrywide funding shortfall caused by inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates.

"Certainly we aren't out of the woods yet, when you consider that the Plante Moran study found that we were

consider that the Plante Moran study found that we were over \$600 million underfunded and this gets us about a third of that," Comstock said in June. "So it's something that we're going to have to continue to talk about as we move forward."

The Supportive Living Program is another Illinois senior care program which houses Medicaid recipients. It offers apartment-style living with intermittent nursing services, meals and other services for persons age 22 to 64 who have a physical disability or persons age 65 or over.

It will see increased funding as well, with new money dedicated to keeping the homes funded at 60 percent of nursing home funding.

#### **Continued financial strains**

While Comstock said added funding could help stop or slow the pace of nursing home closures, for several homes and communities, the increased state investment is too late.

The number of nursing homes that have closed for financial reasons since March 2014 grew to 23 last month. The latest three were closed in Amboy in April, Champaign in May, and Bethalto on July 24.

The board of Pleasant Hill Village, a state-licensed Girard nursing home which closed its doors in August 2018 "under the burden of \$2 million of non-compensated care," recently filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy, citing in a news release "unprecedented and sustained non-payment

from Illinois Medicaid."

Pleasant Hill Village was established in 1905 as a home for orphans and the elderly and is a ministry of the Church of the Brethren, and it operated a state-licensed nursing home since 1975. Its board is seeking bankruptcy protection in the interest of sustaining its senior independent and assisted living facilities which are also located on the Girard campus.

Pleasant Hill is also still seeking payment from the state for care already provided at the now-closed nursing home.

"The thing is we're trying to kind of settle some

"The thing is, we're trying to kind of settle some accounts. We provided years of care for these residents without reimbursement, and that's why we had to close the nursing home in August 2018," said Allen Krall of Springfield, president of Pleasant Hill's board of directors. "That's why, you know, a year later, we still have so much outstanding debt that we filed chapter 11 bankruptcy."

Krall said the plight of nursing homes over the past five years was felt especially strongly in smaller, nonprofit homes such as Pleasant Hill, which was licensed for 99 beds. Krall said that's because bigger companies, which often

own multiple facilities, can stafflarger departments to deal with state reimbursement issues, while facilities like Pleasant Hill cannot afford large billing or administration staffs. "You know, a small standalone charitable operation like Pleasant Hill, we have one person to do that. And the

administrative burden, the bureaucratic burden was more than we could deal with," he said.

Krall said that nursing homes with higher Medicaid populations have a harder time staying afloat financially

because of the Medicaid reimbursement shortfall.

Because Pleasant Hill was a ministry aimed at providing for the neediest and most vulnerable in the Girard area, Medicaid-based losses and funding delays became

#### **Bureaucratic reforms**

unsustainable for the organization, Krall said.

Senior care advocates are also optimistic that some of the bureaucratic burden will be alleviated through a new Medicaid managed care reform aimed at bridging the communication gap between providers and insurers.

Under the managed care system, insurance companies are paid a flat, per-patient monthly fee to manage the care of most Medicaid recipients. These MCOs are required to reimburse health care providers and make sure patients receive follow-up care.

The package of reforms passed in Senate Bill 1321 gives the Department of Healthcare and Family Services a greater role in coordinating claims and providing a one-stop database that will help determine what is causing denials; lays out parameters of a DHFS-run complaint portal where providers can challenge denials; requires DHFS to work with stakeholders to "enhance and improve operational performance" of the managed care system; and creates a dispute resolution process in which DHFS has final say over whether a claim denial is permissible.



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**Rochelle Junior Tackle** 

# Duel against Dixon

Two teams remain unbeaten as sixth-graders earn first victory

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Junior Tackle hosted its first home games of the 2019 season on Saturday, when the Junior Hubs battled the Dixon Dukes at Helms Field. Rochelle teams went 3-1 over four games, with two teams (seventh and fifth grade) remaining unbeaten and the sixth-graders earning their

# first victory of the year. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Rochelle (0-2) held an early lead over Dixon before the Dukes rallied in the second half to defeat the Junior Hubs by a score of 20-14. Erich Metzger ignited the Rochelle offense early in the first quarter, running 63 yards for a touchdown to put the Junior Hubs ahead 6-0. Rochelle fumbled on its second possession, but key sacks from Metzger and Quentin Berry stalled a

Dixon converted a 10-yard touchdown pass and 2-point play early in the second quarter to briefly lead 8-6 before Metzger returned the ensuing kickoff 71 yards for a touchdown. Tommy Tourdot rushed for the 2-point conversion and gave the Junior Hubs a 14-8 advantage. Rochelle kept

promising Dixon drive.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Seventh-grader Ethan Goodwin (left) follows his block and breaks free off the right side during Rochelle's game against Dixon on Saturday.

its lead at halftime, and the Junior Hubs started the third quarter strong on defense when Tourdot intercepted a Dixon pass.

Rochelle was unable to find the end zone during the entire second half, however, while the Dukes scored two touchdowns to even the score and ultimately win the game.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Rochelle (2-0) followed

an impressive win against Byron by cruising over Dixon on Saturday by a score of 28-8.

BrandynMetzgercapped off Rochelle's first drive of the game with a 3-yard touchdown run that preceded a 2-point conversion

rush from Grant Gensler.

The Junior Hubs went
2-for-2 on scoring drives in
the first quarter, with Gensler
rushing into the end zone
from 15 yards away to put

Rochelle ahead 14-0 after one quarter.

The Junior Hubs added to their lead in the second quarter when Ethan Goodwin rushed for a 1-yard touchdown and Xavier Villalobos ran in the 2-point conversion. Leading 22-0 at halftime, Rochelle scored another touchdown in the third quarter courtesy of a 13-yard rush from Gensler.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Eighth-grader Brock Metzger drops back to pass the football during Junior Tackle action Saturday.

#### PGA Junior League



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Thiravong plays alongside Rockford Metro All-Stars at PGA Jr. League Section Championship

Rochelle golfer Ailani Thiravong (bottom row at right) and the Rockford Metro All-Stars were one of four teams who advanced to compete in the PGA Junior League's Section Championship tournament at Mundelein's Pine Meadow Golf Club this past weekend. Thiravong and the All-Stars placed fourth overall, with Cog Hill's Ravines advancing to the Regional Championship at White Hawk Country Club in Crown Point, Indiana.



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

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

*A:* 10 years.

A: I enjoy being part of the team and the physicality. Q: What is your favorite

school subject and why? A: Math is my favorite subject

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

because it comes easy to me.

A: Walter Payton because he was a great player and a leader

#### **Garrett** Gensler

Year: Freshman

Sport: Football

on and off the field.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My parents because they are always supportive and they show me the right way to do things.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why? A: Cancun because it's warm all

year and the beaches are nice. Q: What is your favorite thing

about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I enjoy keeping myself busy and working hard.



## **Trey Taft**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Football

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

Q: What do you enjoy the most about this sport?

A: I like the adrenaline rush I get from carrying the football.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because I like using numbers.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Dalvin Cook because he went to my favorite college and he plays the same position as me.

#### Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: Cam Newton because he spends his money wisely and donates money to hospitals.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Anywhere there are waves because I love surfing.

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

A: I love all the support we receive from everybody and I love how much people care about the athletes.









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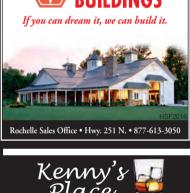
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# SPORTS





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At left, fifth-grader Brody Bruns (left) runs behind teammate Owen Miller (right). At right, sixth-graders Mark Green (left) and Keagan Albers (right) combine to tackle the Dixon runner.

# **HUBS:** Road games with Sterling next for RJT teams

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Dixon's lone points came on a 40-yard rushing touchdown and 2-point play in the fourth quarter. Rochelle outpaced Dixon 268-83 in total yards during the game.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Rochelle (1-1) defeated Dixon by a score of 14-0 to lock down its first win of the 2019 season. The Junior Hubs struck first when Caden Goodwin scampered for a 43-yard rushing touchdown before Rochelle added the 2-point conversion.

Mark Green recorded Rochelle's second touchdown, running 34 yards to the end zone.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Rochelle (2-0) remained perfect on the season, topping Dixon by a score of 14-0. Brody Bruns scored on the first play from scrimmage, running 65 yards for a touchdown before Bobby Tourdot converted the 2-point play and put Rochelle ahead 8-0

Tyler Gensler added a 5-yard rushing touchdown shortly after a strong series from the Rochelle defense. The score capped off a seven-play drive that included a 25-yard run from Tourdot.

Rochelle Junior Tackle will hit the road and face Sterling in Week 3 of the 2019 season on Saturday, Aug. 24.



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

Sixth-grader Logan Mershon (left) turns up the field as Gavin Neale (right) makes a block during Junior Tackle action on Saturday.

RTHS Athletics

# Meet the Hubs Fall Family Night scheduled

Inaugural event set for Friday, Aug. 23

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School will host its 1st Annual Meet the Hubs Fall Family Night on Friday, Aug. 23. The event will give the Rochelle community an opportunity to meet RTHS coaches and athletes, and the event will give RTHS an opportunity to promote the school's various programs.

The RTHS Booster Club will have a full concession stand open to the public and tables will be arranged for a variety of groups. The tentative schedule calls for the event to have open gates by 5:15 p.m. with concessions, booster table, signs

table, football parent table, ticket table, selling of goods and Hub apparel open at 5:30 p.m.

Festivities will start at 6 p.m. with special thanks, the introduction of head athletic trainer Mark Lovell and the introduction of the RTHS marching band and director Ron Duval. All fall sports teams will take turns being introduced, while both cheerleading teams and the dance team will perform on the field.

Games will also be played, with winners receiving a Hubs Fan Pass. Coaches Kyle Kissack and Tony Rowan will present the Hub Power Male and Female



Weightlifter of the Year Awards. After all performances conclude, each team will break off to designated areas, where coaches and players can meet with parents.

The boys soccer team and all three football teams will have scrimmage games beginning at about 6:45 p.m. The volleyball team will then host a dance in the blue gym from 8 to 10 p.m.

Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club

# Pond stocking deadlines scheduled for September

Fish available through Sept. 9 and 16

ROCHELLE — On Sept. 21, 2019, the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club, along with Pete Reiff and the Logan Hollow Fish Farm, will be providing fish for pond stocking and re-stocking at

local establishments.

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# **SPORTS**

NIU Football

# Hammock pleased after Huskie scrimmage

Season-opener against Illinois State less than two weeks away

**DEKALB** — Two weeks away from kickoff of the 2019 Northern Illinois University football season opener versus intrastate foe Illinois State in Huskie Stadium, new NIU head coach Thomas Hammock put the Huskies through a two-and-a-half hour practice in full pads Saturday with the last hour spent in scrimmage situations.

Following the work out, Hammock said he was pleased with the Huskies' progress to date.

"I feel good about where we are," Hammock said. "Today, I think both sides had their moments. We sat some guys today to keep healthy and get ready for Illinois State, but I loved the give and take on both sides of the ball and I loved the energy. [We didn't have] a lot of turnovers on offense, which is good. Obviously, some guys made some plays. We completed a couple nice balls down the field. As far as the defense, I've got to be able to watch it before I make an honest assessment."

After starting the scrimmage periods with third down situations, Hammock put the offense just outside the red zone, at the opponents' 25 for four possessions, before forcing the offense to start on its own 25 and attempt to put together 75-yard drives.

The Huskie defense was able to force a couple of field goal tries in the "I think both sides had their moments. We sat some guys today to keep healthy and get ready for Illinois State, but I loved the give and take on both sides of the ball and I loved the energy. [We didn't have] a lot of turnovers on offense, which is good. Obviously, some guys made some plays. We completed a couple nice balls down the field."

**Thomas Hammock** 

"overtime" periods before the offense found the end zone via a Marcus Childers to Mohamed Toure connection and a Marcus Jones touchdown run. The offense also drove 74 yards to the one on its first long drive before the defense came up with a goal line stop on fourth down, and senior safety Adam Buirge recorded an interception to stop the next drive.

Senior Spencer Tears caught a long touchdown pass from Childers for another score, and Childers reached the end zone on a one-yard run. The defense got pass break-ups from freshmen defensive backs Mark Aitken and Justin Clark and sophomore Devin Haney during the scrimmage.

"We have some guys that missed a couple days, and everybody's coming back healthy," Hammock said. "It was nice to see Spencer Tears make some plays in the scrimmage. I thought the protection was

solid for the most part. I thought the quarterbacks had a nice pocket to throw the ball, and you saw receivers making plays, so I feel good about where we're going on offense."

#### Weather

Hammock also liked the way the Huskies responded to weather situations which forced them to move inside to the Kenneth and Ellen Chessick Practice Center for nearly an hour after starting the practice outside. During the indoor periods, NIU got nearly 30 minutes of special teams work in addition to seven-on-seven drills.

We had a rain delay and they stayed focused, stayed locked in," Hammock said. "We went inside, back outside, and I liked everything that happened. The one thing about football, you want to see how people respond to adversity. That's the one thing you can't get in training camp that you can

get in the game. How are we going to react? How are we going to respond? They've done everything we've asked them to do and then some. From a team perspective and a morale perspective, I feel great. But obviously, if there's some adversity, we have to respond the right way."

The Huskies have one week of training camp remaining before NIŪ classes begin on Aug. 26. With competition intensifying, Hammock likes the way his 2019 team is shaping up and the identity they are forging.

"I like where our defense is at. I like where our offense is," he said. "We're physical on both sides of the ball. We're going to try to be physical up front. On offense, we want to take our shots when they present themselves, and we want to make big plays on defense. I like the leadership. I like the young guys. I think we have depth. We've got a nice mix of guys that can come in and help us. You know, it's up to us as coaches to find the right mix where we can win games."

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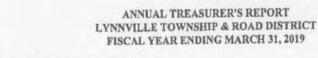
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TOTAL REVENUES: \$64,656

TOWNSHIP -- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TOIRMA - 2,852; Com Ed. - 3,158;

IRS - 3,144;

All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - 4,832. TOTAL VENDORS: \$13,986.

TOWNSHIP --- COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Range: Under \$25,000.00: Marilyn Schlaf, Carolyn Grzywa, Kathryn Korth, Walter Roush, Juanita Miltc...,

Glenn Hansen; Range: \$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99: Richard Drendel. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$40,900.

ROAD DISTRICT --- REVENUE SUMMARY Property Taxes - 88,423; Replacement Tax - 3,954; Interest Income - 195; Miscellaneous - 2,017

TOTAL REVENUES: \$94,589

ROAD DISTRICT --- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY TOIRMA -- 3,485; Blake Oil Co. -- 6,244; Bonnell, In. -- 3,818; David Hall & Sons Trucking -- 3,341

Ogle County Hwy Dept. -4,573; Praireland Patching, LLC -5,400; Timbermen Tree Service -2,800 Wagner Aggregate, Inc - 9,641; Jason Shearer- 3,803; Hubbard Ag. Innovations-2,750; CIT Trucks-148,263

Hackbarth Bros. - 5,756

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION SPECIAL Capital DEBT SERVICE Capital Project Enterprise
GENERAL Project Service

\$328,433

**Fund Balance** 159,245

277.041

Subscribed and sworn to this 14th day of August 2019

, Carolyn Grzywa, Clerk of Lynnville Township, Ogle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

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#### Aug. 24

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#### **Aug. 25**

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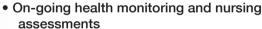
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