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Rochelle Moose to celebrate 95th anniversary Lodge was instituted on May 27, 1929 in Rochelle

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Moose Lodge will celebrate its 95th anniversary on May 27. The Rochelle Moose Family Center at 311 N. Main St. houses the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 903 and Women of The Moose Chapter 438. The Rochelle Moose Lodge was instituted on May 27, 1929.

Including its current building, the Rochelle Moose Lodge has occupied five buildings in Rochelle, Community Service Chairman and Membership Chairman Dave Schabacker said. Causes the Moose supports have included local fundraisers, gathering pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, offering a haunted room during Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival each year, and raising money for the national organization's hallmarks, Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Mooseheart is a residential childcare facility for children and teens in need, from infancy through high school. Moosehaven is a private membership retirement facility for members.

"We've survived a lot



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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to keep this Moose Lodge going," Schabacker said. "Other than the American Legion and the Horicon Masonic Lodge, we're probably the oldest fraternal, charitable organization in existence in this town. The Moose is really about fraternalism and Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We have about 300+ adults in Moosehaven."

The first meeting place of the Rochelle Moose was the second floor of the Lazier building at the

corner of Main Street and Fourth Avenue. In 1939, the organization moved to the third floor of the Bain Building in downtown Rochelle at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Lincoln Highway. In 1956, a move was made to the corner of Cherry Avenue and Main Street, its current location.

In 1978, The Moose moved to 903 Caron Road, where it stayed until 1988 before moving back to its current location.

The Rochelle Moose

has seen seven members attain the Pilgrim Degree, the highest rank in the order. They include Ben Endthoff in 1972, Frank Danekas in 1985, Chuck McGrath in 1997, Paul Henry in 1999, Schabacker in 2012, Ray Foster in 2014 and Paul Bearrows in 2018.

"Reaching the rank of Pilgrim is something I never looked for," Schabacker, who joined the Moose in 1977, said.

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City staff takes part in crisis communication training

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Tuesday, City of Rochelle staff took part in crisis communication training, which included hearing a presentation, learning about case studies and best practices for social media, and a mock press conference.

The training was led by Vicarious Multimedia, a small business that conducts training for local governments on communications topics.

"It prepared us to share public information in the most timely and accurate manner in the event of a major incident," City Director of Community Engagement Jenny Thompson said.

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Camplain to retire after 33 years with OCEC 'I hope that for a lot of students, I've made a difference...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

CHANA — Four years ago, Chana Education Center Principal Terry Camplain wrote a letter giving his retirement notice. But he couldn't bring himself to submit it right away.

Camplain will retire at the end of the school year after 20 years as principal and 33 overall with the Ogle County Educational Cooperative. Before his time as principal, he was a school psychologist in Rochelle for 13 years.

"I sat on that letter for a long time," Camplain said. "It's the right decision for me, but it was still a difficult decision. I'm nervous about what's next for myself. But I'm looking forward to it. It's very bittersweet. In education, it's good for younger people to take over some things. I've been doing this a long time. Some younger mindsets coming in is going to be great."

Chana Education Center supports the academic, emotional and behavioral needs of students in Ogle and Lee counties. It houses



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es two programs, one for K-12 students with emotional disabilities and another for 6-12 students in need of alternative general education.

Camplain described the CEC as a place students

can work on self-regulation and the choices they're making to ultimately return to their home school, if that's their goal. The CEC works to help students achieve whatever their career path goals are.

"Some people get the idea that this is where all the bad kids go," Camplain said. "We don't have bad kids here. We have kids here that maybe made some mistakes or bad choices. We've had some

kids with bigger struggles than others, but they're not bad kids. They just needed some extra guidance to get back on track and that's what we're here to do."

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MOOSE: Organization to celebrate 95-year anniversary in May

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“I do what I do because it needs to be done. ‘Do some good thing for someone each day’ is a quote that’s common with the Moose. Another is ‘No man stands so tall as when he stoops to pick up a child.’ I like the service aspect of it and being part of something bigger than myself. I think everybody needs to think about their legacy and what they’re going to leave behind.”

Women of the Moose Chapter #438 was chartered in 1932. On May 1, 2021, women could join the Loyal Order of Moose for the first time. This coming May 1, The Rochelle Lodge will have its first woman president, Julie Laws.

“Except for one man, our board will soon be entirely filled with women,” Schabacker said. “That would have been totally

unheard of 20 years ago. I’m glad to see it.”

Presently there are approximately 90 kids on the Mooseheart campus. The last kids the lodge sponsored were Todd and Danny Anderson on August 1, 1998, of rural Esmond. Moose chapter #438 presently has a sunshine girl, Sade Johnson, who will graduate this June from Mooseheart.

“We bring the kids out for Mooseheart for Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival each year and give them some money to spend and they get free rides at the carnival,” Schabacker said. “Free rides are always a must.”

Schabacker said that like other fraternal organizations and service clubs, the Moose has seen its member numbers drop in recent years. The Rochelle Moose Lodge is always looking for new members to get involved.



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It has about 440 members today. Back in 1976, that number was over 700. At one point, it was near 1,000.

“It’s tough getting new members,” Schabacker

said. “We have to be receptive to change as the years go on. But we have to remember the past. That’s why I’m into history and why the names of our founding members matter

to me. We’re working on reaching young people and keeping it going. People take things for granted until they need a fundraiser. And that’s OK. But maybe those people

that we help could join up with us and help the next person in need. We try to help our fellow members with things like jobs. It’s like a bigger, extended family.”

CAMPLAIN: Chana Education Center principal reflects on lengthy career

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During his time as a school psychologist with the OCEC, Camplain worked at every school building in Rochelle, including Rochelle Township High School. He achieved his administrative degree and the CEC principal position came open. Camplain said taking the job was the right choice, and he’s seen education and staff’s approach to students evolve in the 20 years since.

The ultimate goal of CEC is to help students understand themselves, and the fact that the difficulties in their past don’t dictate where they’re going in their

futures, Camplain said.

“I have a lot of memories of students overcoming challenges to have good outcomes,” Camplain said. “There are a lot of students that still contact me. I’ve had one call me on my birthday for the last 20 years. I’ve had former students who have gone into education and a former student that’s a lawyer. There’s a whole gamut of students and their success stories. Those connections that we make with our kids are important. And everybody’s story is different. For one student it may be just getting a diploma. For others it may be good grades or attendance. We have to go along with them

on their journey to help them achieve whatever their success story is.”

Camplain helmed CEC during the challenging time in education that was the COVID-19 pandemic, which he described as “building a ship while going over a waterfall.” Students and staff found difficulties with learning from home through computers and Zoom. Mental health impacts were seen to both CEC students and staff, and have been more common since.

Students lost personal one-to-one connections during the pandemic and younger kids lost out on crucial social development periods, Camplain said. It’s

his hope that nobody in education has to go through something like COVID-19 again.

“It had a huge impact on students and their emotional struggles and mental health issues,” Camplain said. “During the school day, if a student is having a struggle or had a struggle the night before, they can come in our door first thing in the morning and sit down and talk and take as much time as we need to to work through that problem. We’re here and we can be in the moment right away. During COVID-19, we had scheduled times and we were all on call. When a student was at home having that struggle or difficulty,

they weren’t able to come and talk to us and get some time. That was lost for students that needed that emotional support.”

Camplain thanked the CEC staff for their work and time over his 20 years at the school. When working with the students that the CEC services, that work often extends outside of curriculum, he said.


“I’ve been very fortunate over the years to be able to surround myself with people who have the same mindset on what we do in working with kids here,” Camplain said. “The staff here works extremely hard and it’s so much more than just teaching. It’s being that connection for a student and that person that they can go to. It doesn’t matter who a student makes a connection with in the building. As long as it’s someone. Our staff is great about that and being available to kids in need. If a student has a struggle, they can go find that person.”

Camplain plans to spend his time in retirement on his hobbies, which include acting and helping with the Vince Carney Community Theater in Rochelle, playing competitive darts, and music. He said it will be tough to pack up his things and leave the CEC at the end of the year. He’ll miss the people, connections with kids and seeing the success stories, but he’ll be back to visit to see everyone and how they continue on.

“I hope that for a lot of students, I’ve made a difference,” Camplain said. “That’s why I’ve enjoyed my work. I get calls from kids that have left here, and I know I’ve done that, which makes me feel good. There are a lot of struggles and rough days. Everyone has those and I have those. But you have to look forward to those good moments and having that positive effect on young peoples’ lives. That’s been the biggest part of this for me.”

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LOCAL NEWS

RCH Auxiliary presents healthcare scholarships to five students

ROCHELLE — Recipients of the 2024 Rochelle Community Hospital Auxiliary \$1,000 healthcare scholarships have been announced. Five students received scholarships which included the Ward A. and Mabel T. Miller Award. Congratulations to all of the recipients! They include:

Abby Lundquist
Recipient of the Ward A. & Mabel T. Miller Award

Abby, an alumnus of R.T.H.S. will graduate from St. Ambrose University with plans to attend SIU School of Medicine this fall to pursue a healthcare profession as a physician's assistant. Ms. Van Hauen, her basketball coach shared, "Abby has the drive and intelligence to become a very successful physician assistant since she is certainly a dedicated leader." Ms. Gonzales, Abby's clinical mentor said, "While having Abby shadow in my clinic, she demonstrated empathy and impressive



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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patient-provider connections during our short time together."

Bailey Jackson

Bailey is currently a freshman at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She graduated last year from Rochelle Township High School. Bailey's professional goal is to become a nurse practitioner in labor and delivery. Her English teacher, Ms. Fiala said, "Bailey's passion for helping people makes her well suited for the healthcare field and I was impressed by her drive

for success." Bailey's personal experience with her grandfather and his care inspired her to enter the healthcare field.

Alyssa Leary

Alyssa is a senior at Oregon High School and will attend Loyola University-Chicago this fall. Ultimately, she would like to become a board certified, practicing physician in a hospital setting. Alyssa's Spanish teacher, Ms. Radostits stated, "Alyssa is a kind, compassionate and selfless individual. She demon-

strates an innate ability to empathize with others and is always ready to offer her assistance." After fulfilling her aspirations, Alyssa hopes to serve as a role model, specifically for young girls wanting to go into STEM so they are empowered to strive to achieve their own goals.

Kennedy Underwood

Kennedy is a current senior at Rochelle Township High School who plans to attend Northern Illinois University. Her goal is to obtain her nursing degree and then

pursue becoming a nurse practitioner. Her science teacher, Mr. Baker, shared, "Kennedy has impressed me with her disposition for science and her ability to find success. She is a great student, hard work and perfect candidate for this scholarship." Kennedy shared that her father's career as a paramedic helped build her passion for the healthcare field.

Alexavier Villatoro

Alexavier is a senior at Rochelle Township High School. He plans to attend

UIC Honors College this fall pursuing a career in nursing. Mr. Welle, Alexavier's English teacher shared, "Alexavier is one of the most dedicated, organized and motivated students. He uses technology to his advantage, so much so that he has decided to devote his career to maximizing its uses for the benefit of others." Alexavier shared, "By achieving a job as a nurse, I can have effective communication with patients to save more lives."

CITY: Crisis communication exercise includes mock press conference

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"We heard about case studies from other communities and how they dealt with tragic or intense situations. Any training like this that we can do to improve our communication or better our response times for our residents is worthwhile and important to all of us. Some of our department heads don't always work in communications, so for them to have the opportunity to experience that kind of training was different for them and I'm sure they all learned something new today."

The mock press conference saw Mayor John Bearrows, City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Rochelle Fire Department Chief Dave Sawlsville field questions about a hypothetical scenario from members of the local media and members

of city staff playing the role of additional media members.

The hypothetical scenario consisted of a fatal motor vehicle accident that involved hazardous materials. City staff was able to prepare the information on the scenario before presenting it to the community. The city has crisis communications plans in place.

"Thankfully it's something we don't see everyday here," Thompson said. "But that's all the more reason that we should be practicing and preparing. Like the saying goes, 'It's not if, it's when something happens.' There will be a day where something major happens, whether it's a vehicle accident, a large fire, a tornado or another weather-related event. Not only does the training help us with those major events, but it gives

us some tips to use day-to-day."

Vicarious Multimedia also provided feedback on the city's social media footprint and provided an outside perspective.

Thompson said the training reemphasized the importance of getting information out to Rochelle residents as quickly as possible.

"In an emergency-type situation, sharing information in a timely manner could be the difference between life and death," Thompson said. "We could be dealing with an evacuation or other important information that we need to get out to our residents immediately to protect their health and safety. And in general, we have a responsibility to be transparent and share what happens in the city every day with our residents. We try to do that through live streaming



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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our council meetings and social media and our email newsletter and

our text alerts. We want people to know how their money is being utilized

and want them to be part of the process and be engaged citizens."

City seeking proposals from area artists for public spaces

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle is seeking proposals from area artists to provide art, in any form, to public spaces in the community. Proposals are due May 21 by 4 p.m.

Following the successful completion of a mural on the Hub City Furniture building located in downtown Rochelle, the city has contemplated the idea of adding more art throughout the community.

"The addition of Mat and Mandey's mural in our downtown has brightened the space, drawn more visitors to our downtown, and created

a sense of community pride," City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said.

In 2022, the sibling duo of Mat and Mandey Steder completed a floral art piece that has served as the backdrop for numerous community events and even family photos.

City staff has discussed placing more art in a number of locations around town, but the request for proposals leaves that location open to the artist.

"We're asking for creativity — if there is a location that you see as a perfect fit for your piece, please include that in the proposal!" Community Development Director,

Michelle Pease said.

Art may be placed on City-owned property or on private property as part of this project. Maps of City-owned spaces and details on permissions for the use of privately owned property are included in the RFP packet.

Artists should include a budget in the proposal to be compensated for their work.

The request for proposals can be found at: <https://www.cityofrochelle.net/forms-documents/departments-documents/building-zoning-planning-division-forms/artist-rfp-2024/?layout=default>

Nicor project to cause lane closures

ROCHELLE — NICOR has notified the City of Rochelle of an upcoming gas main replacement project that will create temporary lane closures along 1st Avenue, from the Illinois Route 251 overpass to South 2nd Street, and along Main Street, from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue. The project began Thursday April 25 and

will be substantially complete by July 12. Delays are expected and motorists should seek other alternate routes.

Advance warning, detour and other temporary traffic control devices will be posted near the affected area. Please use caution while traveling in this area and pay special attention to the advanced warning signage, road

closed signage and other temporary traffic control devices within or in advance of the work zone. The City of Rochelle appreciates your patience during this project.

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Stephen Robert ‘Steve’ Troop

WESTMINSTER, Col. — Steve Troop, 75, passed away on April 17, 2024, in Westminster, CO. Steve, born in Rochelle, IL, on August 1, 1948, was a dedicated police officer and a beloved family man. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1972. After his military service, Steve embarked on a fulfilling career in law enforcement, starting as a McDonough County Deputy Sheriff from 1972 to 1974, then serving with the Arvada Police Department from 1974 to 2000, where he held the ranks of Police Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He later worked at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office from 2006 to 2016 as a non-sworn accreditation manager. Steve’s devotion ex-

tended beyond his profession, as he was a devout Catholic who worshiped at the Shrine of St. Anne Catholic Church in Arvada, CO. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, loyalty, and patriotism. Steve is survived by his wife, JoNell Kathleen Troop, daughter Shannon Williams (Drew) and grandchildren Gavin and Harper. He is also survived by his brother, Rick (Penny) Troop, sister Cynthia (Michael) Montoya, brother-in-law Bryan (Robin) Stewart, and their respective families. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert (Connie) Troop and in-laws Joe Bryan (Betty) Stewart. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 11:00 am at



the Shrine of St. Anne Catholic Church in Arvada, CO, followed by a reception. Military honors and internment will take place at 2:30 pm at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Catholic Charities, Shrine of St. Anne Catholic Church, or Saints Peter and Paul Catholic STEM School in Wheat Ridge, CO. The Newcomer Funeral Home in Lakewood, CO, is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements.

Marcia Marie Roberts

PRINCETON — Marcia Marie Roberts, 86, of Princeton, IL passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Liberty Village, Princeton, IL. Marcia was born on April 27, 1937, in Jeppent, IL to Lowell and Jeanette (Murphy) Teeter. Marcia spent her childhood in Mt. Carroll, IL, graduating from Mt. Carroll High School and earning a Bachelors Degree in Business and a Masters Degree in Reading from Western IL University. She married Theodore Roberts in 1958. They had three children. Marcia began teaching in 1959 in Bushnell, IL, then onto Galesburg, IL. She taught primary and middle school students, spending the majority of her teaching career at Logan Junior High in Princeton, teaching English and reading. She loved living in Princeton, IL where after her retirement (1994) she worked

as a substitute teacher, volunteered as a docent at the Lovejoy Homestead and was a member of the Bureau County Historical Society. She volunteered at her church, delivered meals for Meals on Wheels, ran her own “From the Nest” retail business, was a vendor at local antique shops, and loved going to auctions! Marcia participated in book clubs, bridge, Hardanger, etc. She enjoyed traveling and socializing with her wonderful friends, walks in the park, coffee downtown, as well as trips to Door County and family trips to Estes Park, Colorado and to California beaches. She is survived by her sons, Christopher (Christy) Roberts, Lindenwood, IL, John Roberts, Salinas, CA, and daughter, Leslie (Marc) Beauchamp, Santa Barbara, CA; grandchildren, Courtney (Phillip) Luna, Lindsey Roberts, Sean Roberts, Kyle (Elaina) Roberts; 10 great-grand-



children; a brother, Norman (Carmelita) Teeter of Eads, TN; step-siblings, William (Leigh Anne) Piper, Russell (Cheri) Piper, Allen (Connie) Piper, and Patricia (Loren) Golden. Marcia is predeceased by her parents; step-father, Dr. C.G. Piper; step-mother, Marie Teeter. Services will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, At the Hampshire Colony Congregational Church in Princeton, Pastor Michael Freeman officiating. Visitation 9 A.M. Funeral 10:30 A.M. Arrangements were made through the Fiocchi-Jensen Funeral Home, Princeton. Private online condolences may be left for her family at www.FiocchiFuneralHomes.com A luncheon will be provided at the church following the service. A private graveside service will be held at 3 P.M. in Oak Hill Cemetery in Mt. Carroll. Memorials in lieu of flowers: Hampshire Colony Church, Princeton Elementary School District.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On April 19 at approximately 4:57 p.m. deputies responded to the Stillman Valley Fire Department parking lot in reference to a domestic dispute. As a result of the investigation Amber Dodson, 31, of Stillman Valley, was placed under arrest for aggravated assault and resisting a peace officer. Dodson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released with a notice to appear. On April 19 at approximately 7:40 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Stillman Road and Wildwood Road. After further investigation Otoniel Armenta-Ceniceros, 18, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for no valid driver’s license. Armenta-Ceniceros was also cited for an equipment violation. Armenta-Ceniceros was released on a notice to appear. On April 19 at approximately 9:48 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of South Mulford Road and East Illinois Route 38. After a brief investigation Jenny Zepe-da, 27, of Rochelle, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Zepeda was additionally cited for suspended registration. Zepeda was released with a notice to appear court date. On April 20 at approximately 9:05 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Route 2 near the intersection with Creekside Drive. After further investigation a passenger in the vehicle, Hailey Quinn, 33, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance - cocaine, possession of a controlled substance - fentanyl, possession of drug paraphernalia, an outstanding Ogle County warrant, and an outstanding Winnebago County warrant. Quinn was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she received a notice to appear on the drug and paraphernalia charges, and she was detained on the Ogle and Winnebago County warrants. On April 20 at approximately 7:49 p.m. deputies responded to a single vehicle roll-over accident in the 4,000 block of North River Road. After further investigation it was determined a southbound vehicle being driven by Stephanie Sotelo, 39, of Rock Falls, traveled of the east side of the roadway and struck the ditch embankment, causing the

vehicle to overturn. Sotelo was examined by Byron EMS and refused medical treatment. On April 20 at approximately 11:52 a.m. deputies responded to the 13,000 block of East Illinois Route 72 regarding a two-vehicle collision with injuries. After further investigation, it was determined a westbound vehicle had struck the rear end of a car slowing in traffic. The juvenile operator and juvenile passenger were transported from the scene by Lynn-Scott-Rock ambulance for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The juvenile operator was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. On April 21 at approximately 7:28 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of South Ridge Road. After further investigation a 17-year-old male juvenile was charged with no valid driver’s license and disobeying a stop sign. The juvenile was released on a notice to appear. On April 21 at 10:03 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of North Moose Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Calvin M. Sullivan, 23, of Oregon, for possession of adult-use cannabis outside of approved container. Sullivan was additionally issued citations for improper lighting-one head light and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Sullivan was released on a notice to appear with a future court date. On April 22 at approximately 8:15 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of South Freeport Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Alexander Briseno, 34, of Sterling for driving while license suspended and an active traffic warrant out of Whiteside County. Briseno was released on a notice to appear at the scene and released to Whiteside County deputies. On April 22 at approximately 2:42 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Leaf River Road and Illinois Route 64. While deputies were approaching the vehicle, the vehicle sped off and failed to stop at the stop intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Leaf River Road. The vehicle, an older red Toyota Camry, then traveled eastbound on Illinois Route 64 while deputies pursued with lights and sirens activated. The vehicle continued to flee at speeds of 35 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. The vehicle continued into Oregon city limits while continuing to flee from deputies. The vehicle then traveled through a yard at the intersection of Mix and Jackson Street before coming to rest. A male driver then fled from the scene on foot, and deputies were

unable to locate him at the time. A female passenger was initially detained before being released. The male driver was identified as Nicholas Schultheis, 39, of Dixon. At approximately 12:15 p.m. deputies were advised of a check welfare of a male walking without a shirt on in the 1,600 block of South Illinois Route 2. Deputies located the male and identified the male as Nicholas Schultheis. Schultheis initially lied about his name before being taken into custody. Schultheis had two outstanding warrants out of Lee County (bond conditions violations) and Whiteside County (failure to appear - traffic), which were confirmed. Schultheis was additionally charged with possession of methamphetamine (class-four felony), aggravated fleeing to elude (class-four felony), obstructing a peace officer (class-four felony), possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license suspended, and resisting a peace officer. Schultheis was also issued citations for speeding 35 miles per hour over the posted speed limit, disobeying a stop sign, defective windshield, improper display of registration, and operating an uninsured vehicle. Schultheis was released on a notice to appear on all the Ogle County charges per the Bail Reform Act and was held on the warrants. On April 23 at approximately 4:21 a.m. a deputy attempted to stop a vehicle in the 500 block of West Flagg Road for a traffic violation. While the deputy’s lights and sirens were activated, the vehicle, a blue Genesis passenger car, sped away and refused to stop. The deputy observed the vehicle traveling 35 miles per hour over the posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour. The deputy initially lost sight of the vehicle before locating it, which had crashed near the intersection of Rock Nation and Lost Nation Roads. The driver was identified as Andrew Gonzales, 22, of Dixon. Gonzales was uninjured in the crash and was placed under arrest for aggravated fleeing to elude (class-four felony) and driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Gonzales was additionally issued citations for disregarding a traffic control device, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage, operating an uninsured vehicle, reckless driving, speeding 35 miles per hour over the posted speed limit, and the use of an electronic communications device. Gonzales was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



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Celebration of Life to be held for Weidmann on May 5

ROCHELLE — A Celebration of Life will be held for Carol Weidmann on May 5 at the Lincoln Arts Center at 108 S. Main St. in Rochelle from 4-6 p.m. Attendees can enter through the front door. A program and special dedication will begin at 5 p.m. Weidmann passed away earlier this year and was a founding member of Vince Carney Community Theatre in 1981 and served on the VCCT board for over 40 years. Her talents and enthusiasm were invaluable in helping bring quality live entertainment



to Rochelle. There will be light snacks and desserts. Dress is casual. Questions can be directed to info@vcctrochelle.org.

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County 4-H bowling champions named

OREGON—The 2024 Ogle County 4-H Bowling Tournament championship round was held on Feb. 25 at T-Byrd Lanes in Rochelle. Seven qualifying teams bowled to determine the first-place winners in the junior division (ages 6-13) and senior division (ages 14 and up). The clubs set up the qualifying rounds earlier in the year at bowling centers throughout the county. Thank you to Town & Country Lanes in Mt. Morris, T-Byrd Lanes in Rochelle, and Uptown Lanes in Byron, for their continued support. Almost 200 youth bowled in this year's event.

Championship Junior Teams

First Place – Mighty Clovers 4-H Club, Monroe Center, Trinity Feltz,

Madeline Kusnierz, and Mallory King.
Second Place – Mighty Clovers 4-H Club, Monroe Center, Jameson Newmann, Aubrey Kusnierz, and DJ Wirfs.
Third Place – Mighty Clovers 4-H Club, Monroe Center, Kamryn Feltz, Madisyn Ruthe, and Aurora Wirfs.
Fourth Place – Ogle Jolly 4-H Club, Stillman Valley, Alyse Rogers, Bristol Clark, and Luke Rasmussen.
Championship Senior Teams
First Place – Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club, Oregon/Mt Morris, Immanuel Arellano, Dylan Reimer, and Zakkary West.
Second Place – Ogle Jolly 4-H Club, Stillman Valley, Braden Rogers, Brooklyn Lee, and Bernice



The Championship Junior Team first place winners, Trinity Feltz, Madeline Kusnierz, and Mallory King of Mighty Clovers 4-H Club in Monroe Center. First place Senior Team from Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club in Oregon/Mt. Morris. Left to right: Zakkary West, Dylan Reimer, and Immanuel Arellano.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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Third Place – By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club, Byron, Carson Conderman, Bruce Gehrke, and Jacob Hickman.
Scores at the qualifying bowl determined individual high games and high series winners who were:
Jr. High Game: Trinity Feltz, Mighty Clovers 4-H Club, Monroe Center – 141 pins
Jr. High Series: Piper Johnson, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club, Stillman Valley – 216 pins

Sr. High Game: Brooklyn Lee, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club, Stillman Valley – 176 pins
Sr. High Series: Immanuel Arellano, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club, Oregon/Mt. Morris – 303 pins
4-H is a program of

the University of Illinois Extension. For more information about 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension Office, 421 W Pines Road, Suite 10, Oregon, IL 61061, (815)732-2191 or visit us online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

Midwest Engineering Associates joins Fehr Graham in merger

EAST PEORIA – Midwest Engineering, a 34-person engineering firm based in East Peoria, merged with Fehr Graham. Midwest Engineering co-owners, Robert Culp, PE, CFM, and David Horton, PE, chose Fehr Graham because the two firms share a focus on providing value and innovative solutions to clients' problems. "We wanted a partner with similar values and

business acumen," Culp said. "Fehr Graham has grown over the years but has maintained a small firm feel by being attentive to clients, which resonated with our approach to client business." For Fehr Graham, Midwest Engineering's established structural and transportation engineering services combined with expertise in mechanical and electrical engineering align with strategic growth

objectives. Fehr Graham President Mick Gronewold, PE, appreciates how well the strengths of the people from both firms complement each other. "When we saw the level of services and expertise Midwest Engineering brought to the table, we knew they would be a perfect addition to our team," Gronewold said. "Their culture fits seamlessly with ours, and together, we're stronger."

During the transition, Midwest Engineering will be known as Midwest Engineering Associates, a Fehr Graham company. Together with 235 employees, the merger promises clients a broader spectrum of professional resources. "Joining Fehr Graham opens doors to a large pool of expertise that will significantly benefit our clients," Horton said. "It's about providing a richer, more comprehensive

service experience." Staff at Midwest Engineering Associates, a Fehr Graham company, will continue to operate from their respective offices in East Peoria and Peoria, and Coralville, Iowa, ensuring uninterrupted service for clients. Having served the Peoria region for 14 years, Midwest Engineering specializes in civil/site transportation, hydraulic, structural, construc-

tion engineering, mechanical, electrical, plumbing engineering, professional landsurveying and landscape architecture services. Midwest Engineering Associates, a Fehr Graham company remains committed to its clients and community from its offices at 140 E. Washington St., East Peoria, Illinois; 1904 NE Monroe St., Peoria, Illinois; and 2000 James St., Suite 213, Coralville, Iowa.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ashton Bible Church, corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website www.ashtonbible.org. Sunday School for all ages 9:00-10:00am, Morning Worship 10:15am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm.

Calvary Lighthouse Church, Assemblies of God, Senior Pastor, Dr. James Horvath. 14409 Hemstock Rd., Rochelle. Sunday Morning: Sunday Worship & Children's Church 10:00 A.M., Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. – Adult Teaching, Missionettes & Royal Rangers Children's Classes, Nursery available for all services. HE-Brews Cafe is open before and after services. For further information, please call the CLC office at 815-562-7701, or email us at staff@calvarylighthouse.com

Rochelle Church of Christ, Keeping Christ at the center in the Hub City. We meet Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study and 10:00am for worship. We also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm. 206 Erickson Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068. You can call us at (815) 562-6572 or visit us on the web at rochellechurch.com. We also have a radio program Sundays just after 8am on WRHL 1060AM. Minister Dominic Venuso.

Creston United Methodist Church and Steward United Methodist Church - Rev. Ilhan You, Creston: 126 West South Street, P.O. Box 209, Creston, Illinois 60113. Sunday morning worship 9:00am. Coffee fellowship at 10:15am. Steward: 507 Main Street, P.O. Box 80, Steward, IL 60553. Adult Sunday School, 10:00am. Sunday morning worship and Children's Sunday School 11:00am. Contact the church office at 847-730-4370 for more information. facebook.com/crestonumcil facebook.com/stewardilumc

Elim Reformed Church, 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-6811. Email goelimchurch@gmail.com Website www.goelimchurch.org Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 Rev. Marv Jacobs

Faith Lutheran Church – (14206 E. Flagg Rd.) – "Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith." In-person worship is available each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or online at "Faith Lutheran Social" on YouTube. Worship resources are also available on our Facebook page - 'Faith Lutheran Church ELCA.' You may also e-mail Pastor Joy Alsop at Pastor@faithlchrochelle.org for more information. All are welcome to join us!

First General Baptist Church, 500 S. 12th St, Rochelle. Phone: 815-562-5221. Email: fgbcrochelle@gmail.com. Website: www.fgbcrochelle.org. Facebook: www.facebook.com/fgbcrochelle. Pastor: Rev. Angelo Bonacquisti. **Sunday worship services:** 8:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm. **Sunday school:** 10:00 am. We'd be honored to have you join us as we worship JESUS and continue to grow in truth and love for God and each other. A nursery, children's church, youth group and small groups are available. If you need a ride please contact our church bus driver, John, at (815) 262-4275 by 8:30 am on Sunday. "For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

First Presbyterian Church – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgrace.com. Sunday morning worship 9:00am and 10:30am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgrace.com/ www.facebook.com/placeforgrace

Grace Fellowship Church — Pastor Jeff Ardisson, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

Harvest Baptist Church 241 Scott Ave. (Hillcrest). Rev. Duane Boehm, pastor. Email duane712@hotmail.com, cell 815-757-3427. Visit us on Facebook! Service times: Sunday morning worship with Children's Church at 10 am. Wednesday night worship at 7 pm.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049. Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock. Church Phone 393-4500. Church Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christian Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.

Living Water Community Church 405 N. Main St, Downtown Rochelle. Phone 815-561-6249, Website: www.lwccr.com, Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Mike Vogeler - Outreach and Seven C's Pastor, Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor and Doug Bunker - Missions and Children's Pastor. Sunday Worship Service- 10:00am. Nursery/Toddlers Ages 0-5 available during the service in the Splash building. Swim- Grades 1st-5th worship with the adults then break out for age appropriate teaching. Youth groups, Small groups, Life Groups and Workshops meet throughout the year for Bible teaching. 7C's Mission- serves the community physically & spiritually each month from 1135 Lincoln Hwy, providing lightly used clothing, Hygiene items, a light lunch and Elder Prayer open the second Saturday from 10am-2pm and the 4th Thursday from 4pm to 7:00pm and by appointment.. [f](https://facebook.com/lwccr)

New Hope Fellowship (Church of God - Anderson, IN), 1501 10th Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068. Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m., (815)561-8400, www.NHFchurch.net Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

Rochelle United Methodist Church welcomes everyone to their worship service, and practices openness for all activities including communion. Worship is at 9:00 am. Sunday school for children begins around 9:15, following the Children's Time in worship. A fellowship time with food and space for conversation occurs in Hicks Hall every week following the worship service. We celebrate communion with an open table on the first Sunday of every month, and on other appropriate occasions. Youth group is on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30. Our youth program includes service projects, discussion topics, Bible Study, and lots of fun and fellowship together. Some of our activities include packing meals at Feed My Starving Children, helping at Rochelle Christian Food Pantry and 7C's, working with animals at Barn on Baseline, Mystery trips (Destination Unknown!), and interactive experiences on Dating boundaries, refugees, and homelessness. Youth group is for grades 6-12 and friends are always welcome. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at www.rochelleumc.com. Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/rochelleumc. **Our pastor is the Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley.** Our address is 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. Email is admin@rochelleumc.com. At Rochelle United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome and loved!

St. Patrick Catholic Church Rev. Jesus Dominguez; Deacon Fermin Garcia; Deacon George Schramm; 244 Kelley Dr. (Corner of Kelley & Caron Rd.), PO Box 329, Rochelle, IL 61068. **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM- 4PM Monday-Thursday, Phone: 815-562-2370. **Mass times:** 8:00 AM Monday-Thursday, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM English, 7PM Spanish, Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM in English and 11:00 AM in Spanish. **Confessions:** Monday 8:30AM & 6:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM, Saturday 8:30am & 4:00-4:45 PM Or by appointment. **Religious Education:** Deacon George Schramm, Director of Religious Education. 903 Caron Road, Rochelle, IL 61068, 815-561-0079; Website: stpatricksrochelle.com Email: stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle

St. Paul Lutheran Church "Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!" Steven Hall, Principal, Parish Nurse-Marcia Schnorr. 1415 Tenth Ave., Rochelle. Church Office-562-2744. Worship times: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Our service is broadcast over WRHL 1060AM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School 10:15-11:15 a.m. Call 562-6323 for more information about the school.

LOCAL VIEWS

The history of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library

GROWING up there was one place that I could always go for an adventure. From “The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet” by Eleanor Cameron, “Glass Bead Game” by Herman Hesse, and “Great Expectations” by Charles Dickens, I could go anywhere and do anything within the walls of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library. Today as I visit the library, I am both saddened and gladdened by what I see. With electronic readers, fewer people are going to the library for books. The staff and management of the library are doing a great job of broadening the services offered, computer access, movies, pet shows, Halloween activities and more. Will it be enough to keep the doors open? Time will tell.

The first mention I could find for the development of a local library was in 1881. S.D. Reynolds penned a letter to the local newspaper asking for the city officials to consider the benefits of a local library. The letter stated that the

community offered no limit to the numbers of “billiard saloons” and “gambling holes” opened to the youth of Rochelle. “It is much better to keep the boys from forming bad habits than to neglect them and then try to reform them.” The Reynolds letter supported the expense of a library to provide an alternative place for the young and old to gather and improve themselves.

The first tax established for the development of a local library was passed in 1889. The library was opened in 1891. One room at the City Hall, today’s museum, was set aside and dedicated as the library. Harry Loomis became the first head librarian. The library was only opened on Saturdays and generally saw a good crowd. The first library board included M.J. Braiden, Aaron Cass, John Prindle, Henry Loomis, A.J. Bird and Ed McGinnis.

After one-year Mrs. Henry Loomis became the head librarian and held that position until 1900. The next to lead the library were Frances Simons and later

Minnie Simons from 1900 until 1934. It was under the Simons sisters that the library became the edifice that so many of us came to love. The first library records were dated 1915 and show that there were 11,913 books loaned and 1,022 borrowers. This translated to three books for every citizen of the community at the time.

The library was awarded a Carnegie grant in 1912. Andrew Carnegie’s father had started a library in Scotland and Andrew continued the family dream by supporting the construction of 1,679 libraries in the United States and another 830 in other countries. The Carnegie grant was for \$10,000 and was sufficient for the construction of a library with 4,200 square foot of floor space. Not bad for a community with a population of 2,000 people. The requirements placed on the community were that there be a local tax to provide for the continued support of the library and that the city provide a place to erect the library. The tax was already in place and the

city decided on a location at the corner of Seventh Street and fourth Avenue. At the time there were two houses sitting on the chosen site. One house was moved to 703 N. Eighth St. and the other was moved to the northeast corner of Fourth Avenue and 12th Street. Both homes are still occupied today. The original library featured a fountain and fish pond. This pond was removed around 1920.

By 1934 the Simons sisters had each retired and Elizabeth Windsor took the reins as head librarian. Elizabeth served for three years and in 1937 Leona Ringering stepped in. Elizabeth Johnson was head librarian from 1945 through 1948. Betty Neal served as head librarian from 1948 until 1973. Each director made minor changes to the library, rooms were painted, floors were tiled, windows and doors replaced as needed. The next major change was in 1964 when the basement was changed from a meeting area and became the children’s room. Even with the expansion into the basement there was an ob-

vious need for expansion. By 1964 the library was making plans to either replace or expand the current library. The two houses to the north of the library were purchased, architects hired and drawing completed. In 1969 a federal grant was awarded and the road was clear to expand. There was only one obstacle, the community needed to pass a referendum ensuring the communities portion of the project. In September of 1969 the expansion referendum went before the voters and was defeated. The library tried again in December of 1969 and lost again.

Marilee McSweeney became director in 1973 but after two years retired from the position. Barbara Kopplin became the director in 1975 and set into the longest run as director since the library was opened. Under Barb’s direction, the library succeeded in passing the long-awaited referendum to expand the library. By a vote of 889 to 682 the community decided to get behind the \$1.5 million project. The

houses to the north were removed in 1976 and 1979. The construction began in 1988 and was completed in 1989. The new addition added 15,320 additional square feet to the 4,200 square-foot library. Even Barb had her limits and in 2015 she retired with 40 years at the helm.

Today the Flagg-Rochelle Library is under the direction of Sarah Flanagan. With her staff Sarah continues the history of strong public service. With the addition of a reading room containing local newspapers dating back to the 1850s and a micro-film collection that contains more than 100-years of local information, there is still plenty to excite the historian in me.

For the past 132 years the Flagg-Rochelle Library has provided information and adventures for the asking. Maybe today is the day that your child will begin their “Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet.”

Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum historian and Rochelle city councilman.

Illinois coal – Historically-important energy

UNDERSTANDING the technology our world is filled with is one way that we can gain a level of comfort in our lives. If we have a sense of understanding, instead of confusion, it’s a better way to go through life. Among the four major forms of technology I discuss in this column – transportation, production, communication and energy – energy technology enables us to enjoy great comforts, has an influence on consumer decisions we make, and greatly impacts the environment we live in. Among the three main types of energy, exhaustible energy is important to understand both from a historical perspective and from a current point of view. It greatly shaped the past and is now impacting our future.

Remember that “exhaustible” energy sources are those that are, for all practical purposes, depleted when we use them. The big three exhaustible energy sources are coal, oil and natural gas. Each one of these is typically burned by combining with oxygen to create heat. The heat in turn is used in a variety of other

energy conversion processes to power our cars, heat our homes, provide electricity, and drive agricultural production of foods and feeds.

Did you know that just south of Rochelle, starting in Lee and Bureau counties, is the northern tip of the largest coal deposit east of the Mississippi River? Beneath 65 percent of Illinois lies the Illinois Coal Basin, which is a deposit of coal formed 360 to 290 million years ago. It is the result of ancient swamp and peat moss bogs which were covered by silt and slowly converted to coal by high pressure and temperature in a lack of oxygen. The thick layers of dead plant materials undergo chemical changes as they turn into coal.

The only way to truly appreciate its enormous size is to look at a map of it. It you have ever been told that we will run out of coal, think again! There is enough Illinois coal to fuel us for nearly forever!

But unfortunately, it’s not that simple. Numerous problems with coal prevent it from being that magic energy source we can rely on solely for our long-term

energy future. To understand this, we need to know about coal quality. There are a variety of types of coal, and they differ in quality based on the amount of time, pressure, and heat they have been subjected to. Low-quality coal has lower concentrations of carbon and higher concentrations of unwanted compounds which cause additional pollution when burned. Higher quality coals have high carbon content and lower (but still significant) quantities of contaminants. The lowest-quality coal is named lignite, the medium quality named bituminous, and the highest quality is anthracite.

While high quality coals are found more beneath the land of the western United States, the Illinois Coal Basin is a medium quality bituminous thermal coal, suitable for burning in power plants but not clean enough for other industrial uses.

Coal was discovered in Illinois near Chicago in 1810 but was not mined for production until the 1850s. Because it burns much hotter and more cleanly than wood, it became the fuel of choice to power steam

engines and to heat home and factories.

Coal has been mined in 76 of Illinois’ 102 counties, with over 7,400 operating mines since its inception. Cities such as Coal City, Carbondale, Diamond, Carbon Hill, Carbon Cliff, and Glen Carbon are a few of the many towns in Illinois bearing names originating from the coal mining industry choosing to dig for coal in that location. The mascot of Gillespie High School in Gillespie, Illinois is a miner. Many more towns sprung up to support railroads which were built to transport the mined coal to consumers. Lots of money was made by supplying coal to people and businesses in need of easy energy.

Another drawback to coal mining is that it is inherently a dirty and dangerous job for humans. Coal dust can cause lung disease, and working underground carries added risk from the equipment and working conditions. Illinois has the second-worst U.S. coal mine disaster since 1940 — the West Frankfort explosion in 1951 — and the second-worst mining disaster ever in U.S. history with

the Cherry Mine fire in 1909. Hundreds of lives were lost in each disaster due to the difficulties of getting miners out of the deep holes in the ground where they worked.

Because of the type of work mining is, it attracted immigrants from Chicago and other large cities in the eastern United States, as well as from throughout eastern Europe who came seeking steady work and the opportunity to advance themselves and their families freely through their hard work. Mining jobs were typically those that established business people and farmers would not consider, though they relied heavily on the energy that the coal provided. Much of the Illinois River Valley is populated with families whose ancestors were drawn to work in the mines, and the cultural influence the mines brought about is fascinating and remarkable.

As if those problems weren’t enough, another big problem caused by abandoned mines is the sinking of the land surface above the mines when the earth above the hollow mine structures collapses

down. This sinking is called subsidence. Subsidence is obviously a big problem for homes and buildings built on the land affected. As the land sinks, serious structural damage is caused. Though government intervention has brought about laws which now attempt to protect and compensate those people who own buildings affected by subsidence, it is still a challenge for both abandoned mines and those in current production.

Illinois coal production is now a shrinking industry compared to its past, but it still produces great quantities of coal and is a leading supplier of bituminous thermal coal for the United States and the rest of the world. Stay tuned for more information about the current state of Illinois coal production.

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COMMUNITY

Sheriff's Office steps up distracted driving enforcement efforts

OREGON—The Ogle County Sheriff's Office announced April 9 it is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state in recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Throughout

April, motorists can expect increased patrols looking for texting and driving as well as other traffic violations. "Distracted driving is an increasing habit that is putting everyone at risk. We want drivers to focus on the most important task: hands on the wheel and eyes on the road" Sheriff Brian VanVickle said.

Between 2012 and 2021, approximately 32,000 lives were lost in crashes involving distracted drivers. Everyone has the potential for distracted driving crashes, but those between the ages of 16 and 24 are especially at risk. If you need to text, pull over to a safe location, or if you have a passenger, consider appointing a "designated

texter." Whatever the solution, don't text and drive. In Illinois, using your phone in anything other than hands-free mode is not only dangerous, but also illegal. Pay attention or pay the price. The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.

Hormel Foods seeking nominees for 2024 Class of 10 Under 20 Food Heroes

A U S T I N , Minn. — Hormel Foods, a Fortune 500 global branded food company, is now accepting nominations for the 2024 class of 10 Under 20 Food Heroes. The impact-driven program, now in its third year, recognizes the efforts of young trailblazers from across the United States whose philanthropic efforts are driving the world toward a more transparent, secure and sustainable food system. The company is seeking candidates under 20 years of age who reside

in the United States that are driven, passionate and determined to make a lasting impact on the world. Nominations can be submitted at 10under20foodheroes.com/nominate from now through April 26, 2024. Each 10 Under 20 Food Hero will receive support and resources from Hormel Foods and its partners, including mentorship, internship opportunities, executive networking sessions and hands-on experiences to foster their growth as future leaders. The program

continues to grow into a nationwide network of young changemakers connected through purpose and passion for improving our food system. "By celebrating and supporting the passion of young minds, we pave the way for a brighter, more sustainable future," said Katie Clark, senior vice president and chief communications officer at Hormel Foods. "The 10 Under 20 Food Heroes program is a testament to the power of youth-driven innovation in shaping tomorrow's food landscape."

To celebrate the achievements of the new cohort of Food Heroes, the 2024 award recipients and their guardians will be invited to the company's global headquarters in Austin, Minnesota, for a celebration this summer. They will also receive a financial donation to further their impactful efforts. Explore the inspiring stories of previous Food Heroes and learn more about the program at 10under20foodheroes.com.

Chana Mother's Club to host Spring Salad Supper

CHANA—The Chana Mother's Club will host the Spring Salad Supper on Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at Chana Education Center at 204 N. Main St., Chana. Bring your signature

salad and be prepared to reminisce. Diane Lillie will present a collage of photos from the collection of Lyle Deuth that was compiled for the sesquicentennial celebrated in 2022. Bring along any

memorabilia you would like to display. Especially fun are class pictures, photos from the famous Fun Fairs and objects or trinkets from past years. Please invite any former moms, teachers, students

or interested bystanders to join us as we relax and share the memories. Drinks and table service will be provided. Lindy E. 815-631-4263, Diane L. 815-440-4554, Linda D. 815-543-3844

Shabbona Farmers Market runs June-October

SHABBONA — The Shabbona Farmers Market, featuring locally-produced and crafts, runs

on Saturdays from June to October from 8 a.m. to noon at Purdy Park at 205 E. Navaho Ave. in

Shabbona. For more information, visit the Shabbona Farmers Market Facebook

page. For vendor inquiries, email ShabbonaFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

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



- Apr. 4 - Carol Pretzer, Lindenwood, \$25
- Apr. 5 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 6 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Apr. 7 - Ryan Thomas, Chana, \$50
- Apr. 8 - Marilyn Yu, DeKalb, \$25
- Apr. 9 - Dennis Neal, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 10 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 11 - Kaya Fulgencio, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 12 - RACF, \$25
- Apr. 13 - Marshall Basler, Rochelle, \$25
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- Apr. 17 - RACF, \$25
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- Apr. 19 - Priscilla Patterson, Rochelle, \$25
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- Apr. 21 - Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, \$50
- Apr. 22 - RACF, \$25
- Apr. 23 - Kathy Mitchusson, Byron, \$25
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Coffee Break

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K I H A H S A E L I G M L F E
C B Z Y R W V V U S C I E R Q
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A SHORT — SHIRT

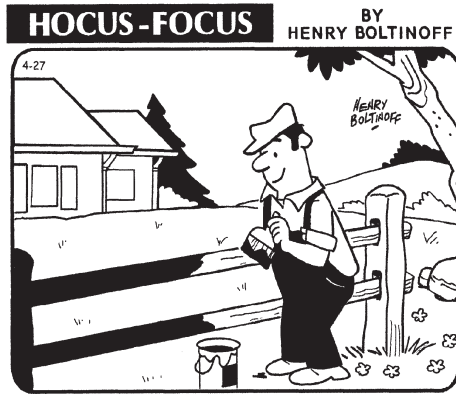
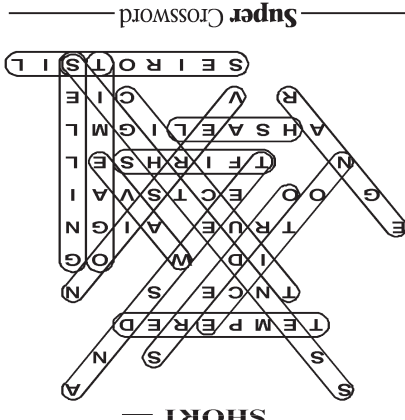
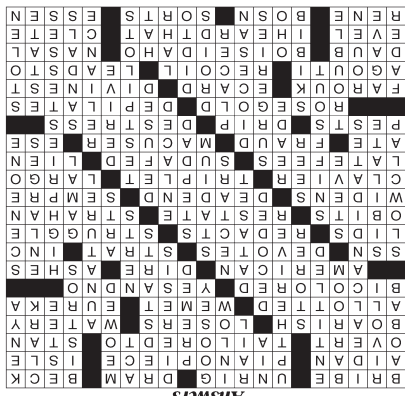
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Differences: 1. Can is larger. 2. Brush has no paint on it. 3. Rail is lower. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Sleeve is different. 6. Ear is larger.

Super Crossword

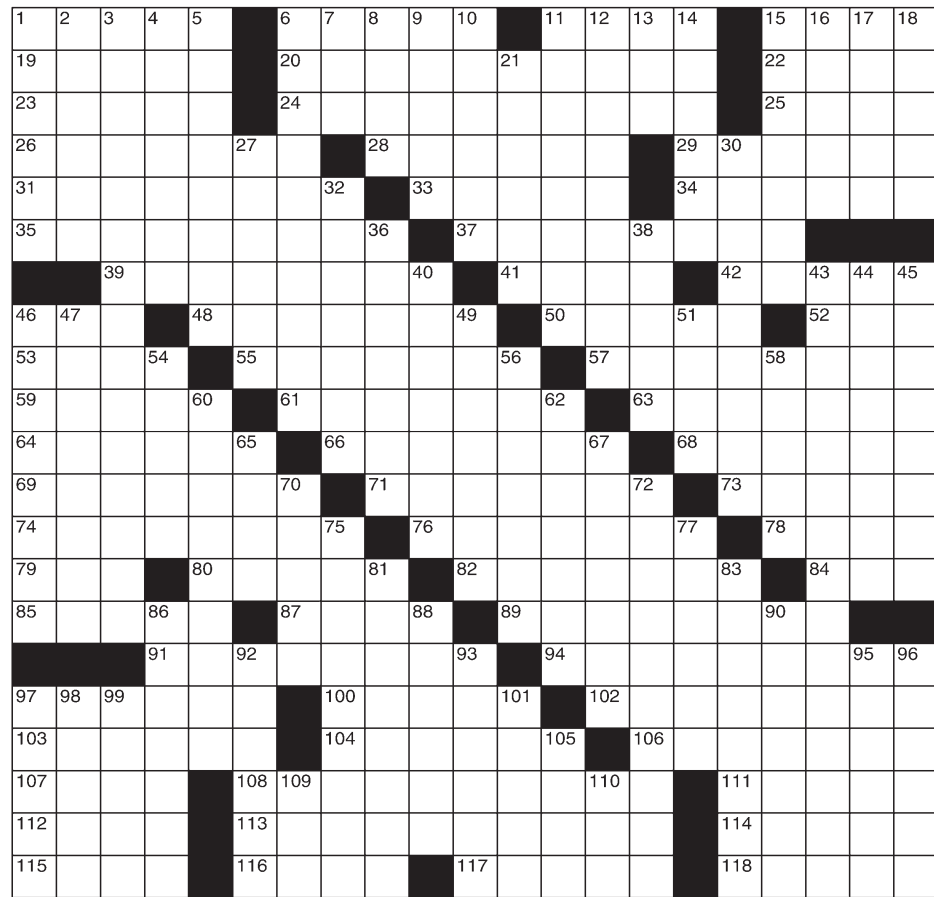
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ACROSS

- 1 Offer hush money to
- 6 Strip of gear, as a ship
- 11 Weight unit for a druggist
- 15 "I am at your — and call"
- 19 "Elementary" actor Quinn
- 20 Sonata, often
- 22 Many a cruise stopover
- 23 Unconcealed
- 24 Customized for
- 25 Lee of Marvel Comics
- 26 Like a swine
- 28 Also-rans
- 29 Like a diluted drink
- 31 Parceled out
- 33 "Haven't — before?"
- 34 Shout of discovery
- 35 Having two hues
- 37 "It could go either way"
- 39 Rival of Delta or United
- 41 Urgent
- 42 Fire residue
- 46 Taxpayer's ID
- 48 Dedicates
- 50 Fender guitar, for short
- 52 Ltd. cousin
- 53 Pot toppers
- 55 Edits for publication
- 57 Conflict
- 59 Sad paper notices
- 61 Say a different way
- 63 Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa
- 64 Gets broader
- 66 "No outlet" street
- 68 Always, in music scores
- 69 Keyboard instrument
- 71 One of three womb-sharers
- 73 Florida's Key —
- 74 Charges for not paying on time
- 76 Decongestant brand
- 78 Legal claim on property
- 79 Broke a fast
- 80 Filmmaker
- 82 Non-PC person?
- 84 Suffix with Taiwan
- 85 Bothersome types
- 87 Boring type
- 89 Relax after working hard
- 91 Red-tinged jewelry alloy
- 94 Removes hair from
- 97 Second-to-last king of Egypt
- 100 Greeting sent online
- 102 Emily Dickinson's "Much Madness is — Sense"
- 103 Tropical rabbit lookalike
- 104 Shrink back
- 106 Brings about
- 107 Finger-paint
- 108 The Northwest's "City of Trees"
- 111 Like many allergy sprays
- 112 Robbie Knivel's father
- 113 Remark from the sharp-eared
- 114 1950s-'70s baseballer Boyer
- 115 Actress Russo
- 116 Deck crew officer, in brief
- 117 Puts in order
- 118 City on the Ruhr

DOWN

- 1 African tree with a very thick trunk
- 2 Italian municipality west of Turin
- 3 Perfect choices to fill positions
- 4 Stereotypical setting for a brawl
- 5 Having a right (to)
- 6 In prison, informally
- 7 Vardalos of "Connie and Carla"
- 8 Toddler bed attachment
- 9 Like a truck ascending a steep hill, gear-wise
- 10 Silly, like a honking bird in "naïve" or "Brontë"
- 12 Fly-catching warblers
- 13 Shakespeare work part
- 14 Imitated a cat
- 15 Small restaurants
- 16 Lauder of fragrances
- 17 Lois' partner
- 18 Its capital is Nairobi
- 21 Aspiring doc's major
- 27 Person stashing stuff
- 30 In the buff
- 32 Cracked, as a cryptogram
- 36 Info group to be input
- 38 "Dagnabbit!"
- 40 Bee-luring fluids
- 43 Chief female officers in sacred rites
- 44 Gets bigger
- 45 First division of a 13-Down
- 46 Sparse start of some rounds of applause
- 47 Utter with a hissing sound
- 49 Arena relative
- 51 Crafts' counterparts
- 54 Apple's Jobs
- 56 Pop in a blended family
- 58 Egypt's Nasser
- 60 Detects like a dog
- 62 Intertwined
- 65 Crystal ball gazer, e.g.
- 67 Neutralized, as a bomb
- 70 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist Charles
- 72 Planes' first fliers, often
- 75 Operations
- 77 Infer (from)
- 81 Like a district bishop's jurisdiction
- 83 Faith
- 86 Difficulty
- 88 Finisher just under the winner
- 90 Beach footwear
- 92 Overall for hitting the slopes
- 93 Sci-fi automatons
- 95 Grand home
- 96 Purloined
- 97 Soundboard control knob
- 98 Mojave plant
- 99 Northern French city
- 101 Inflicted upon
- 105 Actor Bert
- 109 "Well well!"
- 110 Fedora, e.g.



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WHO'S WHO IN LAW

Questions to ask when looking for an attorney

VARIOUS situations call for working with a lawyer or an attorney. Having a skilled, experienced legal advocate in your corner in such situations can be advantageous and increase the likelihood of a favorable outcome.

When searching for legal representation, individuals may realize that there's no shortage of legal firms. That can make it more challenging to find the right lawyer or attorney. The vetting process is an

important part of finding legal representation, and the following are some questions individuals can ask as they look for a lawyer or attorney.

The terms "lawyer" and "attorney" are not interchangeable. The employment search engine Indeed notes that attorneys can represent clients in court and other legal proceedings while lawyers cannot. That's a subtle yet significant distinction that individuals must take into account when looking for legal representation.

Though each legal situation is unique, many are not one-of-a-kind instances. So individuals should ask about an attorney's experience with cases like their own and take note of the breadth of that experience.

Even the most experienced and skilled attorney cannot say with absolute certainty what the outcome of a case will ultimately be. However, that does not mean they cannot study the details and provide an assessment to give prospective clients an

idea of how the case will unfold. When vetting attorneys, individuals should prepare and be ready to discuss details that can help each professional provide the most accurate assessment of their case.

Expenses and attorney fees can be significant, so individuals should not hesitate to ask how much legal representation will cost them. Attorneys represent clients on a contingency basis in certain situations, such as when an individual is suing for damages. In

those situations, individuals should confirm what percentage of damages the attorney will receive and if there are any costs they may be responsible for. In other situations, confirm if an attorney is charging a fixed amount for their services or an hourly fee. It's also necessary to inquire about expenses and request that an attorney provide a reasonable estimate of what their fees will be while they're representing you.

It's understandable that individuals want to

be kept abreast of the details of any legal matter they're involved in. Ask how that will unfold if you hire the attorney you're vetting. Will an intermediary be calling with periodic updates or can clients contact the attorney directly via an email, phone call or text message?

The right representation can make all the difference in a legal situation. Asking the right questions can help individuals find an attorney they're confident can deliver the best outcome.



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Personal Life: He is an avid car collector & outdoorsman who enjoys hunting with his sons. He resides in Ogle County.

LAWN AND GARDEN

Maintaining a lawn routinely roamed by pets

VIBRANT, green lawns can draw attention to any landscape. Many homeowners toil for hours each week to ensure their lawns are pristine, or invest in lawn care services to help maintain a yard if they do not have the time to do so themselves. While many treatments can be applied to lawns to help them thrive, animal waste is not among them. Pet owners who aspire to have beautiful lawns will have to take a few extra steps to ensure lawns can persevere despite the presence of furry companions. There are many different types of grass, and some are more resilient than others. Tall fescue, Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, and Bermuda grass are just some of the grass varieties that can capably handle pet traffic. If replacing the entire lawn is not possible, consider reseeding or addressing the areas that pets frequent. It may be tempting to

cut the lawn short, particularly if dogs or cats like to nibble on longer blades of grass. But that approach could be doing the lawn a disservice. According to The Home Depot, letting the lawn grow to at least three inches will help keep moisture in the soil and prevent evaporation. That moisture will strengthen the roots, creating a healthier lawn for pets and people. Various materials can be used in these high-traffic areas to minimize the sights and signs of pet traffic. Mulch or crushed stone can establish these pet highways and look like intended features. Pet urine contains high levels of nitrogen, which can burn grass and turn it brown. It's not possible to water down urine or pick up solid waste immediately every time a pet goes outdoors, so designate a pet-friendly spot for potty time. Use fencing or a dog run to separate this area and help mitigate "land mines" all over the lawn.



Fencing also can keep pets out of vegetable gardens and away from potentially toxic plants. When pets use the yard and rest on the lawn, you'll need to eliminate products that can be harmful to them. Choose all-natural fertilizers and weed and pest preventatives. If maintaining a lawn with pets seems like an uphill battle, consider swapping out your landscape with a variety of materials. Scale back on grass, and incorporate groundcover, hardscape materials like pea gravel, or extend the patio. Artificial turf also is an option, as it won't brown and wither. Some turf products can even be quickly and thoroughly cleaned with water. It can take some trial and error for pet parents to protect their lawns from the effects of having furry friends playing in the yard.

Tips to revitalize a garden this spring

GARDENING is a rewarding hobby that pays a host of significant dividends. Many people love gardening because it allows them to spend time outdoors, and that simple pleasure is indeed a notable benefit of working in a garden. But the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture notes that gardening provides a host of additional benefits, including helping people get sufficient levels of exercise, reduce stress and improve mood. With so much to gain from gardening, it's no wonder people look forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden each spring. As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

- Test the soil. Soil testing kits can be purchased at local garden centers and home improvement retailers. Such tests are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.
- Mulch garden beds. Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and preventing the growth of weeds. Various garden experts note that mulching in spring can prevent weed seeds from germinating over the course of spring and summer. That means plants won't have to fight with weeds for water when the temperature warms up. It also means gardeners won't have to spend time pulling weeds this summer.
- Inspect your irrigation system. Homeowners with in-ground irrigation systems or above-ground systems that utilize a drip or soaker function can inspect the systems

before plants begin to bloom. Damaged sprinkler heads or torn lines can deprive plants of water they will need to bloom and ultimately thrive once the weather warms up. Tune up your tools. Gardening tools have likely been sitting around gathering dust since fall. Serious gardeners know that tools can be expensive, so it pays to protect that investment by maintaining the tools. Sharpened pruners help make plants less vulnerable to infestation and infection. Well-maintained tools like shovels and hoes also make more demanding gardening jobs a little bit easier, so don't forget to tune up your tools before the weather warms up. It's almost gardening season, which means gardeners can start on the necessary prep work to ensure their gardens grow in strong and beautiful this spring.



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GIRLS BATTLE DEKALB

The Rochelle Lady Hub soccer team hosted DeKalb for a match on Thursday.

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RTHS Baseball

Hubs lose Morris series

Rochelle falls to 0-9 in Interstate 8 after conference sweep against Redskins

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — A three-run effort in the bottom of the first inning wasn't enough for the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team during Thursday evening's Interstate 8 series finale against Morris.

Junior Carson Lewis and sophomore Brode Metzger each recorded RBIs for the Hubs, who allowed five runs in both the second and fifth innings of their 14-3 loss to the Redskins. Rochelle (4-13, 0-9 Interstate 8) committed four errors and was held to three hits. The Hubs will host Forrester on Friday before traveling for an Interstate 8 game at LaSalle-Peru on Monday.

Morris tallied two runs in the top of the first inning, where AJ Zweeres smacked a lead-off double and scored on a wild pitch before Griffin Zweeress sent an RBI double into center that scored Brett Bounds. Rochelle answered with three runs in the bottom of the first inning, scoring after a wild pitch as well as a sacrifice fly from Metzger and an RBI single to left field from Lewis.

Three different Redskins including AJ Zweeres, Bounds and Cody DeFavero notched RBI singles in the top of the second inning, where Morris scored

five runs to take a 7-3 lead over the Hubs. The Redskins added one run over both the third and fourth innings, surging ahead 9-3 after AJ Zweeres scored on a passed ball in the third and Nazim Baftiri scored on an error in the fourth. Baftiri's two-run single highlighted a five-run Morris rally in the top of the fifth inning.

Wednesday

Junior Carson Lewis sent an RBI groundout to first base that drove in the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team's lone run during Wednesday's Interstate 8 matchup at Morris.

The Redskins held Rochelle to five hits and scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to hand the Hubs an 8-1 loss in the second game of the conference series. Rochelle (4-12, 0-8 Interstate 8) remains winless in the Interstate 8 and will attempt to avoid a third straight sweep in conference play on Thursday evening, when the Hubs host Morris for the third game.

Nazim Baftiri walked and scored on an error to give the Redskins a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning. Morris extended its lead with a six-run surge in the bottom of the fourth inning, where Jack Wheeler and Merek Klicker each slapped RBI singles. Anthony Xydakis reached on a fielder's choice to give the Redskins a 7-1 lead, which grew after Morris tallied one run on a pair of singles, including an RBI single from Xydakis, in the bottom of the sixth inning.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Chandler Cunningham digs in at the plate during the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball game against Morris on Thursday evening.

thony Xydakis reached on a fielder's choice to give the Redskins a 7-1 lead, which grew after Morris tallied one run on a pair of singles, including an RBI single from Xydakis, in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Rochelle avoided the shutout with one run in the top of the seventh inning, where freshman Brody Bruns and sophomore Brode Metzger smacked back-to-back singles to start the frame. Bruns

scored on an RBI groundout from Lewis two batters later. Senior Dylan Whaley started on the mound for the Hubs, throwing two and one-third innings while striking out four batters.

Junior Brandyn Metzger closed the game with two and two-thirds innings of relief while striking out two batters and limiting the Redskins to one unearned run on three hits with no walks.

RTHS Boys Tennis

Rochelle concedes nonconference loss to Sterling

Hub netters begin week with pair of defeats against DeKalb and LaSalle-Peru

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team faced stiff competition on Thursday, falling 5-0 against Sterling in nonconference action with all five losses coming in straight sets. Rochelle (3-8, 1-4 Interstate 8) will return to the court with a home match against Streator on Friday.

Sterling took both singles points, as senior Jimmy Chavez conceded an 0-6, 0-6 loss against Brecken Peterson at the No. 1 court while sophomore Philip Winters took three games in a 1-6, 2-6 loss against Servanto Diaz at the No. 2 court. Senior Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore Mark Green nearly secured one of the three doubles points available on Thursday, playing a tough first set during their 6-7(3), 4-6 loss to Iker Zaragoza and Benjamin Boza at the No. 1 court.

Senior Alex McBride and sophomore Caleb Mortensen were swept in an 0-6, 0-6 loss to Yamaan Alkhalaf and

Jubraan Alkhalaf at the No. 2 court, while seniors Austin Raleigh and Eli Luxton nearly claimed the second set of their 3-6, 6-7(2) loss to Gavin Staats and Nathan Guerrero at the No. 3 court.

LaSalle-Peru

Senior Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore Mark Green went three sets in their No. 1 doubles match against LaSalle-Peru's Danny Santoy and Andrew Bollis on Tuesday, giving the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team its best chance to take a point from the Cavaliers.

In a highly contested match that was decided by only a few games, Lenkaitis and Green rallied to win the second set before falling just short in the third set to concede a 4-6, 6-4, 5-7 loss. Their performance was the highlight of the evening for the Hubs, who were handed a 5-0 shutout loss in Interstate 8 Conference play.

The Hubs conceded all three doubles points as well as both singles points against the Cavaliers. Seniors Austin Raleigh and



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Parker Lenkaitis moves for a return shot during the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis match against Sterling on Thursday evening.

Eli Luxton took a total of six games in their 2-6, 4-6 loss against Michael

Peters and Devyn Castelli at No. 3 doubles, while senior Alex McBride

and sophomore Caleb Mortensen fell 0-6, 3-6 to Colin Krug and Michael

Milota at No. 2 doubles.

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RTHS Girls Soccer

Lady Hubs fall in hard-fought match with DeKalb

Rochelle offense finds rhythm during losses against LaSalle-Peru and Ottawa

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Freshman Adyson Carter finished with 20 saves as the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team hung tough during the first half of its match with DeKalb on Thursday night.

The Barbs held a 2-0 halftime lead after goals in the 10th and 38th minutes. Despite finishing with nine shots and three shots on goal, the Lady Hubs were unable to avoid the shutout, while DeKalb's offense poured in five second-half goals to hand Rochelle a 7-0 nonconference loss. The Lady Hubs (2-15, 0-9 Interstate 8) will host Kaneland for their Interstate 8 finale Monday.

Junior Makayla Lara led the Rochelle offense with six total shots and three shots on goal during the loss to the Barbs on Thursday. Junior Betty Flores took one shot, while sophomore Evileth Mendez and freshman Taylor Olsen each added one shot for the Lady Hub offense.

LaSalle-Peru Senior Sydney Thorne scored two goals to lead the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team during Wednesday's Interstate 8 Conference match against LaSalle-Peru.

Juniors Makayla Lara and Betty Flores each notched assists for the

Lady Hubs, who conceded an 8-2 loss to the Cavaliers to remain winless in conference action. Senior Danica Ward totaled 16 saves for the Lady Hubs (2-14, 0-9 Interstate 8).

The Lady Hubs recorded 12 shots and eight shots on goal during the loss to the Cavaliers. Rochelle scored its first goal of the match in the 60th minute, when Thorne cashed in an assist from Flores. Thorne then scored her second goal on an assist from Lara in the 78th minute.

Ottawa Junior Makayla Lara and senior Kara Martinez each scored two goals to lead the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team in its Interstate 8 match at Ottawa on Tuesday evening.

It was a season-best offensive effort from the Lady Hubs, who turned in 21 total shots including 10 shots on goal against the Pirates on Tuesday. Rochelle was unable to keep Ottawa at bay, however, as the Pirates capitalized on their 10 shots on goal with six goals to edge the Lady Hubs 6-4.

The Pirates struck first on Tuesday, scoring in the 12th minute before Rochelle (2-13, 0-8 Interstate 8) answered with an equalizer in the 16th minute, when Lara cashed in her first goal on an assist from Martinez. Lara returned the favor for Martinez in the 37th minute,



Sophomore Brittany Ibarra tracks down DeKalb's Hannah Safford during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer match against the Barbs on Thursday evening.

when the junior midfielder found the senior forward on a pass to give the Lady Hubs a 2-1 advantage. Ottawa bounced right back with its second goal of the match, scoring in the 42nd minute to tie the match at 2-2.

Rochelle sent in two second-half goals, with

junior midfielder Emma Kennay assisting Martinez in the 71st minute and Lara scoring an unassisted goal in the 74th minute. But the Lady Hubs couldn't contain the Pirates, who cashed in four goals over the later portion of the second half. Senior Danica Ward

recorded eight saves in net for the Lady Hubs in the loss on Tuesday.

Kaneland Senior Danica Ward recorded 15 saves during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team's Interstate 8 Conference road match against Kaneland

on Monday evening. Freshman Adyson Carter added six saves for the Lady Hubs, who fell to the Knights 8-0 to remain winless in conference play. Junior Makayla Lara totaled three shots and one shot on goal for Rochelle (2-12, 0-7 Interstate 8) in the loss.

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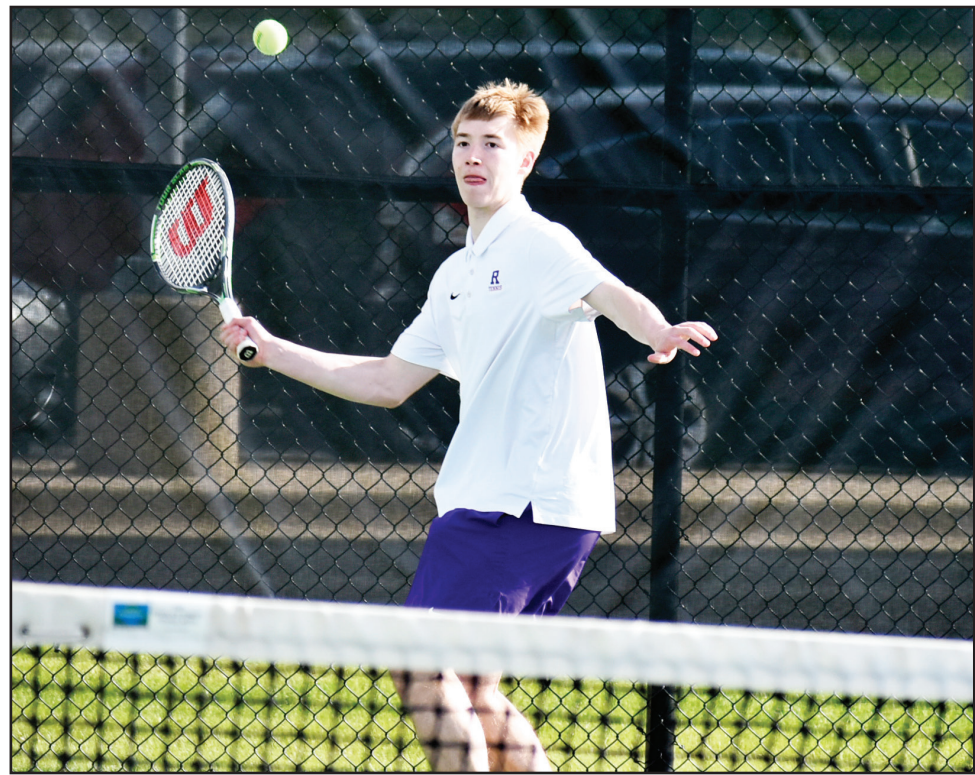
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Sophomore Mark Green (left) and senior Eli Luxton (right) hit forehand shots during the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis match against LaSalle-Peru on Tuesday evening. The Cavaliers defeated the Hubs 5-0 after Rochelle conceded a 4-1 loss at DeKalb on Monday evening.

TENNIS: Hub netters move to 3-8 overall and 1-4 in Interstate 8 Conference

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In singles, senior Jimmy Chavez played a strong second set in his 1-6, 4-6 loss against Jackson Sellett at the No. 1 court, while sophomore Philip Winters opened

with a strong effort during his 5-7, 2-6 loss against John Crane at the No. 2 singles court.

DeKalb

Senior Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore Mark Green secured the

Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team's lone doubles point during Monday's nonconference match at DeKalb.

Lenkaitis and Green played a tight opening set and showed dominance in the second set of their No.

1 doubles match against the Barbs, winning 7-6(2), 6-0 to score Rochelle's lone point in the team's 4-1 loss to DeKalb. The Hubs (3-5, 1-3 Interstate 8) conceded both singles matches, with senior Jimmy Chavez taking

four games in a 2-6, 2-6 loss at the No. 1 singles court while sophomore Philip Winters claimed one game in a 1-6, 0-6 loss at No. 2 singles.

Senior Alex McBride and sophomore Caleb Mortensen nearly scored

a two-set victory at the No. 2 doubles court, falling just short in a 6-7(6), 4-6 loss. Seniors Austin Raleigh and Eli Luxton went three sets at the No. 3 doubles court, falling 6-1, 6-7(4), 8-10 in a hard-fought battle.

RTHS Track & Field

Rochelle athletes win road meet at Stillman Valley

Hubs down Cardinals 94-43 and Lady Hubs bring home 83-44 victory Monday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub track and field teams competed in a head-to-head meet against Stillman Valley on Monday. The Hubs defeated the Cardinals 94-43, while the Lady Hubs won 83-44. Both teams will return to action on Friday, with the boys traveling for the Oregon Hawk Classic and the girls heading west for the Sterling Night Relays.

Hubs

Senior Landon Mickley won two field events on Monday, finishing first in the shot put with a PR mark of 15.63 meters and the discus throw with a mark of 38.11 meters.

Rochelle claimed all three jumping events, as junior Jack Tilton won the high jump with a height of 1.73 meters while senior Nathan Sergeant won the triple jump with a distance of 12.17 meters. Junior Virgil O'Dell won the long jump with a distance of 5.78 meters to help the Hubs sweep the jumping events.

Rochelle took all four relay races on Monday as well. The Hubs won the 400-meter relay (Caden Goodwin, Reece Harris, Virgil O'Dell and Caleb Wyssbrod) with a time of 45.97 seconds and the 800-meter relay (Caden Goodwin, Reece Harris, Virgil O'Dell and Caleb Wyssbrod) with a time of 1:37.56. The Hubs claimed the 1600-meter relay (Irving Escalante, Pedro

Rosales, Caleb Wyssbrod and Jackson Smith) with a time of 3:50.57 and the 3200-meter relay (Bruno Fernandez, Declan McGee, Johnny Morales and Alexavier Villatoro) with a time of 10:03.65.

Sophomore Wyatt Worthington was Rochelle's leading hurdler on Monday, taking second in both the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 18.22 seconds and the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.90 seconds. Senior Luis Hernandez led Rochelle in the distance events, winning the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:01.76 and the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:07.27.

In the middle distance events, sophomore Elijah Mayen won the 800-meter run in 2:13.13 and fresh-

man Pedro Rosales took second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.75 seconds. In the sprinting events, senior Irving Escalante finished third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.36 seconds and junior Markevion Cooper took fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.45 seconds.

Lady Hubs

Rochelle won four of the five field events on Monday. Senior Kyra Bivins took the discus throw with a mark of 29.89 meters, while junior Erin Murphy claimed the shot put with a mark of 10.34 meters. Junior Dempsey Atkinson won the high jump with a clearance of 1.49 meters and freshman Elyse Manning brought home the

triple jump with a distance of 9.53 meters. Sophomore Rose Luxton took third in the long jump with a distance of 4.08 meters.

The Lady Hubs won three of the four relay events. Rochelle claimed the 800-meter relay (Valerie Saldana, Zoe White, Elyse Manning and Alex Neece) with a time of 2:00.82 and the 1600-meter relay (Kyrie Cragin, Carmela Bright, Arline Villanueva and Kylie Smith) with a time of 4:38.78. Rochelle finished first in the 3200-meter relay (Mary Chadwick, Brisa Zepeda, Bridgett Ramirez and Carmela Bright) with a time of 12:22.03 and third in the 400-meter relay (Valerie Saldana, Zoe White, Elyse Manning and Kylie Smith) with a time of

56.58 seconds.

Sophomore Rose Luxton won two distance events, taking the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:17.42 and the 800-meter run with a time of 2:50.86. Sophomore Annaliese Koziol won the 3200-meter run with a time of 14:11.83 and junior Dempsey Atkinson won the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.05 seconds. Sophomores Kyrie Cragin and Sam Overton each recorded second-place finishes, with Cragin taking second in the 400-meter dash in 1:07.79 and Overton taking second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 22.36 seconds. Junior Alex Neece finished fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 31.91 seconds.

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Keeping it local encourages community growth. By choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.
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(Owner) is requesting
Bids for the construc-
tion of the following
Project:
**RTHS DETENTION
POND RECONSTRUC-
TION**

Bids for the construc-
tion of the Project will
be received at Rochelle
Township High School,
RTHS Conference
Room, located at 1401
Flagg Road, Rochelle,
IL 61068, until May 10,
2024 at 10:00 a.m., lo-
cal time. At that time
the Bids received will
be publicly opened and
read.

The Project includes
the following Work:
**RTHS DETENTION
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TION**

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other than the designat-
ed website.

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conference for the
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a.m., local time, at Ro-
chelle Township High
School, RTHS Con-
ference Room, 1401
Flagg Road, Rochelle,
IL 61068. Attendance at
the pre-bid conference
is mandatory to bid the
project.

Instructions to Bidders
For all further require-
ments regarding bid
submittal, qualifica-
tions, procedures, and
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ders that are included
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This Advertisement is
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Owner: Rochelle Town-
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No. 0420
(April 28, 2024)

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ing, conducting and
transacting the busi-
ness known as:
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Laura J. Cook, Ogle
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No. 0427
(April 28, May 5 and 12,
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10:30AM. Pete Pascua
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may be withdrawn at
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ditions apply.
No. 0428
(April 28 and May 5,
2024)

**NOTICE
TO BIDDERS**

SEALED BIDS/PRO-
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ceived by the City of
Rochelle, Illinois until
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2024, for the **CITY
OF ROCHELLE 2024
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TION NO. 24-00119-
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Proposal, Specifica-
tions and/or plans may
be obtained at the
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gineer, Engineering
Department, located
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Rochelle, Illinois. The
office is open by ap-
pointment by emailing
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Bidders will be required
to sign for the specifica-
tions and/or plans be-
fore they are released.
There is no cost for
specifications and/or
plans picked up at the
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fee of \$100.00 will be
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BIDS MAY ALSO BE
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CEIVED AFTER 11:00
A.M., MAY 13, 2024
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will be publicly opened
and read aloud at the
office of the City Clerk
at 11:00 a.m., May 13,
2024, in the Council
Chambers at City Hall
located at 420 N. 6th
Street in Rochelle, Illi-
nois.
ANY OBJECTIONS,
QUESTIONS OR COM-
MENTS on the City's
specifications shall be
submitted in writing on
or before 1 p.m. May 8,
2024. If deemed neces-
sary by the City, an
addendum will be dis-
tributed to all prospec-
tive bidders by email or
facsimile transmission
at least two (2) busi-
ness days prior to the
bid opening date. The
decisions of the City
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struction of Public
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quirements as listed in
the specifications and
proposal forms.
This Project is being
funded in whole or in
part with Illinois Mo-
tor Fuel Tax funds and
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Funds. All bidders must
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Illinois Department of
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Bidder will be required
to comply will all re-
quirements listed in the
Local Public Agency
Formal Contract Pro-
posal, Standard Spec-
ifications, Special pro-
visions and other Bid
Documents.
The City of Rochelle
reserves the right to
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proposals and to waive
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malities or irregularities
in the bidding.
No. 0430
(April 28, 2024)

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**Aaron
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Year: Freshman

Sport: Track

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

A: This is my fourth year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: The level of competition.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Biology because I've always loved science and Mr. Otte teaches it so well that I love it now.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Michael Johnson because he was the best track athlete of his time and he ran so relaxed.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My mom because she's always

there for me, she keeps me in check and she makes it to every meet, even when she has school or work.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a pro athlete because I would be doing what I love for as long as my body lets me.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: The Bahamas because I've never been to the ocean so why not go somewhere beautiful.

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

A: How everyone is there to pick you up when you fall down.



**Justin
DeClerck**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Track

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

A: Two years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Being around new people and competing against other schools.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: English because it's cool to learn about different writing minds.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Dale Bergeson because he cooked in the 3-mile in high school and went to state for it.

Q: Who is your biggest role

model and why?

A: Colfay Pointer because he was a really good track athlete at Rochelle and he went to college for it.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To one day be an athlete.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Hawaii because it seems cool and a lot of my family members have been there.

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

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