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Man arrested on drug charges

A Woosung man was recently arrested on multiple cannabis charges. **Page 4**

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RMU receives national recognition

'It means the money we're reinvesting in our system is working'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Municipal Utilities electric department was recently recognized by the American Public Power Association (APPA) for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2023.

The APPA is a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities like RMU. APPA helps electric utilities track power outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service. Once per year, APPA's Reliability Team compares this data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

RMU Superintendent of Electric Operations Blake Toliver said RMU was recognized due to being in the top 25 percent of reliable utilities in the nation. The City of Rochelle's electric utility also achieved the same recognition last year and in 2020.

"By law, we're required to log every outage we have to the federal government," Toliver said. "At the end of every year, the



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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APPA looks at everybody's outage statistics and we were recognized. That's comparing us against all utilities, not just municipal utilities. All utilities are allowed to throw out their largest outage so it's a fair comparison. But we don't throw that out. We leave all of our outages in. I'm very happy to see we made it into the top 25 percent despite leaving the largest outages in there."

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh called the recognition "very important"

especially among large utilities. He believes it shows the city's utility is serving its purpose and recent reinvestment into electric infrastructure is working. He praised RMU's staff for minimizing outages.

Toliver said the award "means a lot" to his department.

"It means the money we're reinvesting in our system is working and improving the reliability of our system," Toliver said. "With being recog-

nized two years in a row, we're seeing our reliability going up and our outage times going down. In a lot of our outage statistics, we're under 60 minutes for restoration, which is huge. We used to be at about 90 minutes and now we're under 60 in most cases. Recently we had a storm and we were all geared up for it. We didn't have a single outage. And it did get pretty windy and we had some heavy rains."

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Roberts to retire after 17 years, two stints with OCEC

'It's contagious when you see such commitment from other people...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At the end of the school year, Rochelle Township High School School Psychologist Chris Roberts will retire after serving at the school since 2007.

Roberts' position at the school is through the Ogle County Educational Cooperative. He also does school psychologist work at Steward Elementary School. The OCEC provides special education services and programs for students with disabilities who are 3-21 years of age and residents of Ogle County. It also provides services for some Lee County schools.

Roberts started his school psychologist career with an internship in Kankakee before working in Freeport for three years. He came to the OCEC in 1987 and during that time he primarily worked in the Rochelle Elementary School District and early childhood program. He then left the profession for 12 years before returning to the OCEC in



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2007, placed full-time at RTHS. He has previously worked with St. Paul Lutheran School in Rochelle as well.

Roberts graduated from Princeton High School

and Illinois State University. His inspiration to get into the school psychology field came from a neighbor and his parents.

"I'd never heard of a school psychologist or

what that was," Roberts said. "My next door neighbor was a director of special education. I was in my senior year and she and I were talking one day and she told me to think

about becoming a school psychologist. It was out of the blue and she was wondering what I wanted to do."

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LOCAL NEWS

RMU: Rochelle department honored by APPA for service in 2023

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“The money that we’re reinvesting is truly going to work.”

Toliver has worked for RMU’s electric department for 11 years. He recalls times where it couldn’t go a week without an outage, and now there are times where RMU makes it a month or two without one.

“And back then outages would occasionally even happen on nice, sunny days,” Toliver said.

“We’re changing our construction practices, doing better with vegetation management, focusing on problem areas, and undergrounding lines. All of these little things that we’re doing with the money we have are making a difference.”

Mayor John Bearrows said the APPA recognition speaks volumes about RMU’s staff and its dedication to keeping the lights on for customers and responding quickly to outages and fixing them. Fiegenschuh agreed.

“We talk about rates



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and providing the best service at the lowest cost, but at the end of the day what people really want is reliability,” Fiegenschuh said. “They want to flip the switch and have the

lights turn on at their home or business. When you receive an award that recognizes our reliability and our efforts to reinvest in our system, that’s the best award we can receive.”

In its system, RMU maintains 170 miles of overhead line, the most susceptible of infrastructure to nature, wildlife and accidents.

“It takes a long time

to make improvements to and maintenance all of that,” Toliver said. “It’s trimming trees, putting wildlife protection up, and having current transformers. There’s a lot of work

that goes into making sure that this stuff is reliable equipment that’s going to be there for the long haul for us. We focus on our problem areas to make them more reliable.”

County electronics recycling event scheduled for May 18

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 8 a.m. to noon at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and

a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17.

Accepted items include all televisions and com-

puter monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCRs, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems,

holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVD’s, and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

Limit seven large or bulky items per permit and one permit per coun-

ty household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Business or institutional electronics are accepted by the OCSWMD via a separate program. Call the number above for more information and pricing for business electronic

recycling, and to make an appointment for drop off of the materials to be recycled.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit www.oglecountyil.gov, or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

Ogle County Farm Bureau scholarship winners announced

OREGON — Breanna Cisketti, Gracie Prose, Cooper Alderks, Molly Blum, Carter Conderman,

Aylivia Danekas, Bailey Jackson and Jack Richolson. were all recently named as recipients of

scholarships awarded by the Ogle County Farm Bureau in 2024.

Cisketti was awarded

the Del Flessner Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. This scholarship was created to honor

the legacy of long-time Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Del Flessner. She is the daughter of Brian and Brandi Cisketti. Breanna is a 2022 graduate of Polo High School and is currently majoring in agribusiness at UW-Platteville.

Blum and Danekas were named winners of the \$1,000 General Farm Bureau Scholarship.

Blum is the daughter of Matthew and Krista Blum, Polo. She is a 2023 graduate of Polo High School and currently attends Iowa State University majoring in agronomy.

Danekas will graduate this spring semester from Polo High School. In the fall she will be attending the University of Tennessee-Martin majoring in animal science.

Richolson was named the recipient of the \$1,000 Don Bybee Memorial Scholarship, sponsored through the generosity of the Bybee Family to honor Mr. Bybee for his many years of service to agriculture in Ogle County. Jack is the son of Brad and Julie Richolson, Lindenwood. Jack is a 2022 graduate from Rochelle Township High School and currently attends Iowa State University majoring in agricultural studies.

Conderman is the recipient of the Mark Detig Memorial Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$1,000. This scholarship honors the late Mark Detig for his service to the Ogle County Pork Producers Association and Ogle County agriculture. Carter is the son of Carmon and Craig Conderman, Byron. Carter is a 2022 graduate from Byron High School and is attending UW-Platteville majoring in soil and crop science.

Alderks is the Ag Technology Scholarship win-

ner. Cooper is the son of Dan Alderks, Chana. He will graduate Oregon High School this year and will continue his studies at Highland Community College majoring in ag business. The scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$1,000.

Jackson is the recipient of the Mary LeFevre Memorial Scholarship, sponsored in cooperation between the Farm Bureau and the Jeff and Joyce Tremble Family. The scholarship focuses on students pursuing careers in healthcare. Bailey is the daughter of Rodney Jackson, Rochelle. She is a 2023 graduate of Rochelle High School and is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in nursing. The scholarship is awarded at \$1,000.

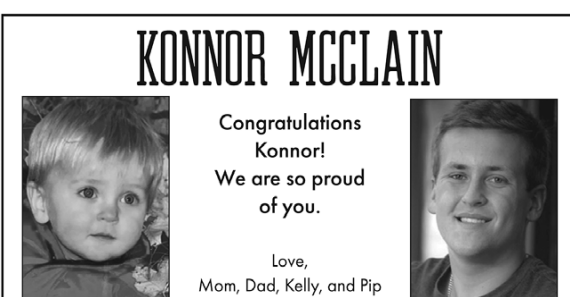
Prose was awarded the George LeFevre Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. It also is funded with the cooperation of the Jeff and Joyce Tremble Family, recognizing Mr. LeFevre for his lifelong service to Ogle County agriculture. Gracie is the daughter of Nick Prose, Oregon. Gracie is a 2023 graduate of Oregon High School and is majoring in agribusiness/communications at the UW-Platteville.

This marks the 26th year that the Ogle County Farm Bureau has awarded scholarships to member dependents who seek to pursue course studies in agriculture at an accredited institution of higher education.

Scholarships will again be awarded in 2025 and applications will be available in January. For information on the Ogle County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program contact Ron Kern at 815-732-2231.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Irene Margaret Behrends

ROCHELLE — Irene Margaret Behrends passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Manor Court, Rochelle, IL.

She was born on April 28, 1943 in Peoria, IL, daughter of Henry and Minnie Behrends, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her loving sisters, Shirley Giarratano of Rochelle, IL; Lynn Thompson of San Antonio, TX; Jane DeTroye of Merrillville, IN; three nieces, Tracy (Pat) Spang, Petra (Jack) Cady and Nicole (Patrick) Serena. Also, 3 great nieces, Brianna Spang, Hannah and Ella Cady, and three Great Nephews, Ben Spang, Henry and Hunter Serena.

Irene grew up in Bradford

IL and where she graduated from Bradford High School. Irene attended Methodist College Nursing Program, Peoria, IL; Luther College, Decorah, IA; Bradley University, Peoria, IL and she worked at Methodist Hospital, Peoria, IL 37 yrs.

Irene especially enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling, gardening and baking. Irene lived near Peoria, IL, San Antonio, TX and recently Rochelle.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 6614 W. Smithfield Rd., Bartonville, IL on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 11:00 am with Pastor Michael Jones officiating. Visitation will be on Monday from 10 -



11 am prior to the service. Cremation care has been provided by Unger-Horner Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Irene's memory to St. John Lutheran Church, Bartonville, IL, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Wyoming, IL or an organization of your choice. Please visit www.unger-horner.com to sign the guest book.

Rose Marie Larsen

STEWART — Rose Marie Larsen, 92, passed away on Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was born on June 2, 1931, in Stewart, IL, the daughter of Clarence and Carmen (Lamb) Miller. She married Lawrence "Bonez" Larsen on July 23, 1950 in Stewart, IL, he preceded her in death on May 8, 2008.

If you asked her, Rose would say she was blessed in every facet of her life. She worked as a nurse at the Rochelle Community Hospital. She was an active and involved member of the Steward United Methodist Church. She enjoyed photography, gardening, and tending to her flowers. She was a very social woman who loved spending time at the Hub City Senior Center. Rose will be remembered as the

quintessential matriarch. She loved and cared for each and every member of her family, including her furry children, Dixie and Toby.

Survived by her daughter, Sherri Salsbury; daughter-in-law, Nancy Larsen; special family friends, Jeff (Gail) Myers and Annie Garland; brother, Daniel "Sonny" Miller; ten grandchildren, Eric (Leala) Moen, Rachel Geske, Lars (Sheila) Larsen, Shana (Dan) Engelkes, Loren Larsen, Dan (Connie) Salsbury, Linda (Orrie) Samp, Megan (George) Becker, Carmen Larsen, and Brent (Pritty) Salsbury; many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and a special friend, Ralph Papke.

In addition to her parents and husband, Rose is preceded in death by three sons, Curtis, Michael and Craig; and a daughter, Lisa



Annette.

Visitation will be from 4-7 P.M. Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Steward United Methodist Church with Pastor Il Han You officiating. Interment will follow in Steward Cemetery. Contributions in Rose's memory may be directed to the Steward United Methodist Church or the Hub City Senior Center. Please visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On April 30 at 1:05 p.m. Ple Reh, 20, of Rockford was cited for speeding 68 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a May 24 Rochelle

court date.

On April 30 at 12:55 p.m. Maria E. Ellis, 58, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 76 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a

May 24 Rochelle court date.

On April 30 at 1:49 p.m. Larry E. Gee IV, 27, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 80 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a May 24 Rochelle court date.

On April 29 at 11:26 p.m. Destinee E. Mohica, 22, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for suspended registration. She was released on a notice to appear with a May 24 Rochelle court date.

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On April 10, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Unit executed a search warrant in the 700 block of South Central Street in Woosung, an April 10 press release said.

Woosung man arrested on cannabis charges following search warrant

WOOSUNG — On April 10, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Unit executed a search warrant in the 700 block of South Central Street in Woosung, an April 10 press release said. The search warrant was the result of a lengthy investigation. During the search warrant, Joshua T. Anderson, 38, of Woosung was arrested for the following charges:

Unlawful possession of over 5,000 grams of cannabis with intent to deliver (class X felony),

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On May 1 at approximately 5:44 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Washington Street and Jones Terrace in Oregon. After investigation, deputies placed Jared Mathias, 25, of Baileyville under arrest for driving while license revoked. Mathias was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle, operation of a vehicle when the registration is suspended, and no rear splash guards. Mathias was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he released on a notice to appear and given future court date.

On May 1 at approximately 8:51 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Ridge and Pines Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested the front passenger, Austin Bettner, 23, of Mt. Morris, for an outstanding warrant out of Carroll County for failure to appear. The driver, Anthony Wolfe, 21, was cited for no insurance. Bettner was

unlawful possession of over 5,000 grams of cannabis (class one felony), unlawful possession/production of cannabis sativa plant - over 20 plants (class three felony), and unlawful possession of a controlled substance (class four felony).

Deputies seized over 46 pounds of cannabis with a street value of more than \$200,000. Anderson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was detained, and was scheduled to appear in front of an Ogle



Joshua T. Anderson

County judge within 48 hours for determination of continued detention. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

transported to Carroll County, where Carroll County took custody of Bettner.

On May 2 at approximately 10:29 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,600 block of South Illinois Route 2. After investigation, deputies placed John Roberts, 46, of Sterling under arrest for driving while license suspended. Roberts was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle and operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Roberts was released on a notice to appear at the scene and given a future court date.

On May 2 at approximately 2:35 p.m. deputies, with the assistance of Illinois State Police, Lynn-Scott-Rock, Stillman Valley and New Milford Fire Departments, responded to the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Rolling Meadows Drive in rural Davis Junction for a three-vehicle crash. Upon investigation, it was discovered that a 2010 silver Volkswagen Tiguan, operated by Sebastian Polanco-Castaneda, 27, was traveling southbound, followed by a 2019 Jeep Cherokee, operated by Kimberly Cicala, 41. As the Volkswagen was slowing down to turn onto Rolling Meadows Drive, Cicala was distracted by objects inside the Jeep and unaware that the Volkswagen had slowed down. Cicala, without having enough time to stop, swerved into the northbound lane and, in doing so, collided with

the rear of the Volkswagen and side-swiping the entire driver's side of a 2022 Mitsubishi Outlander, operated by Bethany Anderson, 28, traveling northbound. Cicala and Anderson were transported to Swedish American Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Polanco-Castaneda was placed under arrest and transported to the Ogle County Jail for processing, where he was issued a citation for no valid license and released on a notice to appear with a future court appearance. This investigation is still ongoing.

On May 2 at approximately 2:19 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of North Illinois Route 2 and East Illinois Route 72 for a traffic offense and originating driving complaint.

Upon further investigation deputies arrested Daniel Walters, 54, of Rockford, for possession of controlled substance - crack/cocaine, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Walters was cited additionally for multiple traffic citations.

Walters was also taken into custody for a Winnebago County Warrant for aggravated fleeing to elude. Walters was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was given a notice to appear for his Ogle County charges, and held in lieu of bond for his Winnebago County warrant.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

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LOCAL NEWS

(PHOTO OF ROBERT WHIPPLE BY MICHAEL CHUNKO)



Recreating history for family, downtown

Dan Jackson, plumber and owner of Rochelle Plumbing and Heating, is shown in this 1914 image in front of the downtown Post Office during its construction. In the second photo, his grandson and lifelong Rochelle resident Robert Whipple, is seen in almost the same spot 110 years later. The downtown business district is visible in both images looking southward. Mr. Jackson passed away in 1978 at the age of 92.

Kish College Spring 2024 Plant Sale offers online and in-person shopping

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Horticulture program will host its annual Spring Plant Sale as a hybrid event with online and in-person shopping. Plants can be preordered

online from Friday, May 3, through Tuesday, May 7. Online order pickup and in-person shopping will be from 9 am-1 pm Thursday, May 9, and Friday, May 10, at the Kish greenhouse

facilities.

All plants are grown by Kish horticulture students and faculty. Available items include annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets,

potting soil and more. Horticulture staff and students will be available to assist shoppers and answer gardening and planting questions.

All online orders must

be picked up and paid for during the in-person shopping hours on May 9-10. Payment can be made via cash, check (payable to Kishwaukee College) or credit card.

Plant sale proceeds support Kish's Horticulture program. To place an online order, visit kish-plants.com. For more information, visit kish.edu/hortevents

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LOCAL VIEWS

Pretrial Success Act: A \$15 million investment in our communities' renaissance

LAST September, Illinois embarked on a trailblazing journey toward justice by enacting the Pretrial Fairness Act, making it the first state in the nation to eliminate money bail. The law's smooth and successful implementation has ensured that more people are now able to return to their communities while awaiting trial. That means more people are maintaining employment, housing and connections with loved ones, which makes us all safer.

Illinois is now poised to take another bold step forward, with the Pretrial Success Act, introduced by state Sen. Elgie Sims and state Rep. Maurice West. This legislation builds upon the Pretrial Fairness Act by constructing a support system for people awaiting trial in the community, with a proposed \$15 million investment designed to expand access to health and

human services. These resources will help increase court appearance rates by addressing practical barriers such as transportation and child care, and will also improve community safety by expanding access to case management, mental health care, and substance use treatment. These services are not just crucial for individuals' ability to engage in their defense but are instrumental in addressing the root causes of harm and violence. By focusing on underlying challenges that might have brought someone into contact with law enforcement, the Pretrial Success Act is poised to help minimize future legal system encounters, creating a more preventative rather than punitive approach to justice.

Sims' and West's legislation will transform lives and communities. By prioritizing investment in our state's most marginalized neighborhoods — those

most affected by the injustices of the money bond system — the lawmakers aim to help rebuild communities.

At the heart of the Success Act is a commitment to empowering community-based organizations. While it's important to acknowledge that the \$15 million allocated by the act won't fully address the need for services, it represents a significant step toward better resource accessibility within our communities. This funding will empower case managers to tailor their support to meet individuals' specific needs in their unique circumstances. A perfect example of such support is the Specialized Case Management program offered by Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), which is designed to guide

individuals through challenging times by addressing their immediate needs and fostering a supportive partnership. The Pretrial Success Act will facilitate organizations like TASC in extending this kind of personalized assistance to more Illinois residents, helping them navigate their lives positively while awaiting trial at home.

Historically, the money bond system extracted millions of dollars from Illinois' most marginalized neighborhoods, amplifying cycles of poverty and instability. The Pretrial Success Act represents a significant shift. By funding services that address the root causes of harm and violence, the bill promises not only to reduce pretrial detention rates, but also to foster a holistic healing and strengthening of communities most impacted

by systemic inequities.

Providing individuals with the resources they need to address underlying challenges contributes to a safer, more stable environment for everyone. When people receive support for mental health issues or substance use, they are less likely to re-engage with the criminal justice system, thereby reducing the cycle of crime and incarceration. For instance, programs like those offered by Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) have shown promising outcomes in reducing recidivism; participants in such programs were 44% less likely to return to prison within three years compared to similar individuals who did not receive these services.

The path toward safer communities and a fairer justice system is paved with support, not detention. Now is the moment for Illinois to lead once

again by example. The Pretrial Success Act is our chance to financially invest in a healthy, safe, and more just society, to demonstrate that we are committed to the wellbeing of all our citizens, regardless of their circumstances. This is a perfect opportunity to advance pretrial justice to ensure that our justice system is a source of support and not a barrier to progress.

Bradley Bullock is the director of adult criminal justice and treatment services at TASC. He oversees TASC's statewide adult criminal justice services, from pre-arrest diversion through court and probation. In recovery from addiction since 1988, Brad sits on many community-based committees and is a strong advocate for individuals and families affected by justice involvement, substance use disorders, and mental health conditions.



Bradley Bullock

Chambers: The teacher shortage is real

I have been fortunate to spend 22 years in the school human resources role. More recently, I have also been working as the executive director of the Illinois Association of School Personnel Administrators (IASPA) representing more than 560 educational human resources professionals in Illinois. *We are here to tell you: The teacher shortage is real.*

At the start of my career, it was so easy to find teachers in some areas (looking at you, high school English and PPE) that filling vacancies was not a worry. The landscape has completely changed. Join any group of educational human resources folks, and you will hear us worrying about staffing shortages. We search high and low to

find qualified candidates for all our positions — traveling to job fairs and posting our jobs on sites far and wide. While some districts are struggling to find a single, great candidate for a position, other districts are forced to go without. Whether it is an elementary art position or a high school science position, there are classrooms in Illinois where students do not have the benefit of a qualified teacher ... all year long.

The statistics are alarming. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 53% of public schools reported being understaffed entering the 2022-23 school year. Nearly 20% of teachers leave their positions within the first three years, and approximately 40-50% leave

within the first five years (NCES). This turnover not only disrupts continuity in classrooms but also places a significant strain on school resources as we continue to invest in recruitment and retention of new talent.

Furthermore, we know the pandemic exacerbated this issue. The challenges of remote learning, concerns about health and safety, and the overall stress of the past couple of years have driven even more teachers out of the profession. How could this not impact students' decision to go into the field of education? It's no wonder that enrollment in teacher preparation programs has been declining steadily,

indicating a shrinking pipeline of new educators entering the field.

As educational leaders, it is our responsibility to address these systemic issues and create an environment where teachers feel respected, valued, and adequately compensated for their contributions. This requires a multi-faceted approach that encompasses policy reforms, increased investment in education, and innovative strategies to attract and retain educators.

This year's Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) survey on the teacher shortage indicates that while schools are making encouraging

progress in filling classrooms, more work needs to be done.

IASPA is working hard to be part of the solution.

We routinely offer professional learning to help combat the teacher shortage. This year's annual conference in January included six breakout sessions related to hiring, retention, the educator pipeline, student teachers, and creating pathways to teaching.

Our April 26 online Administrator Academy, *Managing Bias In Hiring-Inclusive Hiring Practices*, aims to ensure that hiring administrators are trained to manage a fair and equitable hiring process.

Since 2022, IASPA has hosted the Illinois Virtual Educator Job Fair, an opportunity for school

districts and candidates to connect in a synchronous, online fashion without needing to be out of the office or incur the expenses of travel. Our March 6, 2024, job fair included more than 1,200 candidates! The next is scheduled for June 6, 2024.

The teacher shortage is a complex issue that requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders. By investing in our teachers and administrators, supporting their professional growth, and advocating for policy reforms, we can build a stronger future for all kids in Illinois.

Dr. Kimberly Chambers serves as executive director of IASPA and is director of human resources at Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125 in Lincolnshire.



Kimberly Chambers

Letter to the Editor: Rose Day thank you

DEAR editor, The Rochelle Lions Club would like to thank everyone that supported

our Rose Day event on Saturday, April 20. Proceeds will be utilized to help fund vision and hearing services for cit-

izens in the greater Rochelle area. Your support continues to improve the quality of life for many local children and adults.

Thank you once again for your support. If you have questions about our vision and hearing services or would like to become a

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COMMUNITY

Fehr Graham recognized as Engineering News-Record Top 500 Design Firm

ROCKFORD – Fehr Graham, a leading Midwest engineering and environmental firm, again secured a spot on the Engineering News-Record (ENR) Top 500 Design Firms list, ranking No. 474. The firm ranked No. 494 in 2022 and 471 in 2023.

This marks the third consecutive year the firm has been featured on the prestigious list, which ranks the largest engineering consulting firms in the United States based on design service revenue for the previous year.

Fehr Graham President Mick Gronewold is happy with the firm's steady recognition.

"Every day, our team is committed to solving problems for clients," Gronewold said. "Being named to the ENR list again doesn't just recognize our firm's capabilities – it celebrates the positive change we make in the communities where we operate and where our employees call home."

Founded on Sept. 15, 1973, in Freeport, by Al Fehr and Joe Graham, Fehr Graham has expanded from

a single office with five employees to 15 offices across three states with 230 people. This growth includes a recent merger with Midwest Engineering Associates on April 1, and a strategic partnership with Trilon Group announced in May 2023.

"This recognition not only reflects Fehr Graham's growth but the dedication and expertise of our employees who drive our success," Gronewold said. "Their commitment to clients is all part of how we're able to serve a larger footprint

and bring our small firm feel with big firm capabilities to new areas. It's a tribute to Al and Joe's original vision."

Fehr Graham partners with private and public entities to design and advance projects ranging from water and wastewater treatment plants to roads, bridges and highways. Our team also designs stormwater solutions, sanitary sewer collection systems, water distribution, production and storage facilities, parking lots, residential and commercial developments, parks and much more.

Celebrating Ogle County 4-H volunteers

OREGON — Volunteering has many benefits. It allows an individual to be involved in their community, which can be very helpful if you are new to the area. Volunteering allows for new friendships to be made. It allows an individual to share their talents and abilities. Helping others also makes a person feel good and purposeful. Vol-

unteering helps improve communication, teamwork, problem-solving, planning, and organizing skills. By volunteering, a person can learn new skills from others. It also helps develop confidence.

Ogle County 4-H celebrates 96 volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, 2024. Project leaders, club leaders, camp

counselors, judges at the fair, and guest speakers are all volunteers who help the 4-H members. Volunteers help plan events, help with projects, help in many areas at the fair, and serve on the Extension Advisory Council.

The Ogle County 4-H program seeks volunteers to lead and begin traditional and SP

Special Interest (SPIN) clubs. Traditional clubs meet monthly, while SPIN clubs target your area of interest for six days. Volunteers are also needed to share their abilities to teach the club members through one-day workshops. To learn more about volunteering with Ogle County 4-H, contact the Extension office at 815-732-2191.

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



Coffee Break

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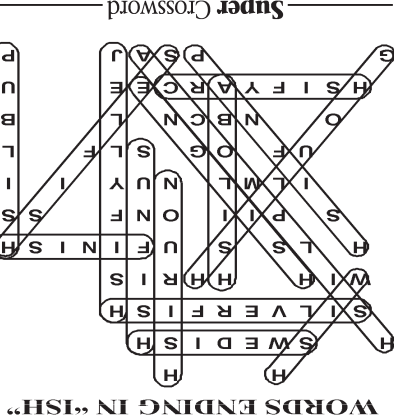
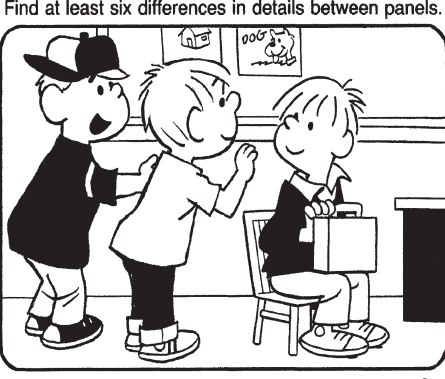
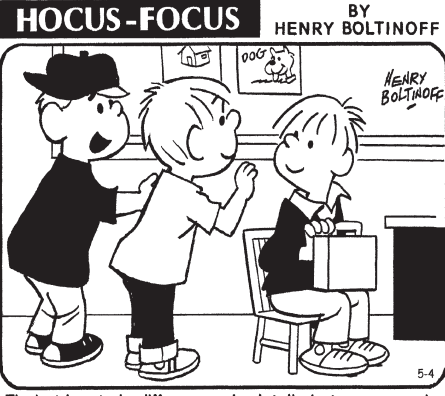
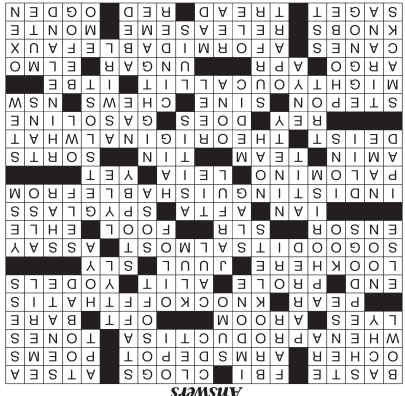
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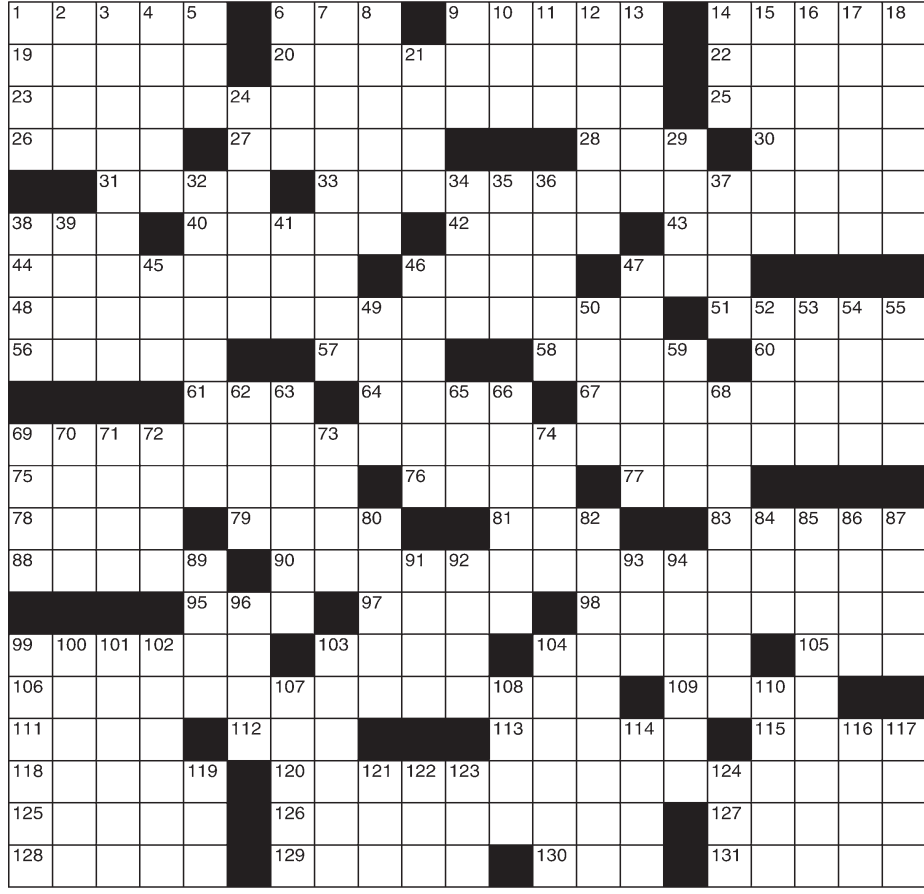
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- 6 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 9 Blocks up
- 14 Sailing
- 19 Earthly hue
- 20 Arsenal for weapons
- 22 Limericks, e.g.
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Color qualities
- 26 Drain-clearing chemicals
- 27 Forster's "— With a View"
- 28 Frequently, to a bard
- 30 Unadorned
- 31 Brandy fruit
- 33 Riddle, part 2
- 38 Halt
- 40 Everyday worker
- 42 Disembarked
- 43 Sings
- 44 "Listen up!"
- 46 Vaping device brand
- 47 Crafty
- 48 Riddle, part 3
- 51 Analyze, as an alloy

- 56 Belgian painter James
- 57 Pro photog's camera
- 58 Bamboozle
- 60 "Pride and Prejudice" actress
- 61 Fleming who created Bond
- 64 Shaving balm brand
- 67 Handheld telescope
- 69 Riddle, part 4
- 75 Golden-coated horse
- 76 "Star Wars" princess
- 77 To this point
- 78 Uganda's Idi
- 79 Side in sports
- 81 Pewter metal
- 83 Kinds
- 88 Certain believer in God
- 90 Riddle, part 5
- 95 Marina del —, California
- 97 Bucks' mates
- 98 Car fuel
- 99 Walk over
- 103 Trig ratio
- 104 Uses teeth
- 105 Australian state: Abbr.

- 106 End of the riddle
- 109 See 10-Down
- 111 Best Picture of 2012
- 112 Arbor Day mo.
- 113 Poker champion Stu
- 115 "Ticklish" doll
- 118 Top hats' go-withs
- 120 Riddle's answer
- 125 Old TV parts
- 126 Captive's angry shout
- 127 — Carlo
- 128 "Full House" actor Bob
- 129 Walk over
- 130 Crimson, e.g.
- 131 Limerick penner Nash

- 8 "No more for me"
- 9 Federal health agcy.
- 10 With
- 109-Across, Beatles song or album
- 11 Brand of nail polish
- 12 Start to melt
- 13 Rod's partner
- 14 Liable
- 15 "It's a shame"
- 16 Upper House of Congress
- 17 Celebrity chef
- 18 Size up
- 21 Rikishi's sport
- 24 Golfed acceptably
- 29 "Bye 4 now"
- 32 Pithy saying
- 34 Membrane enclosing a fetus
- 35 Supermodel
- 36 — Olay (face cream brand, formerly)
- 37 Boxer Oscar de la —
- 38 Additionally
- 39 12:00 p.m.
- 41 "Either you do it — will"

- 45 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1974 hit)
- 46 Amount of jelly or olives
- 47 Visit casually
- 49 Smelly stuff
- 50 Sammy with 609 homers
- 52 Part of SASE
- 53 — -Pei
- 54 Additionally
- 55 Polite rural assent to a lady
- 59 Singer Lovett
- 62 Doing the job
- 63 A ripe old age
- 65 Sports draw
- 66 The way things stand
- 68 Scrams
- 69 Tablet since 2010
- 70 Appoint
- 71 Livy's 552
- 72 Bits in physics
- 73 Ark crafter
- 74 Alexander of Reagan's Cabinet
- 80 Military doc
- 82 Match under the stars, maybe
- 84 Hooting bird
- 85 Bonn's region
- 86 Sunbathes
- 87 Gumbo, e.g.
- 89 Horse gait
- 91 The last Mrs. Chaplin
- 92 Rod's partner
- 93 Not, to Scots
- 94 Whirling
- 96 "Exile" New Age singer
- 99 Noisy kisses
- 100 Albanian capital
- 101 Yule drink
- 102 Singer Snow
- 103 One hanging ten
- 104 Ember
- 107 Eye-teasing paintings
- 108 San — Obispo, California
- 110 Envelop in haze
- 114 In the sack
- 116 Put in silent mode
- 117 Yaks, e.g.
- 119 Former Brit.
- 121 Corrida shout
- 122 Stephen of "Roadkill"
- 123 Incensed
- 124 Angsty rock genre



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LOCAL NEWS

LOTS: Bearrows, Fiegenschuh discuss potential fixed bus routes in Rochelle

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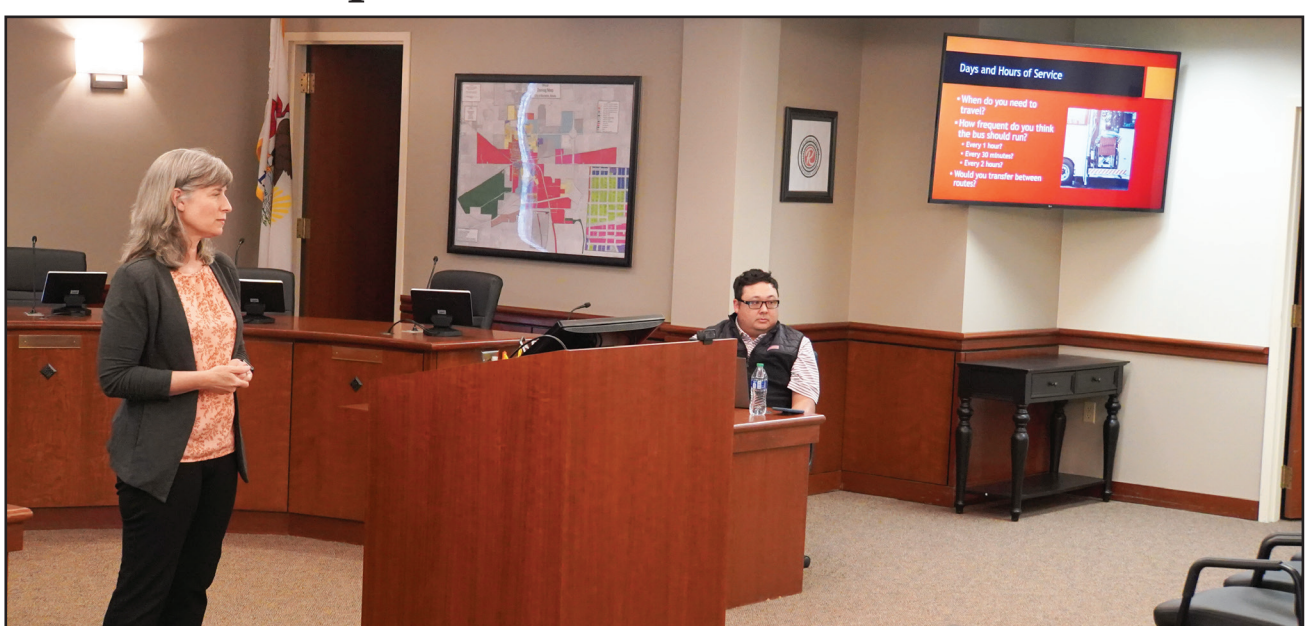
"I think it will help lift peoples' quality of life," Fiegenschuh said. "It's not just about getting to work, it's about getting to the doctor, going shopping and more. There are a lot of opportunities with it. Transportation is key to quality of life. I really hope they determine it's something that's feasible in Rochelle and I'd urge the mayor and council that we try to find some funding to help them if they ask for it. Because I do think it will greatly benefit residents."

LOTS is publicly-funded and has not asked the

city for funding help for the potential bus route. The project is still in the information-gathering phase. The eight-month study will be wrapped up in August and a final report will be made. There will be more opportunities for the community to provide input. In June, another community presentation will likely be held that will include draft routes and schedules. Fiegenschuh said the city may be interested in helping with a one-time funding contribution if asked, and if the mayor and city council approved it. The city manager said the potential bus route likely wouldn't necessitate infrastructure improvements on the city's part.

Bearrows said that the council is "always supportive" of programs that will benefit seniors and residents. He said that along with quality of life, a potential fixed bus route could help to improve safety in the city.

"We have plants down



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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on Wiscold Drive that folks ride their bikes to and they're crossing train tracks and in an area where there's truck traffic," Bearrows said. "They do it because they have to get to work. If we had this bus route, it could pick them up at one of the many stops in town and get to their job

without any risk of getting hit on a bike trying to come down Illinois Route 251 or Wiscold Drive. Safety is a key element along with quality of life. This is something we as a city have to help with to try to help our residents. I'm all for it. My first question was what the cost will be to

the city. They just wanted to talk for the study and weren't asking for money."

LOTS currently provides an advanced reservation-based, shared-ride public transportation system, operating Monday-Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The in-town fare is \$2 (\$1 for seniors, veterans and those with disabilities). The out-of-town fee is capped at \$10 or \$5 for the discounted categories. Getting into the fixed-route service would be new for LOTS.

Public meetings covered where bus stops could potentially be located, how many routes there would be, what times the routes would take place, and what the cost would be, if there is a cost at all. Fixed bus routes are required to be ADA-compliant.

Bearrows said he'd like to see commercial and industrial businesses work with LOTS on a potential fixed bus route by sponsoring bus stops

and possibly shelters for people waiting for the bus.

During his time in a previous position in Rantoul, Illinois, Fiegenschuh saw a fixed-route system instituted that found success. He provided that experience and feedback to LOTS in a recent meeting.

"They interviewed me and I gave them specific locations," Fiegenschuh said. "It needs to serve all residents. You want to focus on folks with disabilities and our seniors and people of low-to-moderate income. And I told them to temper their expectations in initial ridership. You have to get the word out about it. People go for groceries, to healthcare facilities, banks, The REC Center, parks, and downtown. It's not easy to figure out. It's a great opportunity for a lot of partnerships. I hope if they deem it as something that can be sustainable in our community, that we start small and work our way out."

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SPORTS



HUBS BATTLE L-P

The Rochelle Hub baseball team began its series against LaSalle-Peru on Monday.

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RTHS Track & Field

Hub vaults to school record

Nuyen breaks 41-year-old mark during 50th Annual Ogle County Invitational

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Spectators slowly clapped their hands as Rochelle sophomore Andrew Nuyen attempted to make history during the 50th Annual Ogle County Invitational on Tuesday evening.

Already an indoor state champion in the pole vault from earlier this season, Nuyen found himself inches away from breaking Rochelle's 41-year-old school record of 15 feet set by John Place in 1983. Having cleared 14 feet 9 inches during Tuesday's meet, which broke the previous meet record set by Oregon's Jake Mennen in 2019, Nuyen set his sights on the school record.

Nuyen failed on his first two attempts at the record height, but with his third and final attempt still remaining, the sophomore stood on the runway, raising his hands as onlookers began to clap their hands in support. With a burst of speed, Nuyen started his third attempt, planting his pole into the ground and soaring high into the sky, maneuvering his body over the bar with just a few inches to spare and landing on the opposite side as Rochelle's new school

record holder.

"It feels amazing," Nuyen said. "I was really excited and I had a lot of friends run up to me to congratulate me after setting the record. I used the energy from my friends and that helped me get over the bar. I just told myself that I needed to get up. I think I'm peaking at the right time. I knew I had the height, but I wasn't able to put it together until today. My goal is to keep going."

Nuyen's record-setting performance won him first place in the pole vault and helped the Rochelle Hub varsity track and field team finish second out of five schools with 119 points in Tuesday's meet, which featured boys and girls from Oregon, Byron, Stillman Valley and Forreston. The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity track and field team also took second in the meet, scoring 96 points. Both teams honored their senior student-athletes in a brief ceremony near the start of the meet.

Hubs

Rochelle won four of the field events on Tuesday. Senior Landon Mickley took first in the shot put with a mark of 14.06 meters and the discus throw with a mark of 39.63



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Andrew Nuyen cleared 15 feet 1 inches during the 50th Annual Ogle County Invitational on Tuesday, setting a new meet record as well as a new Rochelle Township High School track and field record.

meters. Senior Nathan Sergeant won the triple jump with a distance of 12.59 meters and finished second in the long jump with a mark of 5.69 meters. Nuyen won the pole vault with a height of 1.60 meters.

Rochelle finished first in the 3200-meter relay (Irving Escalante, Pedro Rosales, Elijah Mayen and

Caleb Wyssbrod) with a time of 8:50.20 and second in the 400-meter relay (Caden Goodwin, Reece Harris, Aaron DeClerck and Andrew Nuyen) with a time of 45.03 seconds. The Hubs placed third in the 800-meter relay (Caden Goodwin, Reece Harris, Virgil O'Dell and Caleb Wyssbrod) with a finishing time of 1:34.98 as well

as the 1600-meter relay (Irving Escalante, Pedro Rosales, Jackson Smith and Caleb Wyssbrod) with a finishing time of 3:38.72.

Sophomore Wyatt Worthington finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 45.43 seconds and fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 18.40 seconds. Senior Luis Hernandez

won both the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:08.33 and the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:04.95. Sophomore Reece Harris took third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.01 seconds and fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.33 seconds to lead Rochelle in the sprints.

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RTHS Boys Tennis

Hubs celebrate Senior Night with win over Harlem

Rochelle honors five senior athletes before 4-1 victory on Wednesday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Wednesday was a successful Senior Night for the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team, which honored its five seniors before facing the Harlem Huskies in nonconference play.

After scoring a road win over Dixon on Tuesday, Rochelle returned home on Wednesday and continued rounding into form with the Interstate 8 Conference tournament and the IHSA IA Sectional around the corner. The Hubs swept both singles matches while taking two of the three doubles matches to secure a 4-1 win over the Huskies. Rochelle celebrated five seniors including Jimmy Chavez, Parker Lenkaitis, Alex McBride, Eli Luxton and Austin Raleigh.

"It's rare to have a kid in any sport for all four years, so having both Jimmy and Parker here to lay the groundwork for what we started has been great," head coach Kristy Eckardt said. "Both of them have been leaders. Alex has been a solid returning player and both Austin and Eli have been a pleasant surprise this year... We're starting to peak when we

need to and we've played some really good tennis over the last few meets. We're ready to show what we're made of."

Rochelle (5-8, 1-4 Interstate 8) took a 1-0 lead over Harlem after sophomore Philip Winters took the No. 2 singles match against Gerardo Valadez, dropping only one game in a 6-0, 6-1 win. The Hubs claimed their first doubles points soon after, with Luxton and Raleigh defeating Avery Coyle and Connor Edwards 6-1, 6-4 in the No. 3 doubles match to put Rochelle ahead 2-0.

"Senior Day was a day I had been looking forward to since my freshman year," Chavez said. "I would always get emotional seeing all of the guys I looked up to have their Senior Days, so it meant a lot to win because I've been in this program for all four years of high school and I've given my all to this program... We had a rough start to the season, but that doesn't matter anymore and we're at full form now. We're excited for sectionals and I know we can handle it."

Chavez clinched the team win for the Hubs, beating Luka Miljanic 6-3, 6-3 in the No. 1 singles match and giving the Hubs



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub tennis team honored its five seniors before Wednesday's match against Harlem. Above from left to right are Alex McBride, Parker Lenkaitis, Eli Luxton, Austin Raleigh and Jimmy Chavez.

a 3-0 lead over the Huskies. Rochelle's final win came in a competitive No.

1 doubles match, where senior Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore Mark Green

overcame a second-set loss to beat Ayden Mabrey and Shawn Austin 6-4,

2-6, 10-4.

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**Jackson
Brovelli**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Tennis

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

A: This is my first year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Having fun with friends.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Lunch because I can eat.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Jimmy Chavez.

Q: Who is your biggest role

model and why?

A: Jimmy Chavez because he's a good friend.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: Game or music development.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Italy because of my heritage.

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

A: Representing RTHS.



**Isaac
Gittleson**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Tennis

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

A: This is my first year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: I enjoy the practices, I learn a lot during them.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: I enjoy geometry because my teacher is really awesome.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My dad because he raised me.

Q: What is your dream job and

why?

A: To be a dentist or a psychiatrist because I have a fascination with teeth and the inner workings of the mind.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: I would like to go to Germany to see the architecture.

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

A: I enjoy the many options I'm presented with as a student-athlete.

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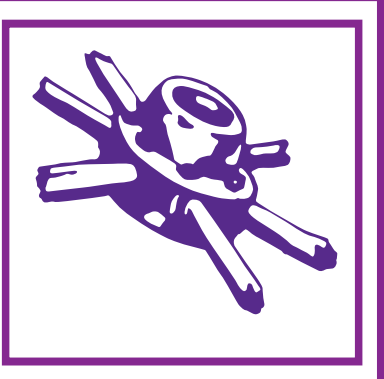
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Seniors Kylie Smith (left) and Storm Devers (right) race to the finish line during the 50th Annual Ogle County Invitational on Tuesday evening. The Lady Hubs finished second with 96 points, while the Hubs took second with 119 points in Tuesday's meet at Rochelle Township High School.

TRACK: Rochelle teams take second in 50th Annual Ogle County Invitational

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Sophomore Elijah Mayen took second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:17.57 and senior Irving Escalante finished fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.42 seconds.

Lady Hubs

Freshman Elyse Manning scored Rochelle's lone win in the field events,

claiming the triple jump with a distance of 9.48 meters. Senior Kyra Bivins took second in the discus throw with a mark of 33.18 meters and junior Erin Murphy took second in the shot put with a mark of 9.75 meters. Sophomore Kyrie Cragin finished third in the pole vault with a clearance of 1.75 meters and junior Dempsey Atkinson placed fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 1.40 meters.

Sophomore Rose Luxton won two events, claiming the 800-meter run with a time of 2:47.65 and the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:07.39. Sophomore Annaliese Koziol won the 3200-meter run with a time of 14:08.26 and sophomore Kyrie Cragin finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.95. Freshman Elyse Manning took third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.09

seconds and fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.37 seconds.

Rochelle won the 3200-meter relay (Rose Luxton, Mary Chadwick, Brisa Zepeda and Kylie Smith) with a time of 11:22.27. The Lady Hubs finished third in the 400-meter relay (Elyse Manning, Zoe White, Valerie Saldana and Ryelee Bogle) with a time of 54.61 seconds and the 1600-me-

ter relay (Kyrie Cragin, Arline Villanueva, Jasmine Walsh and Kylie Smith) with a time of 4:31.19. Rochelle took fifth in the 800-meter relay (Katie Toczylowski, Zoe White, Alex Neece and Reese Kissack) with a time of 1:59.37.

Senior Night

The Hub seniors honored on Tuesday evening include Abel Huerta, Al-

xavier Villatoro, Bruno Fernandez, Caleb Wyssbrod, Diego Salazar, Irving Escalante, Isaac Lopez, Landon Mickley, Luis Hernandez, Nathan Sergeant, Noe Valdez, Storm Devers and Wyatt Brandt along with managers Anna Toczylowski and Franshelly Salas-Duran. The Lady Hub seniors include Kennedy Adamski, Kylie Smith, Kyra Bivins, Karma Lidren and Jaclyn Seyller.

TENNIS: Hubs score road win over Dixon on Tuesday evening

From page 1

"I've put in a lot of hard work over the last four years and it feels great to be playing well at the end of the season, especially with conference and sectionals coming up," Lenkatis said. "We're starting to clean up a lot of our mistakes and we're playing much more consistent tennis, which is a good thing... The

older guys have helped the new guys a lot. We have a young team and we're hoping that the younger guys come back out for the tennis team next year."

Harlem avoided the shutout with a win in the No. 2 doubles match, where Rochelle senior Alex McBride and sophomore Caleb Mortensen played a close first set in a 5-7, 2-6 loss against Sora Anucauskas and

Lucas Santos. The Hubs will host Mendota for a nonconference match on Monday before traveling for a nonconference road match against IMSA on Tuesday evening.

Dixon

A singles sweep and two doubles points allowed the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team to score a nonconference road victory over the

Dixon Dukes on Tuesday evening.

Senior Jimmy Chavez conceded only one game in a 6-1, 6-0 win over Alex Basilio at the No. 1 singles court, while sophomore Philip Winters handled Will Lindenmeyer for a 6-1, 6-1 win at the No. 2 singles court. The singles victories enabled the Hubs to score a 4-1 win over the Dukes and snap a five-match losing streak.

Rochelle (4-8, 1-4 Interstate 8) will return home on Wednesday, when the Hubs celebrate Senior Night with a match against the Harlem Huskies.

Senior Parker Lenkatis and sophomore Mark Green earned a hard-fought win over Bashar Elbzour and Owen Winters at the No. 1 doubles court, rallying from a first-set loss to take both the second and third sets

in a 3-6, 6-4, 10-7 victory. Seniors Eli Luxton and Austin Raleigh overcame a tough first set and showed dominance in the second set of their 7-6(1), 6-2 win over Jack McGrail and Sam Gingras at the No. 3 doubles court. Senior Alex McBride and sophomore Caleb Mortensen fell 6-0, 6-1 to Jayvian Herwig and Derek Miller at the No. 2 doubles court.

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SPORTS

RTHS Baseball

Hubs start LaSalle-Peru series with two losses

RTHS falls to 0-11 in Interstate 8 after back-to-back defeats against Cavaliers

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

LASALLE — Solid outings from freshman Brody Bruns and junior Brandyn Metzger weren't enough for the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team on Wednesday evening, when the purple and white continued their Interstate 8 Conference series against the LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers.

Bruns tossed the first four innings and struck out four batters while holding LaSalle-Peru to two earned runs on four hits. Metzger followed with two innings of relief, limiting the Cavaliers to one earned run on one hit with one strikeout. But the Hubs were unable to generate much offense on Wednesday, finishing with only four hits in a 3-1 loss. Rochelle (4-15, 0-11 Interstate 8) will attempt to avoid its fourth straight conference sweep during the series finale on Thursday.

Jack Jereb singled and scored on a wild pitch to give the Cavaliers a 1-0

lead in the bottom of the first inning. Seth Adams hit a one-out single before scoring on a sacrifice fly from Jacob Gross in the bottom of the third inning, allowing LaSalle-Peru to surge ahead 2-0. The Cavaliers went ahead 3-0 after an RBI single from Alex Galindo in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Rochelle avoided the shutout with one run on two hits in the top of the seventh inning, where juniors Carson Lewis and Brandyn Metzger smacked back-to-back singles to start the frame. Lewis eventually scored on a fielder's choice grounder from senior Chandler Cunningham.

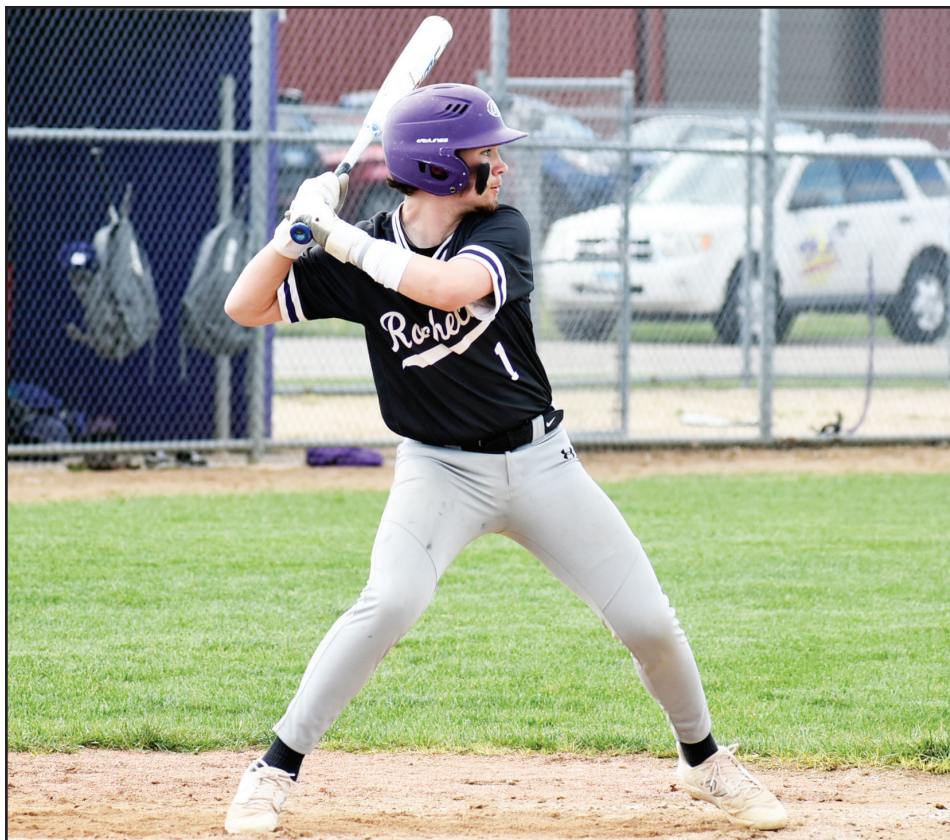
Monday

Juniors Elijah Harley and Breydan Andrews each hit RBI singles to spark the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team during Monday's Interstate 8 game against LaSalle-Peru.

Trailing 5-0 entering the bottom of the fourth inning, Rochelle cut the deficit to three after a trio of singles including two run-scoring knocks from Harley and Andrews. The Hubs threatened to tie the game in the bottom of the sixth inning, but a strikeout ended a promising opportunity and allowed the Cavaliers to escape with a 5-2 win. Rochelle (4-14, 0-10 Interstate 8) will continue its three-game set against LaSalle-Peru with a road matchup on Wednesday evening.

Jack Jereb smacked a lead-off single and scored on an RBI double from Brendan Boudreau, who then crossed home plate on a wild pitch to give the Cavaliers a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The Hubs loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the first inning, where junior Ethan Goodwin reached on an error before senior Brock Metzger and freshman Brody Bruns each slapped singles. But a flyout and a groundout dashed Rochelle's scoring chances.

LaSalle-Peru tallied two runs in the top of



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Junior Breydan Andrews digs in at the plate during the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball game against LaSalle-Peru on Monday.

the second inning, where Brandon Foreman scored on a wild pitch and Brady Romagnoli doubled before touching home on a steal. Jackson Piecha put the Cavaliers ahead 5-0 after an RBI double in the top of the third inning that scored Jacob Gross. Harley and Andrews made the score 5-2 with RBI knocks in the bottom of the fourth. Metzger started on the mound and threw six innings for Rochelle, striking out four batters. Goodwin entered in relief and fired a scoreless frame, retiring the Cavaliers in order.

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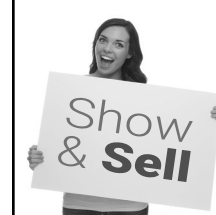
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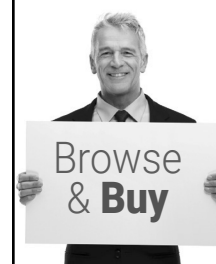
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MOTHER'S DAY

Great gifts for moms from all walks of life

MOTHER'S Day is an opportunity to show moms how much they're loved and appreciated. Though many moms may insist they don't want anything beyond spending the day with their children, gifts are a big part of Mother's Day.

No two moms are the same, and though standards like flowers and greeting cards will always have a place on Mother's Day, the following are some gift ideas that can put smiles on the faces of moms from all walks of life.

There's no end to the gift options for mothers who love to curl up with a good book. Of course, some new books may delight Mom, but gifts that can improve the reading experience also merit consideration. For example, an ergonomic backrest reading pillow can make bedtime reading sessions more comfortable and ensure Mom's neck and back get ample support as she reads the latest page-turner. A nightstand book holder also can be ideal for moms who can't seem to keep track of their bookmarks.

Some moms simply love to get in a good workout. Shoppers whose mothers or wives love to break a sweat might want to look into home gym equipment, as many fitness enthusiasts transformed part of their homes into exercise areas during the pandemic. If that sounds like the mom on your shopping list, then a suspension training system won't take up much room but



can provide an intense, full-body workout. A new yoga mat, some wireless Bluetooth headphones or a compression stretching mat are some additional gifts that might make exercise-loving moms smile this Mother's Day.

Moms whose children still live under the same roof may not have much opportunity to travel, but

empty nesters and grandmothers might. For such moms, a foldable, hanging travel bag can make it easy and convenient for mom to carry all of her toiletries and access them without taking up what's often minimal hotel room counter space. For moms who want to document their excursions, a leather travel journal encourages them

to note their experiences and gives them something they can revisit for years to come. Of course, some new luggage can make the perfect gift for newly retired moms who can't wait to start visiting places on their travel bucket lists.

Millions of moms manage to juggle the obligations of family life with a challenging career.

Mother's Day can be a great time to recognize that balancing act. A self-heating coffee mug can ensure Mom's morning cup o' joe doesn't go cold as she traverses her way through a hectic morning routine. Another great gift is a charging mouse pad that can charge all of Mom's devices even while she's working. If you want

to help Mom remain calm as she navigates her way through a day filled with personal and professional obligations, an essential oils diffuser can create a sense of relaxation on the most hectic of days.

No two moms are the same. Fortunately, great gifts can be found for moms from all walks of life this Mother's Day.



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Five inspirational gifts for Mother's Day

MOTHER'S Day is celebrated on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Mother's Day is devoted to expressing love and showing praise on mothers, step-mothers and any other figure in one's life who has taken on a motherly role. It is customary to lavish extra praise on moms come Mother's Day, and that often involves gift-giving. The following are five gifts that can ensure Mom knows her efforts and unconditional love have not gone unnoticed.

1. Prompt mindful thinking: The cards from Sunny Present Empowering Questions Cards pose questions to prompt meditation, journaling or simply to practice mindfulness during the day. They are a great way to encourage positive self-talk.

Each of the 52 cards feature a door in the Estonian city of Tallinn. Available through Amazon and www.sunny-present.com.

2. Motivational can-do candles: A little aromatherapy can treat any mother to an uplifting or relaxing fragrance in her special place in the home. But these inspirational candles from Bianchi Candle Co. feature names like "bravery," "joy" and "gratitude" and a motivational message. Purchase at bianchicandleco.com.
3. Inspirational coffee table book: Author and educator Natalie Friscia Pancetti wrote, "This Too... Life-Isms to Savor the Sweetness of Life and Calm You Through the Storms" to pay homage to her parents, particularly her father, who was fond of the phrase, "this too shall pass."

Pancetti says people often relate the phrase to rough patches in life, but it also can refer to cherishing all the moments that are fleeting. The book offers many inspirational passages and lessons that can be applied to all aspects of life. It can be a touching gift for a mom, grandmother or another special woman. Available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and at www.nataliefrisciapancetti.com.

4. Relaxing home spa experience: Many people have turned their bathrooms into home spas, particularly empty nesters who now have more time to relax and pamper themselves. Spending time in a relaxing shower is a way for Mom to clear her mind and unwind, and Shower Steamers from Body Restore can set the ideal



environment. Purchase on Amazon and include alongside additional home spa necessities like loofahs or a bathrobe.

5. Ancestry exploration: Foster greater bonds in the

family by giving Mom an opportunity to further trace her heritage. Popular genealogy companies include Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and 23andme.com, enabling anyone to

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NURSES WEEK

The role of certified nursing assistants

THE nursing profession is vast and attracts an array of talented people. A career as a nursing assistant can be a rewarding path for those who want to get into the profession. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, health care jobs are expected to grow by 13 percent between 2021 and 2031, making a nursing career an attractive option. According to Premier Nursing Academy, a certified nursing assistant is an entry-level step into the medical field. A CNA is not a nurse, but these individuals will work very closely under the supervision of licensed nursing staff, physicians and other health care providers. Many people are drawn to becoming a CNA because the job presents a start in a career in health care. While some are content to remain CNAs for the duration of their

careers, other CNAs use the position as a way to get on-the-job experience that can help them decide if they want to go further in the field of nursing. CNA certification does not require extensive education. On average, it takes between four to 10 weeks to complete the necessary coursework to become a certified nursing assistant. According to Indeed, a CNA can expect to perform these tasks on any given day.

- Administer medications to patients.
- Assist patients with activities of daily living.
- Bathe and dress patients.
- Check vital signs.
- Serve meals and help patients eat.
- Watch for changes in patients' behaviors or worsening conditions.
- Reposition bedridden patients.

CNAs work in many different settings, in-



cluding at hospitals or in residential nursing homes. The BLS estimates that demand for certified nursing assistants will increase by 5 percent by 2031. Interested parties can expect to earn a median annual wage of \$30,290. Should one want to go on

to becoming a registered nurse, he or she can expect a salary of \$77,600. Certified nursing assistants play important roles in the medical field. CNAs hone their skills in facilities and can choose to stay put or go on to more advanced nursing careers.

How communities can recognize nurses

THE vital role nurses play in health care settings across the globe was perhaps never more apparent than in recent months. When COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020, nurses were on the front lines in the battle against the virus, and have remained there ever since. In recognition of the sacrifices nurses and other health care workers have made to help the sick, individuals across the globe have placed signs in their yards thanking essential workers. In addition, many more have taken to social media

to highlight the lengths individual nurses have gone to while helping them or their loved ones who caught the virus or fought other illnesses. Communities can follow such individuals' lead by making collective efforts to thank the nurses who call their towns and cities home.

- Sponsor fundraising efforts. Town officials can help to organize a community-wide fundraising effort or a 50-50 raffle with the ultimate goal of donating to a charitable organization chosen by local nurses. Health care facilities have been stretched incredibly thin during the pandemic, so a donation to a charitable organiza-

tion that benefits health care workers can be a great way for communities to honor local nurses.

- Encourage residents to lend a helping hand. The work frontline medical workers have done during the pandemic has been endless and exhausting. In recognition of that, community organizers can promote volunteer programs designed to lift some of the burden off local health care workers' shoulders. Local hospitals, blood banks and health centers may need volunteers, and this is a great way for local residents to show health care workers their efforts are appreciated.
- Celebrate holidays that honor nurses as a



community. The American Nurses Association notes that National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6 and ends on May 12. Though

National Nurses Week is not a federal holiday, communities can still come together during the week to highlight the work their local nurses do. Township or other local officials can encourage businesses in the community to offer special discounts to nurses during the week, while schools can take part in collective efforts to thank nurses. For example, students from all grades can work on a banner thanking nurses and then showcase the banner by the entryway to campus so passing motorists can see it.

- Highlight a local nurse each week on social media. Community

leaders can ask residents to nominate a local nurse each week and then choose one nominee to highlight on social media. Students or local officials can interview the nominee, asking them about their careers, including what compelled them to become a nurse and their most interesting experiences on the job. Interviews can be posted on community social media pages so all residents can get to know the unsung heroes in their communities. Communities can work together on a variety of collective efforts aimed at recognizing the extraordinary efforts made by local nurses every day.

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