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VCCT auditorium dedicated to the late Carol Weidmann, celebration of life held

‘We needed to do more than just say thank you for everything she’s done...’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Sunday, May 5, a celebration of life and dedication ceremony were held for the late Carol Weidmann at the Vince Carney Community Theater’s Lincoln Arts Center.

Weidmann, who passed away on Jan. 29 at age 77, was a founding member of VCCT in 1981 and served on its board for over 40 years. Her local legacy also included being a longtime English teacher and director of theater at Rochelle Township High School.

VCCT Board President Amy Frank said the Lincoln Arts Center saw a full house for the celebration of life and dedication ceremony.

“We had 75-80 people from all aspects of her life: Theater, teaching and bowling,” Frank said. “We had photos and programs of all of the different shows she was a part of in many different capacities. Directing, producing, acting, sewing costumes, setting lights, you name it, she did



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it. We shared stories of her and the impact she had on everyone who was there. Jane Prunty, a longtime friend and another VCCT founding member, acted as

the emcee. She had some of Carol’s students write tributes to her and only a few were read because there were so many. Carol’s sister, Barb, read a eulogy

for Carol.”

Midway through the event, the VCCT board dedicated the auditorium space at the Lincoln Arts Center to Weidmann in

honor of her over 40 years of commitment, expertise, energy and influence on the community theater group.

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Library work ongoing, water work to close roads for short times

OCEDC director makes presentation and offers services

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

CRESTON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Creston Village Board of Trustees heard an update from Creston-Dement Library Board President Doug Kroupa on the ongoing construction of a new library in the village.

The project broke ground March 15 at the corner of Main and Cederholm Streets. A referendum passed in June 2022 that allowed the Creston-Dement Public Library District to issue \$2.2 million in bonds to build a new library building on the land that was donated years ago for just that purpose. The main reason for the desire for a new building is the library outgrowing its current space at 107 S. Main St.

Kroupa said water service connection work will soon take place on the project in coming weeks, which will cause road closures and the loss of water service for homes in the area for short amounts of time. The work is planned to begin in the



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next 2-3 weeks and will take 2-4 weeks to complete.

“We have 3-4 houses that will lose water during that time period for a period of 4-8 hours depending on the construction,” Kroupa said. “It will also shut down Main Street for that period of time for the digging. The second utility connection will be

on Cederholm and will be across the road for 4-6 hours. After construction is completed we’ll repair the road.”

Grading work has already taken place on the construction project and footings and other utility connections are the next steps in the work.

The library board hopes

for a fall 2025 opening.

OCEDC

The board heard a presentation by Ogle County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Charlene Coulombe on the services her organization can offer the village.

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Water main project to start next month

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

HILLCREST — At its meeting Wednesday, the Hillcrest Village Board of Trustees heard an engineering update given by Village Engineer Kaitlin Wright of Baxter & Woodman.

Wright said that Hillcrest’s priority 1A water main project recently held a preconstruction meeting and work is slated to start on Monday, June 3. The project has a \$1.2 million total budget and plans to replace mains along the full length of Scott Avenue, parts of Errett Road and Erickson Road from Scott Avenue to Jeffrey Avenue, and parts of Jeffrey Avenue from Errett Road to Erickson Road. Those streets are in the southern and oldest part of the village. The project will be financed with an IEPA loan that will involve 50 percent loan forgiveness.

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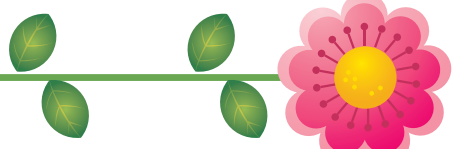


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HILLCREST: Trustees approve changes and updates to parking ordinance

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The debt service on the project will be \$35,000 per year over 20 years.

Wright also updated trustees on a state-mandated lead service line inventory project that is ongoing. Residents were sent a survey recently. The village must submit an inventory and replacement plan to the state by Sept. 1. Residents have been asked to check their own water lines and provide information to the village. If residents do not respond to the survey, the village would send staff to check the water lines to see what material they're made up of.

Wright said the village has distributed 444 surveys and current numbers include 115 service lines of unknown (not lead), 70 copper service lines, and 259 unknown. A small number of residents have reported lead service lines, which the village may be checking to confirm. Village President Rick Rhoads gave Wright the go ahead Wednesday to start drafting a replacement plan proposal due to lead service lines being reported.

Wright said during her engineer's update that seal coat work will start "in the next month or so."

The program this year will include Errett Road, Rosalind Road, Erickson Road, Powers Road, and Linda Avenue.

Parking

Trustees unanimously approved changes and updates to its parking ordinance at the meeting. The updates cleaned up the village's previous parking ordinance that included repetitive language.

The new parking ordinance was drafted due to concerns trustees have expressed in the past about cars parked illegally in Hillcrest including in front and back yards. The new parking ordinance can be enforced by village police, village-contracted police or the village president.

Patrols

The board tabled a potential intergovernmental agreement with the Ogle County Sheriff's Office that would see dedicated patrols in Hillcrest by Ogle County deputies. No vote was taken due to the village waiting for feedback from the sheriff's office and a review of the potential agreement by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office.

Sheriff Brian VanVickle attended Hillcrest's March meeting regarding a potential agreement



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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

and the current proposal would see the village pay deputies \$80 an hour which would be the only cost to Hillcrest, besides paying deputies for their time in court on Hillcrest patrol-specific cases.

Deputies would be working around 10 hours per week on dedicated patrols to start and they would be in two-hour blocks at varying times. Deputies will work the hours on an overtime basis before or after their regular county patrols.

Solar

The board held a first reading on a new solar panel ordinance. At recent meetings, Village Building Inspector Casper Manheim has asked the board to soon consider the adoption of a solar ordinance to have a fee structure in place for residents and companies that install solar panels within village limits.

Manheim previously gave the village a pre-made ordinance from another village that would

see Hillcrest be able to charge permit fees for small residential solar operations all the way up to large solar fields. A large solar farm is planned to locate within village limits in the future.

No vote was taken on the matter, due to the fact that the potential change requires a public hearing that is planned for 6:30 p.m. on June 12 before Hillcrest's regularly-scheduled meeting at 7 p.m.

Cleanup

The village will be hosting a clean-up day for residents on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 422 Wayne Road. There will be a dumpster on site and accepted items will include scrap metal, yard waste, electronics (seven items per vehicle limit), and car and light truck tires (\$5 disposal fee per tire). No batteries will be accepted. The event is for Hillcrest residents only and participants are asked to bring proof of address.

GFOA announces City of Rochelle's receipt of award

ROCHELLE — Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that City of Rochelle, Illinois received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement

by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

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in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

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documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

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LOCAL NEWS

WEIDMANN: Dedication and celebration of life held on May 5

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It will now be known as Weidmann Hall.

A motion was brought before the VCCT board months ago to rename the auditorium space in her honor, and original plans had Weidmann being in attendance for it, but the timeline didn't work out with her health, Frank said. Weidmann served on the board since VCCT's inception and served in every position possible. She was membership chair up until she passed away. "She contributed monetarily as well," Frank said. "She was one of the Vince Carney Club members and donated well over the amount it takes to be one. She was very committed. Last year she gave us money to increase the number of lights in the auditorium. We needed to do more than just say thank you for everything she's done for VCCT."

In recent years, VCCT renovated and opened the former site of Lincoln Elementary School as its first permanent home. The now-Lincoln Arts Center was a dream of Weidmann's that she got to see come to fruition. "Carol was part of the process to get the building

and she helped with the renovation," Frank said. "She was in there painting and did everything she could to help. She did it all grinning ear to ear."

Weidmann and other VCCT founding members were the first to grace the stage for the first show at the Lincoln Arts Center (Four Old Broads, August 2021).

More than just the Rochelle community came out for Weidmann's celebration of life, Frank said. The event saw tributes from outside of town from people who were Weidmann's students that now have found success in the theater industry.

"The turnout we saw puts the community in community theater," Frank said. "They started here in Rochelle, but Carol's influence spread. She planted the seeds and let people grow. It speaks volumes of what one person can affect. Her shoes are big to fill. Carol had such a passion for theater that was palpable. We followed her like a pied piper. She was so inspirational with her love and passion for theater. If I can be half the president she was and dedicate half of the energy and time she did, VCCT will be better for it."



(COURTESY PHOTO) Carol Weidmann, who passed away on Jan. 29 at age 77, was a founding member of VCCT in 1981 and served on its board for over 40 years.

OCSWMD releases open burning information

OREGON — Over the past several weeks the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) has received and responded to multiple of complaints referencing waste piles and burn piles in the rural areas of Ogle County.

Common examples of items found on these piles include mattresses, box springs, furniture, cabinetry, flooring materials, general construction and demolition debris, and general household trash bags containing foam products, plastics, and textiles.

It also appears to be a very common mindset, particularly in rural areas, that the open burning of waste materials is a normal and legal manner of disposing of waste that has been going on for many years. The toxic burn barrel has also been a common fixture in many areas for on-site waste disposal.

Throughout Illinois and Ogle County, state-wide regulations and county ordinances prohibit the open burning of waste materials, no matter where one may reside. There are some exemptions to these regulations and ordinances, while municipalities may

have stricter regulations and timelines for open burning for their residents.

In addition, state-wide regulations prohibit air pollution all though out the state. Air pollution has a definition and entails releasing particulate matter (smoke) or other contaminants into the air of the state, causing harm to human health, harming plant and animal life, harming the environment, or otherwise impacting the enjoyment of life and/or property for neighbors. In other words, smoke from open burning that impacts neighbors in a negative way is in violation of state law.

The modern waste stream has evolved in the past several years. No longer is the waste stream basic paper products, or materials based with natural fibers such as cotton or wool. The modern waste stream is made up of products we use then discard, and mostly all of this material now is synthetic and petroleum-based.

The modern waste stream is dominated by plastics, resins, rubber, foam material, films, laminated items, PFAS's, and other synthetic (man-

made) materials. When these materials are openly burned they release an array of toxins and carcinogens too long to list in this article. These toxic chemicals pollute the air, ground, and groundwater, and impact human health. The left-over ash and debris is toxic and contaminated as well.

Modern furniture, mattresses, cabinetry, carpet, and even wood products are increasingly formed and coated with resins, glues, laminates, and fire-retardant materials. Plastics and films are essentially solid petroleum, and textiles are polyesters and mixtures of various chemical compounds and not natural fibers.

The OCSWMD encourages residents and businesses to first reduce waste they produce, then seek reuse options for certain items, then recycling, composting, and mulching of items that cannot be reused. Final disposal in an Illinois EPA-permitted landfill or transfer station is then required for the final disposal of materials that have met their end of life. The open burning of waste materials is prohibited throughout Illinois and enforced under

the Environmental Protection Act, and appropriate County ordinances, by the OCSWMD. Fines are assessed through Administrative Citation or through the Ogle County State's Attorney under provisions in the Environmental Protection Act.

In rural areas of the county there are exemptions for the open burning of certain waste streams. Under no circumstances may open burning cause nuisance smoke conditions or create air pollution for adjacent property owners. If conducting an open burn be sure to monitor the burn and weather conditions, set back the burn areas from

structures or agricultural fields, and have extinguishment methods at the ready.

The open burning of landscape, domicile, and agricultural wastes is permitted in rural areas of the county. These wastes must be generated and/or grown on site, and include yard waste, tree limbs, and brush, personal documents and clean paper products, and agricultural bedding and natural fiber materials produced as part of an agricultural operation on that property.

Nothing in the regulations or county ordinances prohibit recreational or cooking fires using natural wood/wood products, or

ecological burns, although permits may be required for certain burning activities.

The OCSWMD encourages the composting and mulching of landscape waste and agricultural wastes as opposed to open burning. In some municipalities waste haulers conduct seasonal pick up of landscape waste as well for composting of these materials.

For questions regarding responsible waste disposal, open burning regulations, recycling, composting, and other alternatives to open burning, please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or check the county website.

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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Barbara Price

CARY — Barbara Price died on May 7, 2024, in Cary, IL. She was a longtime resident of Rochelle, IL. Born in Newfoundland, she graduated from Prince of Wales College and The Grace General Hospital School of Nursing (Valedictorian!). Barbara was naturalized as a United States citizen in 1978. Preceded in death by her husband Henry Theodore (Ted) in 2007, as well as parents Samuel Herbert and Bessie Mae Case, siblings Marjorie, Dorothy, James, Florence, and Mabel, and

their respective spouses. Survivors include daughter, Heather, granddaughters, Jillian and Amy, of Palatine, IL, and son, Jason (wife Sumi) of Wayne, NE.

Other survivors include canine companion, Grace, and grandcats: Seamus, Eve, Sadie, Hanna, Joule, Charlotte, Lucy, and Peter.

Scattering of cremains will be private ("Please let me blow in the wind... Thank you!"). In remembrance of Barbara, please make a donation to an animal shelter of your



choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL. For info: 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

Richard D. Whaley

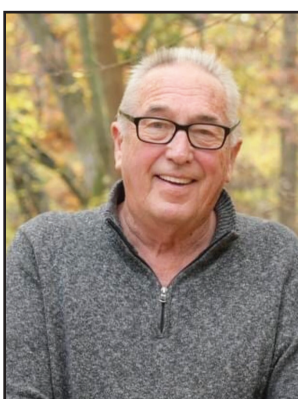
ROCHELLE — Richard D. Whaley, 71, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2024 surrounded by his family. Rick was born on April 26, 1953 to Leland and Doris (Long) Whaley in Rochelle. On April 2, 1977, he married Joan Bingham in Rochelle.

Rick lived a life full of love, music and all things outdoors. Most of all, his family brought him the most joy. From jeeping to camping to playing music, he and Joanie made a life full of good stories, beautiful family and many good laughs. His love for dogs, woodworking and fishing kept his soul especially happy.

Rick is survived by his wife of 47 years, Joan of Rochelle; three children: Rachel (Matt

Mueller) Whaley of Madison, WI, Nicole (Tom) Wyatt and Jason Whaley both of Rochelle; three brothers: Ron Whaley of Rochelle, Ken Whaley of Peoria, IL, and Terry Whaley of Rochelle; seven grandchildren: Marisa Whaley, Dylan Whaley, Kelly (Shawn) Standfast, Kara (Tony) Kettleson, Ethan and Noah Wyatt, and Clayton Mueller; five great grandchildren: Ainsley, Luke, Liam, Logan and Livy and lifelong friends, Mike and Darrolle.

In addition to his parents, Leland Whaley and Doris Emke, Rick is preceded in death by his grandson, Leland Mueller; brother, Randy Reeves and sisters-in-law: Carol and Nancy Whaley.



There will be a celebration of Rick's life on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at the Rochelle Conservation Club, 3501 S. Sweeny Rd., Chana. The memorial visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:45 A.M., with the memorial service following at 12:00 P.M. A memorial will be established. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Donald Eugene Huntley

CHANA — Donald Eugene Huntley, 86, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at his home in Chana, Illinois. Don was born on June 4, 1937 to Roland and Grace "Peggy" (Strang) Huntley in Rochelle, IL. He attended country schools through eighth grade and then attended Ashton High School, graduating in 1955. While in high school, he loved playing six man football and basketball, and baseball after school with his friends. Don proudly served with the United States Army from January of 1956 to October of 1964. On September 8, 1957, he married Norma Henert at the Reynolds United Methodist Church in Ashton, IL.

Don was involved with his church and community. While at the Reynolds Church, he served as the Sunday School Superintendent and then in 1965 became a member of the Chana United Methodist Church where he served on various committees. He was the Supervisor of Pine Rock Township from 1978-2013, board member of the Ogle County Board for ten years, Little League coach when his son, Kim, played baseball, and a member of the Rochelle Moose Lodge since 1967. During the Chana Centennial in 1971, Don won his most unique award for the person who most looked like Abraham Lincoln.

Starting with his father, Roland, and continuing with his son, Kim, Don spent his entire life farming

in Pine Rock Township. Even after retiring from Huntley Farms Partnership in 2000, he continued to assist Kim with the same enthusiasm. He loved every minute of farming and having the opportunity to farm with his son was the icing on the cake for him.

Don and Norma did an extensive amount of traveling, covering most states, the Panama Canal, Canada and the Caribbean. In 1982, they became "snowbirds" spending time in Florida during the winter months. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren on summer "cousin" trips, birthday celebrations, Christmas and sporting events. One truly memorable trip Don made was on his 70th birthday with his daughters, Gina and Jill, for a week-long, 500 mile bicycle tour through Illinois. He laughingly said next time he wanted to bond with his girls, he would take them on a fishing trip. But as we know, time fades the memory and on his 80th birthday he and his girls embarked on another bicycle trip to the Quad Cities and back to Byron, IL for a 300 mile trip. When he wasn't traveling, his favorite pastime was reading.

Don is survived by his wife of 66 years, Norma of Chana, IL; his children, the joys of his life: Kim (Becky) Huntley of Chana, IL, Gina (Phil) Pedraza of Chana, IL and Jill (Joe) Schwartz of Rochelle, IL; proud grandpa of Daniel (Allison) Huntley, Dr. Geoffrey (Kaylie) Huntley,



Trent Butler, Ali (Dave) Rossi, Gabe Pedraza, Ben (Shanda) Schwartz and Katie (Cameron) Travis; ten great grandchildren: James and Andrew Huntley, Emmett and Rowan Huntley, Nash Butler, Crew and Finn Rossi, Blakely and Beckett Schwartz and Cooper Travis; and brother, Dallas "Lant" Huntley of Oregon, IL.

In addition to his parents, Don is preceded in death by his two sisters: Margene Rager and Del-louise Greenfield and two grandchildren: Weston and Channing Butler.

The memorial visitation will be from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M., Friday, May 17, 2024 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The memorial service will be held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Chana United Methodist Church, 606 N. Main Street, Chana, IL with Pastor Dave Rogula officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle. Memorials may be made in Don's memory to Serenity Hospice and Home or Chana United Methodist Church. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

June Planning & Zoning Commission meeting canceled

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Planning and Zoning Commission will not meet on Monday, June 3 as regularly scheduled. The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1 at 6 p.m.

4-C program enrollment and community resource fair is May 23

ROCHELLE — Community-Coordinated

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White Rock Cemetery announces Memorial Day services for 2024

KINGS — White Rock Cemetery Memorial Day Association invites everyone to its annual service Monday, May 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Elim Reformed Church, 140 S. Church Road, Kings. Our speaker this year is CW2 Greg Vant.

He served four years in the Air Force as an electronic countermeasure technician and nine years in the Army as a test pilot with the 101st Airborne. After the service, we walk across to the cemetery and honor our veterans with roll

call. Refreshments follow in the church basement. There will be copies of the 544-page book containing the history of White Rock for anyone interested in purchasing. You may email questions to whiterockhistorybook@gmail.com.

Mt. Morris man sentenced to eight years for aggravated criminal sexual abuse

OREGON — In an April 22 press release, Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock announced that on April 22, Steven K. Irvin, 58, of Mt. Morris,

was sentenced to eight years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge John C. Redington for aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

In May 2022, the Mt. Morris Police Department investigated a sexual abuse complaint made by minor female that occurred in Mt. Morris.

During the investigation, the defendant was

developed as a suspect. The case was reviewed by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized.

Aggravated criminal sexual abuse is a class-two felony with a sentencing range of 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The defendant's criminal record qualified him for an extended term sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Report policy

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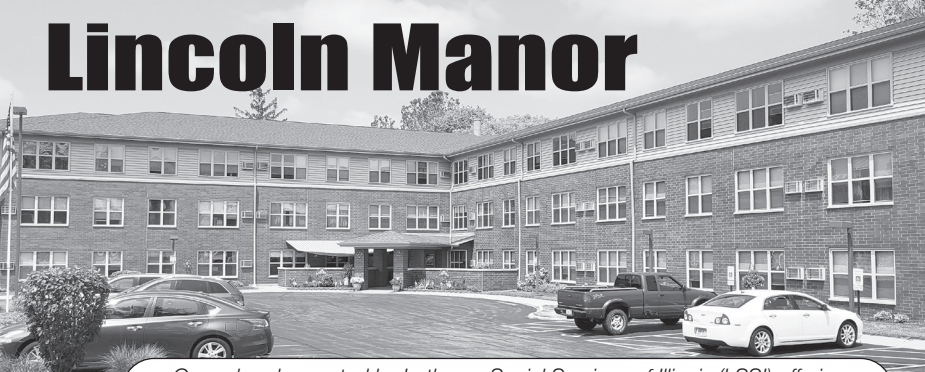
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LOCAL NEWS

CRESTON: IDOT letter to village reveals plans for work on Route 38

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In recent months, trustees have discussed joining the OCEDC, which is a newly-formed organization that represents all of Ogle County and aims to have a county-wide concerted economic development effort to see improvements for all of its member municipalities and the county.

Coulombe spoke about 240 acres within Creston owned by a developer that is being looked at for development.

“The good news is there are some deals out there and those deals then could become a building that might end up in your community,” Coulombe said.

The OCEDC is made up of member taxing bodies Ogle County, Polo, Oregon, Mt. Morris, Byron and Rochelle. The village would need to make a monetary contribution in the future to join the OCEDC and receive its services.

Coulombe said she has the ability to post land and building sites on online marketplaces and networks that can be looked at by a wide variety of developers. Finding and applying for grants, working with local existing businesses, and attracting home developers are also skills she and the OCEDC can offer.

“We’re a service to you and the community,” Coulombe said. “It’s not easy to have an economic development director in every community. That’s why we’re sharing in the OCEDC and I’m here to help you.”

Subdivision

During the meeting, the village board heard from Tim Hayden of Hayden Real Estate, the new owner of the Creston Commons subdivision.

Hayden closed on the ownership of the subdivision at the end of December. The village has hoped in recent years to see clean up, new homes and a new agreement with the subdivision’s ownership. Hayden Real Estate has been building houses in the area for 15 years.

Hayden expressed a desire Tuesday to meet with the village in the future regarding a revised development agreement and the subdivision’s water infrastructure.

Upcoming home building plans will depend on the water system, Hayden said. Home construction would likely start on both sides of Pierce Street in two different groups, Hayden said.

“We’d like to get it going,” Hayden said. “With no advertising whatsoever, we’ve been getting some inquiries and we’re optimistic that there’s interest.”

More cleanup and tree removal and burning is planned in the future in the subdivision area, Hayden said.

Engineering

Village President Tom Byro read an engineering update sent in by Village Engineer Kevin Bunge. Byro said an ongoing storm sewer project from the train tracks to Cedarholm Street could go out for bid within a month if the board desires it.

Byro also said Bunge reported that the quiet zone project to end train horns in Creston is on hold currently, pending further direction.

Website

The board unanimously approved an expenditure for a new website designer. The cost for the new website will be split between the village, Dement Township and the Creston Park District.

Village Clerk Jennifer Payton said the site will include information on other organizations in Creston and should be up and running by July 1. The village’s current site is in need of an update due to its age, she said.

The total cost of the website update, which will be split between the organizations, is \$3,795 for the first year and \$2,595 yearly.

Route 38

Byro said the village recently received a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation detailing its plans to mill, patch and resurface approximately 3.55 miles of Illinois Route 38 from west of Mulford Road to the DeKalb County line. The project is scheduled to start on June 14 of this year.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

OREGON—On May 6 at approximately 3:39 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 52 and Stewart Road. After an investigation, deputies cited Michael Hoffman, 38, of Lanark for driving without a valid license. Hoffman was given a notice to appear for his citation and given a future court date. Hoffman was released from the scene.

On May 6 at approximately 5 p.m. deputies with the assistance of the Polo Fire Department responded to the 1,000 block of North Freeport Road for the report of a single-vehicle crash with injuries. A preliminary investigation by the Sheriff’s Office determined a maroon 1993 Buick Regal was traveling northbound when it traveled across the southbound lane and into the west ditch. The Buick continued north for a short distance before coming to rest after striking a creek embankment. The driver, Michael Glick, 67, of Forreston, was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Ogle County Coroner’s Office. This incident remains under investigation.

On May 8 at approximately 5:15 p.m. deputies, Illinois State Police, Monroe Center Fire Department, and Stillman Valley Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle accident at Illinois Route 72 and Timberlane Drive, Davis Junction. Upon investigation, it was determined that the driver of a red Toyota, Darla Brandle, 77, of Davis Junction, was stopped, yielding to oncoming traffic to turn onto Timberlane Drive. At that time Andy Khouangsavahn, 44, of Byron, was traveling west on Illinois Route 72 in a black Nissan and struck the rear of the Toyota. Khouangsavahn was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Khouangsavahn was transported Swedish American Hospital for injuries.

On May 8 at 8:55 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the area of the 6,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Hailey Hart, 35, of Mt. Morris, for driving unlicensed. Hart was additionally cited for suspended registration. Hart was released with a notice to appear court date.

On May 8 at 8:09 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of North Illinois Route 26 and West Illinois Route 72. As a result, deputies arrested a passenger in the vehicle, Christian T. Brown-Smith, 26, of Freeport, on a Whiteside County warrant for driving on a suspended license. The driver, Carrie A. Conner, 27, of Benton, Arkansas, was issued a citation for expired registration.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On May 8 at 9:33 a.m. Benjamin D. Piper, 23, of Dixon was arrested for driving while license suspended and for an outstanding Lee County warrant. Piper was also cited for violating class first division vehicle/motorcycle, expired registration, and improper display of registration. He was released on a notice to appear with a June 7 Rochelle court date.

For the Lee County warrant, he was released on a notice to appear with a May 30 Lee County court date.

On May 8 at 1:54 p.m. Mackenzie M. Sanders, 32, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 49 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a June 7 Rochelle court date.

On May 8 at 8:59 p.m. Joshua Reyes, 23, of Rochelle was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given a June 7 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

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 Childrens 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 Bunger - 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.. 
- 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!
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LOCAL VIEWS

Illegal immigrants and infectious diseases

THE recent arrival of illegal immigrants into the United States has health officials concerned about the increase in communicable diseases. Illegal immigrants are not screened for infectious diseases, with the result being an increase in diseases not seen in the U.S. for decades. New York City's health commissioner, Ashwin Vasan, announced last week that the influx of migrants from the southern border is bringing in contagious diseases. Vasan warns that only 50% of the illegal immigrants showing up in New York City are vaccinated. Diseases brought in by illegal aliens usually depend on their country of origin.

Lawful immigration requires the individual to undergo an examination to determine if the applicant is disease-free and vaccinated against

certain diseases. Not so for those jumping the fence or wading across the Rio Grande. Diseases such as measles, chicken pox, HIV, scabies, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections, tuberculosis, polio, and other viruses are showing up in increasing instances around the country. There is discussion among health officials that the migrant camps and detention centers housing illegal aliens contribute to the increased rate of communicable diseases.

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The bacteria usually attack the lungs but can also attack other body parts such as the kidney, spine, and brain. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least 6,009 of 8,300 people diagnosed with TB in the US in 2022 were for-

eign-born. Florida has had a 21% increase in TB since 2020. Counties on the border in Texas have a TB rate three times the national average. TB is treatable in most instances.

Polio is a more severe illness with the chance of lifelong paralysis as a consequence. In the 1940s and early 1950s, Americans in the thousands were permanently paralyzed by polio. The development of the Salk and other polio vaccines essentially ended the polio scourge in the United States. New York's last confirmed polio case was 34 years ago in 1990 until last summer when an unvaccinated man, who had not traveled outside the country, became paralyzed by polio, suggesting that he had been infected with the virus in the United States. The type of vaccine

used in other countries may contribute to polio's spread.

The United States uses a dead virus vaccine to generate immunity. Other countries use a live virus, which is often shed in the feces of humans and survives for a period of time. According to the Mayo Clinic, the polio virus found in the New York sewage system matched both the strain of polio from live oral vaccines and the strain that paralyzed the man from New York. What about the sidewalk sewage system used by some of our major cities?

The Mayo Clinic suggested that the paralyzed man was infected by either shaking hands or contacting contaminated liquids or surfaces. Dr. Patricia Schnabel Ruppert, Rockland County (N.Y. State)

health commissioner, cautions: "When we see one case of paralytic polio, that means there are probably hundreds of cases that are out there in the community but not diagnosed because 75% of the cases are asymptomatic." There is discussion amongst health professionals that illegal aliens are contributing to the resurgence of polio in the United States.

What is surprising is how little information has been published by print, radio, or social media on the resurgence of infectious diseases carried by illegal aliens. Some say politics may be involved since disease spread attributed to illegals gives more justification for closing the border. It is disappointing that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Surgeon General appear silent on these matters. The Surgeon General released a recent advisory

illuminating the dangers of loneliness. "It is associated with a greater risk of cardiovascular disease, dementia, stroke, depression, anxiety, and premature death." It does not take a medical degree to conclude that eradicating infectious diseases should, at the very least, be equally prioritized with loneliness.

Whatever the case, what do you do about it? For polio and other diseases, the Mayo Clinic recommends vaccination and a booster for those who were vaccinated some time ago. Personal hygiene is of the utmost importance, like thoroughly washing hands after using a bathroom and especially after using a portable toilet. Use a fist bump rather than shaking hands. Avoid crowds. If you accidentally drop your iPhone in a portable toilet, think twice about retrieving it.

Preparing for Summer Reading

THE Flagg Rochelle Public Library District is getting ready for Summer Reading. Our flyers will be coming out soon. The theme for Summer Reading this year is "Read, Renew, Repeat."

Summer is always a busy time at the library. We begin to see more students in the building and families coming in to check out materials and attend our cool library programs. Every year things are a little different, but we also try to keep some things the same. Change is good, but the library also

needs to be a familiar place where you can come and relax, read and have fun.

What does Read, Renew, Repeat mean to you? Most of our patrons come in and check out a book or two, many renew their books and then return them and repeat the process over again. Why do we need to renew? We renew because we are not finished with the book. We are not finished reading and learning about everything that the title has to tell us. We can be entertained by books or use our imagination to take us to faraway places. Books

can take you anywhere. We can learn things and explore subjects that we have never learned about before. After we are through, we come back to the library. The place in your community where you can return, check things out on any subject and find the information you need. At our library, we want you to come back, visit, get a library card, check out your books and "Read, Renew and Repeat" throughout the summer months.

Our Summer Reading Program will focus on another way to examine the words "Read, Renew, Repeat." and that is through conservation. "Designed for all ages, our summer reading program will feature the idea of conservation. Conservation as a movement focuses on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. iREAD

2024: "Read, Renew, Repeat" makes for a wonderfully diversified summer reading program that encourages reading as a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation." (<https://www.ireadprogram.org/resources/summer-2024-read-renew-repeat>) Our program this year will focus on the environment, animals, conservation, gardening and recycling. We want our readers to love the environment and take care of our planet. Severson Dells and the Burpee Museum will be coming

to talk about wildlife conservation and habitats. Patrons of all ages are welcome to join us. Our flyers will be coming out soon.

When you are planning your Rochelle Staycation for the summer months, make sure to keep the library in your plans. We have programming for all ages and are excited to see you at the library. Remember to bring your library card. See you soon.

Sarah Flanagan is the library director of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District.

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COMMUNITY

Rochelle Road Ranger, Pilot awarded grant money for electric vehicle charging

ROCHELLE—Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Director John J. Kim announced on April 10 that \$25.1 million is being awarded to 20 applicants for electric vehicle charging infrastructure under the Driving a Cleaner Illinois program. The grants will fund 643 new Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) ports at 141 locations throughout the state.

Among the awardees were the Pilot and Road Ranger locations in Rochelle. The grants were made possible through Governor Pritzker's bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan and authorized under the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA). In 2023, Illinois EPA awarded \$12.6 million in Volkswagen Settlement funding for more than 300 new EV fast charging ports. "In Illinois, we're strategically turning our vision for

a clean energy future into a reality," Gov. JB Pritzker said. "Thanks to recent grant awards, my administration will double the number of publicly available fast charging ports — putting us one step closer to our goal of reaching 100% clean energy by 2050." Pilot was awarded \$1.44 million for nine total locations including Rochelle. Road Ranger was awarded \$1.6 million for 10 locations

including Rochelle. "Through these grants, Illinois will increase the number of fast charging ports by over 100 percent, resulting in nearly 1,000 more fast charging ports available for Illinois' EV motorists and visitors," Director Kim said. "This is significant progress in building out EV charging infrastructure throughout Illinois, with more opportunities on the way."

First Ogle County property tax installment due June 10

OREGON — Ogle County Collector, Tiffany O'Brien, reports that property tax bills will be mailed out on May 10. The first installment will be due on Monday, June 10, with the second installment due on Tuesday, Sept. 10. This single document will contain tax information and payment stubs for both installments. Therefore, property owners need to save this bill as no additional notice

will be mailed prior to the second installment. Payment methods include cash, check (payable to Ogle County Collector) or credit card. In-person payments can be made at the Treasurer's office or at any bank in Ogle County. The Treasurer's office is in the old Courthouse located at 105 S. 5th St. in Oregon. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday excluding holidays. Their

mailing address is Ogle County Collector, P.O. Box 40, Oregon, IL 61061. Mailed payments must be postmarked by the due date to be considered timely. Late payments will incur a fee of 1.5% per month or part of a month after the due date and must be remitted by mail or at the Collector's office. Collector O'Brien's office is also offering the option of online payments.

You may go to the Ogle County website at www.oglecountyil.gov and then select the Treasurer's department. Choose the *Online Tax Payments* link and click the *Pay Now* button. Fill in the information as prompted. Be sure to receive a payment conformation for your records. Please note that this service carries a fee; review the convenience fees prior to making payment.

Parents Day Event at Rochelle Recovery Center is May 30

ROCHELLE — The Ogle/DeKalb County ROSC Council presents a Parents Day Event "Hidden in Plain Sight" in partner-

ship with LSSI Project LEAD, HOPE of Ogle County and Chrystal Clinic on May 30 from 1-4 p.m. at Rochelle Recovery Center,

242 May Mart Drive, Rochelle, IL 61068. Hidden in Plain Sight aims to give adults the resources they need to be

aware if a youth is struggling with substance abuse disorder. This is a free event for adults and open to the public.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 12 Bill & Mary Baskins (anniversary)	May 20 Darrell & Beth Bolhous (anniversary)	May 24 Katie Sherburne Dave & Mary Helfrich (anniversary)
May 16 Kathy Conant	May 21 Heather Floress Heidi McPhearson Brad & Kelly Arnold (anniversary)	May 25 John & Kristi Gonzales (anniversary)
May 17 Krynn Hayward	May 22 John Gonzales	May 29 Tristan Perkins Kathy Marchesi
May 18 Arianna Thompson		

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



Apr. 16 - Gabriela Ortiz, Rochelle, \$25

Apr. 17 - RACF, \$25

Apr. 18 - RACF, \$25

Apr. 19 - Priscilla Patterson, Rochelle, \$25

Apr. 20 - Lois Delhotal, Rochelle, \$25

Apr. 21 - Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, \$50

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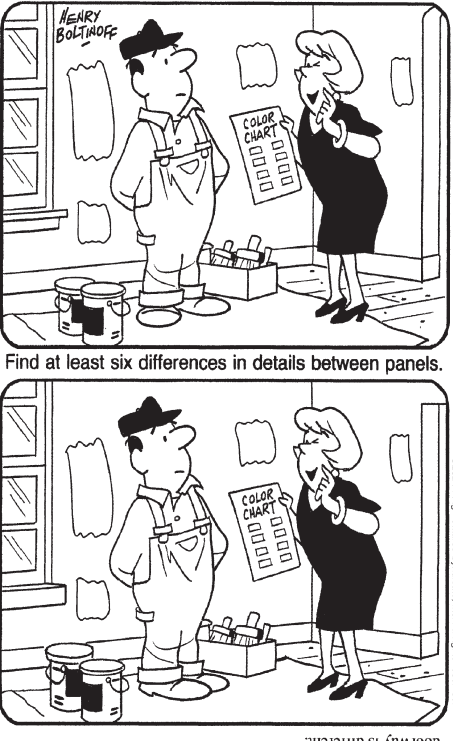
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Tap is longer. 3. Paint can is larger. 4. Window sill is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Top of doorway is different.

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Answers:

Book: Brother's Goal Grounds
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Station: Time Zoo

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INITIAL CONDITIONS

ACROSS	50 Difficult matter to deal with	96 Warned	12 Yuletide mo.	46 Fencer's attack	85 Head cover
1 Nineveh's empire	54 Saw or sickle	97 Bird that flies near the ocean's surface	13 "Harold and Maude" director Hal	47 Jason of "Bad Teacher"	86 Mark of TV's "Super-natural"
8 Its capital is Kampala	55 Implore	102 Utter failure	14 When it's 1600 hours	50 Celebrity status	89 Certain pinpoint feature
14 12-step affiliate	56 Olympic skater Midori group	103 Military base	15 "Blaze" actress Davidovich	51 Doughnut or bagel's shape	90 Seal, as a house-buying deal
20 New Guinea natives	58 Oman locale	104 "The best is — come"	16 "Scenes From —" (Bette Midler film)	52 New Mexican succulents	91 Hinder
21 Renovates	60 One trapping	106 Ancient rival of Athens	17 "And Bingo was his —"	53 Common way to mark losses	92 Novelist Dostoyevsky
22 Ketchup ingredient	63 They may have jingles	111 Became inseparable	18 New Mexico county	54 Place to dissect a frog	94 Deadpan humor
23 It's used for outlining designs in embroidery	66 Passionate love affair	112 Apt question for this puzzle	19 From Oslo's country, to its natives	56 Blue shade	95 "The Office" character Pam
25 Internet newsgroup troublemaker	69 Hairstyling goop	115 Northern Spanish city	20 "Number 10" painter Mark	59 Actor Keach of "Mike Hammer"	97 Wood shoe
26 Alloy that's mostly tin	70 "C'mon, help me out"	116 Actress de Ravin of "Roswell" and "Lost"	21 Toll rd.	60 Caesar of old comedy	98 Treasure pile
27 1990s Toyota model	72 "Finally finished!"	117 Pain greatly	22 "Number 10" painter Mark	61 CPR pro	99 "— vincit amor"
28 Grills in stoves	73 St. Louis' — Bridge	118 Person ripping things	23 Toll rd.	63 Toward a ship's stern	100 Winona of "Black Swan"
30 Take a stroll	75 Artifacts of Angola, e.g.	119 Key in anew	24 Toll rd.	64 Crusee creator Daniel	101 Once-popular anesthetic
32 Cheerful disposition	77 Ares or Eros	120 Dwellers around Peru's peaks	25 Toll rd.	65 Platoon VIP	102 Rival
34 Carrying of a boat	78 Greyhound vehicle		26 Toll rd.	66 Rodeo lasso	103 Oinkers
38 View anew	79 Misfortunes		27 Toll rd.	67 Idling position	104 Indian lute
39 Nonsense song syllable	83 The U.S. State Department, informally		28 Toll rd.	68 Idling position	105 You, of yore
40 American bird with all-white plumage	85 Sultry		29 Toll rd.	69 Idling position	106 "Stop staring —!"
42 "So there!"	86 Pilfer		30 Toll rd.	70 Idling position	108 Ostrich kin
44 Feels unwell	87 Casual tops		31 Toll rd.	71 Oinkers	109 Ky. neighbor
48 Lawyers: Abbr.	88 Fancy playing marble		32 Toll rd.	72 Oinkers	110 Part of B.A.
49 Dental floss coating	89 Even break		33 Toll rd.	73 Oinkers	113 Kipling's "Follow Me —"
	91 "... — do say so myself"		34 Toll rd.	74 Oinkers	114 Org. founded by Billie Jean King
	93 "In all probability ..."		35 Toll rd.	75 Oinkers	

DOWN

1 Per unit	36 — -Rooter	59 Actor Keach of "Mike Hammer"	82 Yukon vehicle
2 Rescue	37 Tharp of choreography	60 Caesar of old comedy	84 Tease in fun
3 Spurt out	38 Dinosaur in "Toy Story"	61 CPR pro	
4 Circular tent	41 Dusting cloth	63 Toward a ship's stern	
5 Speeding cars' ovals	43 Capital of Ghana	64 Crusee creator Daniel	
6 Boiling mad	44 Fizzy wine, in brief	65 Platoon VIP	
7 Equine beast	45 Walt Whitman's "— the Body Electric"	66 Rodeo lasso	
8 Celestial bear		67 Idling position	
9 Gears up		68 Idling position	
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LOCAL NEWS

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Girl Scouts from Southern Ogle County Service Unit plant tree at Flagg Township Museum

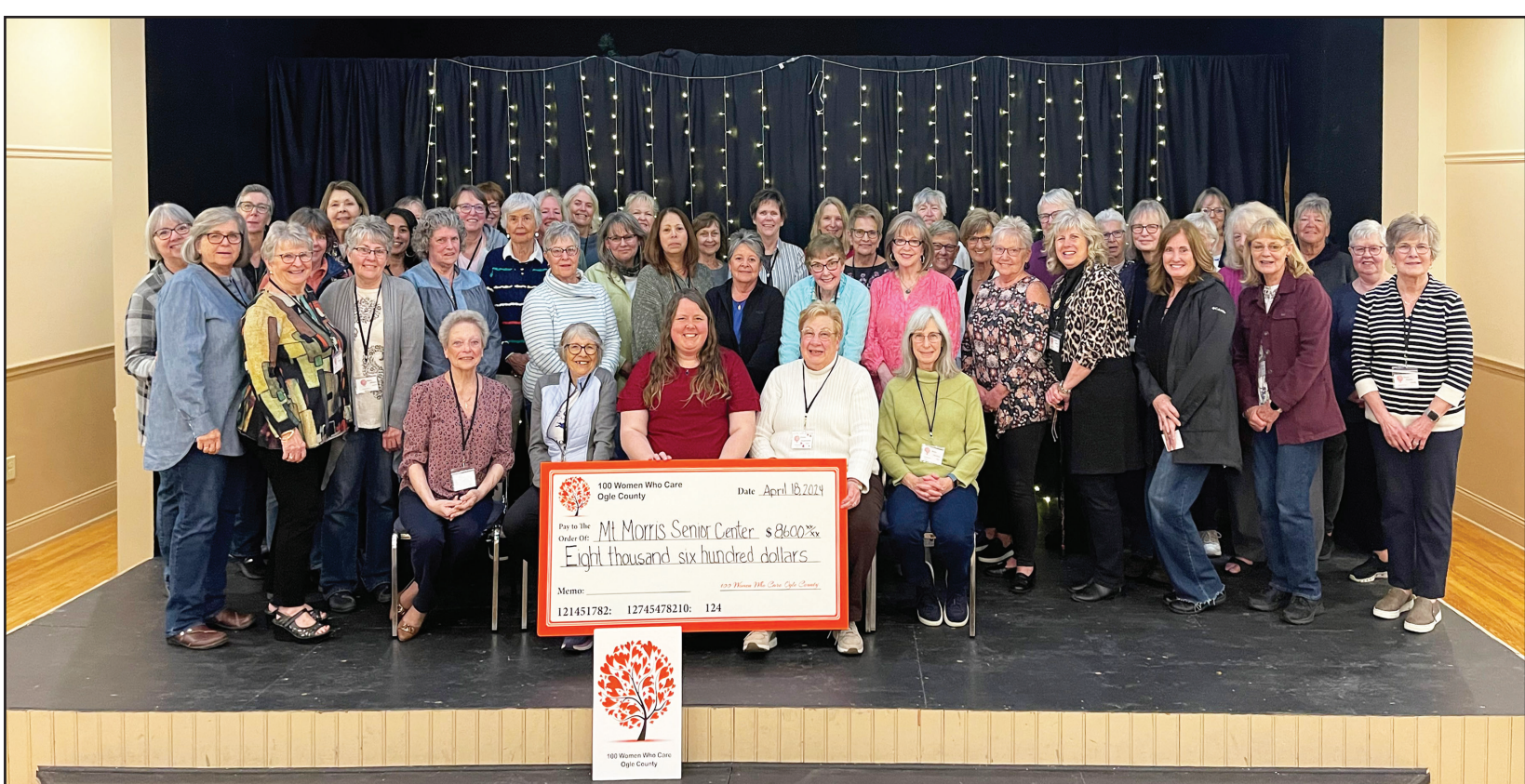
Girl Scouts from the Southern Ogle County Service Unit helped plant a tree at the Flagg Township Museum on April 23. Scouts from Troops 409, 1870, 2122, and 1168 took part in the tree planting ceremony. Museum Director Jan Devore gave a short talk on Laura Fessler, a Rochelle woman who was instrumental in getting school children to vote on a state tree over 100 years ago. The official state tree is now the white oak, and Monica Putnam and Jim Williams of Hidden Timbers delivered the tree and helped with the planting. Scouts were even able to get their hands dirty by spreading mulch around the roots. They also got to tour the museum and enjoy some snacks.

100 Women Who Care of Ogle County donates to MMSC

MT. MORRIS — On April 18, 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County donated \$8,600 to the Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center. This award was gratefully received by Melissa Rojas, the center's executive director.

Of the five possible recipients of the evening, Melissa gave compelling reasons that a donation to the center would provide needed support to the community and beyond. Seniors are a growing segment of our population and supportive services are continuously becoming a vital need. Plans for the donation include a computer lab to provide instruction and assistance for those who need help navigating our ever-expanding online world.

Melissa will be seeking computer savvy volunteers who can help support, guide and instruct. The center is located on 9 E. Front St. in Mt. Morris. For more information you can go



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100 Women Who Care of Ogle County is a group of women who join together to donate to charities within Ogle County. The

local chapter is part of 100 Who Care Alliance which is international in scope. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis where a 501c3 is nominated and

voted on to receive \$100 from each member. No other fees are required. Membership is currently 86 members. The goal is to reach 100 this year. The

more women who care the more support for the community.

If you are interested in becoming a member or learning more about

how the donation process works contact Deanna Forrest at forrestdede5@gmail.com or find them on Facebook www.facebook.com/oglegives.

IDOA schedules Clean Sweep collection in Ogle County

SPRINGFIELD — Residents of Ogle County can dispose of unwanted agrichemicals for free this year through the Illinois Department of Agriculture's (IDOA) agricultural pesticide "Clean Sweep" program.

A "Clean Sweep" collection has been scheduled

in late summer for Bureau, Carroll, Henry, JoDavies, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties, IDOA announced April 24. The collection, which rotates among Illinois counties, is open to farmers, retired farmers, nursery owners,

private pesticide applicators, structural pest control applicators and landowners who inherited unwanted agricultural pesticides with their property.

"There are two main reasons to take advantage of this program," Brad Beaver, bureau chief of Environmental Programs.

"The Department is able to provide the service free of charge thanks to a grant obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If individuals were to properly dispose of agrichemicals on their own, it could be expensive. Secondly, the state of Illinois, not the program

participant, will assume liability for the proper disposal of all materials collected."

Participants must register the products they plan to dispose of by July 26. Registration is required to give the waste disposal contractor time to prepare for the different kinds of

materials being collected. Forms can be obtained either by calling the IDOA Pesticide Hotline at 1-800-641-3934, online at agr.il.gov/pesticides/pesticide-clean-sweep-program.html, or by visiting Ogle County Extension office, 421 W Pines Rd, Suite 10 in Oregon.

Matching funds up to \$10,000 for the Chana School Museum

CHANA — Supporters of our local history need to rally for the Chana School Museum. The 1883 Chana School was to be destroyed in 1998. A group of concerned citizens organized a movement to save the structure by moving it to Oregon's Park East. The

schoolhouse was then restored and became an attraction for our rural area.

The Chana School Foundation was formed by the original volunteer group that saved the schoolhouse. The foundation continues to support the Chana

School Museum through fundraising, grants, and donations of money and in-kind. The Chana School Museum does not receive tax money.

The largest fundraiser is an annual rummage type sale. This event raises enough money to maintain the old schoolhouse and historical programs for area communities. This year's fundraiser will be different in that whatever funds are generated over the course of a period of weeks will be matched by a generous benefactor up to \$10,000.

The Chana School Foundation hopes the area communities will rally

once again to support their efforts to promote history for all ages. The huge community sale will be held on May 31 (8-5 p.m.) and June 1 (8 a.m. to noon) at the Oregon Coliseum. Volunteers will be needed in setting up for the event, during the sale, and cleaning up after the sale. If you are willing to help with this event please call Connie at 815-732-2447.

Items for the sale may be dropped off on Tuesday, May 28 (3-7 p.m.) and Wednesday, May 29 (9 a.m. to noon). If you have questions concerning items or need pick up of larger items call Ray at

815-979-2907. We will not be able to take things such as entertainment centers, large appliances, blinds, mattress & springs, and car seats.

Another way to help in our efforts to reach \$10,000 for a maximum match is to donate money to the Chana School Museum which is a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization. Your donation whether large or small will double with the generous offer of matching funds. Cash donations may be sent to the Chana School Museum at 201 N. River Road, Oregon, IL 61061. Everything sold at the fundraiser will go

into the match of funds as well. Please call 815-732-2447 if you have any questions.

2024 will mark another amazing year for the Chana School Museum with communities pulling together to raise a benchmark amount that will bloom with a match of funds up to \$10,000. Since the beginning of the Chana School Project, the motto for success has been, "If everyone does their small part, then great things will happen." Please do your part and support the 1883 Chana School Museum in this year's campaign to preserve our local history.

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ISP announces local activity during April

STERLING — Illinois State Police Troop 1 Captain Joseph Blanchette has announced enforcement figures and activity for April.

Illinois State Police Troop 1 Troopers issued 1,255 citations, 1,462

written warnings, and made 25 criminal arrests during the month of April. Troopers issued 381 citations for speeding, 83 citations for distracted driving violations and 114 citations for occupant restraint

violations.

Troopers investigated 87 traffic crashes, assisted 274 motorists, and conducted 445 commercial motor vehicle inspections, of which 73 were placed out of service for safety reasons. There

were 22 arrests for driving under the influence.

Troop 1, which encompasses Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties, investigated no fatal crashes in April.



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RTHS senior Addison Stewart will dance at Concordia University Chicago.

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RTHS Girls Track

Rochelle hosts IHSA Sectional

Bivins and Murphy record third-place finishes as Lady Hubs conclude season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The future is bright for the Rochelle Lady Hub track and field team, which turned in several strong individual performances during the IHSA 2A Sectional on Wednesday evening.

While the team score may not reflect the individual results, as the Lady Hubs finished 13th out of 16 schools with 32 points, five athletes recorded top-6 finishes in their respective events. Of those five athletes, only one will be graduating from this year's varsity roster, meaning first-year head coach Colfay Pointer will have a large contingent of key contributors back next spring.

"I think our season was amazing and I thought we got better and better throughout the season," Pointer said. "The girls became more and more confident and the sectional was the best performance of the year for a lot of them. We had multiple top-4 performances from girls who almost made it to the state meet. We had a small group of seniors who did a great job of leading our team, but we have a really young team and I'm excited to see them get back to it."

Senior Kyra Bivins led Rochelle in the field events, finishing third in the discus with a PR of 33.41 meters and landing only 0.01



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Kyra Bivins took third in the discus throw during the IHSA 2A Rochelle Sectional on Wednesday. Bivins was one of two third-place finishers for the Lady Hubs in the meet.

meters from reaching the state-qualifying mark. Junior Erin Murphy finished third in the shot put with a PR of 10.51 meters, while freshman Elyse Manning took fourth in the triple

jump with a PR of 10.03 meters. Junior Dempsey Atkinson took sixth in the high jump with a clearance of 1.46 meters to round out Rochelle's top field-event placers. Sophomore

Samantha Overton finished 12th in the pole vault with a height of 2.06 meters.

"The sectional was the biggest meet ever for a lot of our girls including our freshmen," Pointer

said. "Our juniors will be the keys for keeping our younger girls motivated and firing them up. If we can combine our juniors with our younger girls who are getting faster and

stronger, then we'll have something to look forward to next year. I'm excited to see how all of that plays out."

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RTHS Boys Tennis

Hub netters sweep home match with Mendota

Rochelle earns first shutout victory of season after 5-0 win Monday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team continued to gain momentum on Monday, scoring a dominant win over Mendota as the Interstate 8 and IHSA Sectional tournaments near.

After defeating both Dixon and Harlem in non-conference play this past week, Rochelle returned to its home courts on Monday and recorded its first full sweep of the season, shutting out the Trojans 5-0 to secure its third win over its last four matches. The Hubs (6-9, 1-4 Interstate 8) will travel to face IMSA on Tuesday evening before facing Sterling Newman on the road Thursday.

Rochelle battled to earn both singles points in Monday's match against Mendota. Senior Jimmy Chavez fended off Cameron Escatel for a 7-5, 7-5 win at the No. 1 court, while sophomore Philip Winters played a back-and-forth match against Dagen Setchell at the No. 2 court. Winters overcame a close second-

set defeat and pulled the third set out to win 7-5, 4-6, 10-7.

"It was a nice feeling because he was a really good player," said Winters, who's in his first varsity season after competing at the JV level as a freshman. "It was a competitive match and it was really tiring. We're starting to get back into better shape... The beginning of the season was hard because I was adapting from being a doubles player to being a singles player, so I had to learn how to control more of the court. My knowledge of ball placement has improved the most."

The Hubs claimed all three doubles points to secure the sweep over the Trojans. Senior Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore Mark Green turned in a flawless 6-0, 6-0 win against Ben Bresley and Wyatt Sondgeroth at the No. 1 court, while seniors Eli Luxton and Austin Raleigh conceded only two games in their 6-0, 6-2 victory against Alex Holland and Harlan Gallagher at the No. 2 court.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Philip Winters goes to his backhand during the No. 2 singles match of the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team's home meet against Mendota on Monday evening.

SPORTS



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub track and field team finished 13th in the IHSA 2A Rochelle Sectional. At left, junior Erin Murphy prepares to throw during the shot put competition. At right, sophomore Rose Luxton takes flight during the long jump competition. Below, sophomore Ryelee Bogle sprints during the 100-meter dash.

TRACK: Lady Hubs conclude season at IHSA 2A Rochelle Sectional



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Rochelle's strongest relay was a seventh-place finish in the 400-meter relay (Valerie Saldana, Zoe White, Ryelee Bogle and Elyse Manning) with a time of 53.70 seconds. The Lady Hubs took eighth in the 3200-meter relay (Mary Chadwick, Brisa Zepeda, Emely Hernandez and Bridgett Ramirez) with a time of 11:44.77 and ninth in the 1600-meter relay (Kyrie Cragin, Carmela Bright, Jasmine Walsh and Kylie Smith) with a time of 4:31.77. Rochelle finished 12th in the 800-meter relay (Alex Neece, Dempsey Atkinson, Reese Kissack and Katie Toczylowski).


Sophomores Annaliese Koziol and Rose Luxton led Rochelle in the distance events, with Koziol running a PR of 12:59.40 to finish seventh in the

3200-meter run and Luxton running a 5:56.45 to finish 11th in the 1600-meter run. Luxton also took 10th in the long jump with a mark of 4.38 meters. Freshman Jasmine Walsh was the leading hurdler for the Lady Hubs on Wednesday evening, finishing eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a PR time of 52.86 seconds.

Sophomore Kyrie Cragin recorded the strongest finish in the sprinting events, taking fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.69. Freshman Elyse Manning finished 13th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.86 seconds, while juniors Alex Neece and Zoe White finished 18th and 19th in the 200-meter dash with respective PR times of 29.54 and 29.81 seconds. Junior Brisa Zepeda finished 19th in the 800-meter run with a PR time of 2:57.67.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Mark Green hits a return during the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis match on Monday.

TENNIS: Rochelle nets win at Sterling Newman

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"It feels good to be back on the right track with the conference and sectional tournaments coming up," Green said. "Our net play seems to be the best right now and [Parker] and I are both able to play at the net and contribute. We're finally starting to do what we're capable of."

Senior Alex McBride and sophomore Caleb Mortensen engaged in a tight battle against Daniel Pierce and Ryder Woods at the No. 3 court. With the sweep on the line, McBride and Mortensen persevered through a first-set defeat, ultimately emerging with a 3-6, 6-4, 10-3 victory.

IMSA

The Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team faced a strong Illinois Math & Science Academy (IMSA) squad on Tuesday evening, conceding a 6-0 loss in non-conference play. Rochelle (6-10, 1-4 Interstate 8) will travel for the Interstate 8

tournament on Saturday afternoon.

IMSA claimed all three singles points in the non-conference match on Tuesday. Senior Jimmy Chavez took one game in a 0-6, 1-6 loss to Luke Yin at the No. 1 court, while sophomore Philip Winters conceded an 0-6, 0-6 loss to Aidan Kim at the No. 2 court. Freshman Connor Hunley took a team-best two games in his 1-6, 1-6 loss against Arnav Patel at the No. 3 court.

The Hubs fell in all three doubles matches on Tuesday. Senior Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore Mark Green secured four games in a 3-6, 1-6 loss against Charles Ludwig and Laksh Mehta at the No. 1 court, while seniors Austin Raleigh and Eli Luxton were swept in an 0-6, 0-6 loss to Rithik Thekiniath and Chad Park at the No. 2 court. Senior Alex McBride and sophomore Caleb Mortensen took one game in an 0-6, 1-6 loss to Prabhav Veeramachaneni and Harrison Jang at the No. 3 court.

SPORTS

RTHS Baseball



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity baseball team hosted Ottawa for the start of a three-game Interstate 8 Conference series on Monday evening, falling 10-6. At left, junior Ethan Goodwin fires a pitch toward home plate. At right, freshman Brody Bruns prepares to take a swing at the plate.

Hubs open Ottawa series with two straight losses

Rochelle remains winless in I-8 after 10-6 loss Monday, 4-0 loss Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

OTTAWA — Freshman Brody Bruns delivered a strong pitching performance for the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team during Wednesday's Interstate 8 series matchup against Ottawa.

Bruns fired six innings while striking out six batters and holding the Pirates to one earned run on five hits. Despite a solid outing from the freshman left-hander, Rochelle was unable to

generate any offense at the dish, recording just three hits in a 4-0 loss to Ottawa. Sophomore Brode Metzger went 2-for-3 to lead the Hubs (5-17, 0-13 Interstate 8), who will attempt to avoid the Interstate 8 Conference sweep with a third and final series game with the Pirates on Thursday.

Ottawa broke the scoreless tie in the bottom of the third inning, where Adam Swanson belted an RBI double and Jack Henson smacked an RBI single to spark a three-run frame

that put the Pirates ahead 3-0. Ottawa added an insurance run after Lucas Farabaugh singled and scored on a passed ball in the bottom of the fifth inning. Bruns delivered a single in the top of the seventh inning with the Hubs trailing 4-0, but a tagout and a groundout ended the game.

Monday

The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team began its final Interstate 8 Conference series of the season on Monday, when the

purple and white squared off against Ottawa.

Junior Ryan Senne collected two RBIs, while sophomore Brode Metzger went 2-for-4 and scored two runs as the Hubs fell to the Pirates 10-6. With the game tied after four innings, Ottawa tallied two runs over both the sixth and seventh innings to seal the conference win.

Senne belted a two-run double in the bottom of the second inning, sending the ball into center field to score seniors Chandler

Cunningham and Braden Behrens. Ottawa jumped ahead 4-2 after recording four runs on RBI singles from Adam Swanson, Jackson Mangold and Packston Miller in the top of the third inning. Junior Brandyn Metzger helped Rochelle capitalize on an Ottawa error in the bottom of the third inning, plating Brode Metzger on an RBI groundout.

Lucas Farabaugh smacked an RBI triple and Jace Veith followed with an RBI single to put the Pirates ahead 6-3 in the

top of the fourth inning. But the Hubs wouldn't go away, tallying three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to tie the score at 6-6. After a scoreless fifth inning, Ottawa took an 8-6 lead in the top of the sixth inning, where Mangold slapped an RBI single and Jack Henson scored on an error. A fielder's choice grounder and an RBI groundout in the top of the seventh inning led to two more Pirate runs, giving Ottawa a 10-6 advantage in the game.

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SPORTS

RTHS Softball



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The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team hosted an Interstate 8 Conference game against Morris on Wednesday, falling 16-2. At left, freshman Camryn Metzger makes a throw from the third-base side of the infield. At right, senior Ella Alfano digs in at the plate. Alfano went 2-for-3 with two singles in the loss.

Seven-run frame pushes Morris past Rochelle

Heller tosses complete game for Lady Hubs in 1-0 road loss against Kaneland

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — A seven-run frame smothered a promising start for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team during Wednesday's Interstate 8 Conference finale against Morris.

Leading 2-1 entering the top of the fifth inning, Rochelle appeared primed for its first conference win of the season. Instead, Morris rallied for seven runs on six hits before adding

eight runs over the final two frames to cruise over the Lady Hubs 16-2. Rochelle (4-15, 0-10 Interstate 8) will return home for a non-conference doubleheader against Ashton-Franklin Center on Saturday.

The Lady Hubs held a 1-0 lead after the bottom of the second inning, where freshman Jaclynn Lira sent a lead-off single down the left-field line before scoring on a passed ball. Morris tied the score in the top of the fourth inning after Karson Dransfeldt walked

and scored on a sacrifice fly by Mylie Hughes. Lira scored Rochelle's second run of the game, drawing a one-out walk before crossing home plate on a passed ball to put the Lady Hubs up 2-1 in the bottom of the fourth.

Morris broke the game wide open with seven runs in the top of the fifth inning, where the Redskins received an RBI single from Tessa Shannon along with a two-run triple from Halie Olson and a two-run homer from Hughes. Addy

Hackett added an RBI single in the top of the fifth inning for the Redskins, who added three runs to take an 11-2 lead in the top of the sixth inning after a two-run single from Cami Pfeifer as well as an RBI double from Olson.

Morris clinched its win with five runs on five hits in the top of the seventh inning. Freshman Emma Heller started in the pitcher's circle for the Lady Hubs, throwing six and one-third innings while striking out five batters.

Freshman Briel Metzger tossed the final two-thirds of an inning.

Kaneland

Freshman Emma Heller held the Kaneland offense in check on Monday, when the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team battled the Knights in Interstate 8 action.

Heller controlled the circle throughout the game, throwing all seven innings while striking out seven batters and limiting Kaneland to one unearned run





on three hits. Rochelle was unable to avoid the shutout, however, as sophomore Madigan Williams singled for the team's only hit in a 1-0 loss to the Knights.

Kaneland's lone run came in the bottom of the fourth inning, where Corinne Pugh singled and scored on a fielder's choice grounder from Sam Dennis. Freshmen Camryn Metzger and Dylan Etes each drew walks for the Lady Hubs, who totaled just three baserunners in the loss.

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HEADING

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS C. WESTIN, Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-25

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of THOMAS C. WESTIN, of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 3, 2024, to JAY T. WESTIN, of 1536 Derrick St., Holiday, FL 34690, and BEAU T. WESTIN, of 13 Winthrop Ter, Jacksonville, IL 62650, whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than November 12, 2024, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for JAY T. WESTIN and BEAU T. WESTIN, Co-Executors of the Estate of THOMAS C. WESTIN, deceased No. 0509 (May 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

NOTICE

**TO BIDDERS
CITY OF ROCHELLE
ROCHELLE, IL
INTERSECTION OF
FLAGG ROAD AND
20TH STREET**

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Description of Work
Location:
Intersection of Flagg Road and 20th Street
Project Length:
1,340'

Proposed Improvement:

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1. Plans and proposal forms will be available in the office of:

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in PDF format from Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. website at www.willett-hofmann.com. Contractors shall click on "Bid Login" on the homepage of the website and follow the instructions. The Project Manual PDF can be downloaded from the website by depositing a non-refundable twenty-two dollars (@22.00) by credit card. The eBidDoc # is 9105964.

2. ☐ Prequalification if checked, the 2 apparent as read low bidders must file within 24 hours after the letting an "Affidavit of Availability" (Form BC 57) in triplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work. One original shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and two original with the IDOT District Office.

3. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals.

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

a. Local Public Agency Formal Contract Proposal (BLR 12200)
b. Schedule of Prices (BLR 12201)
c. Proposal Bid Bond (BLR 12230) (if applicable)

d. ~~Apprenticeship or Training Program Certification (BLR 12325) (do not use for project with Federal funds.)~~

e. ~~Affidavit of Illinois Business Office (BLR 12326) (do not use for project with Federal funds)~~

5. The quantities appearing in the bid schedule are approximate and are prepared for the comparison of bids. Payment to the Contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of work performed and accepted or materials furnished according to the contract. The scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished may be increased, decreased or omitted as hereinafter provided.

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

8. If a special envelope is supplied by the Awarding Authority, each proposal should be submitted in that envelope furnished by the Awarding Agency and the black spaces on the envelope shall be filled in correctly to clearly indicate its contents. When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Awarding Authority at the address and in care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and at the place specified in the Notice to Bidders. Proposals received after the time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.

9. Permission will be given to a bidder to withdraw a proposal if the bidder makes the request in writing or in person before the time for opening proposals. No. 0511 (May 12 and 15, 2024)

NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR DEMENT, WHITE ROCK, & LYNNVILLE
MTAD BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Dement, White Rock, and Lynnville Multi-Township Assessment District in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025 will be on file and available for public inspection at the White Rock Township building in Kings, 404 3rd. St. upon request by calling 815-985-4952.

A public hearing on the MTAD Budget and Appropriations Ordinance will be held at 7:00 pm on June 3rd at the White Rock Township Hall.

Clerk, Dennis Probasco No. 0512 (May 12, 2024)

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NOTICE

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Rochelle senior Addison Stewart will be continuing her academics and her dance career at Concordia University Chicago next year.

Stewart commits to dance at Concordia University Chicago

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

FOURTEEN years of dance will not be the end for Rochelle senior Addison Stewart, who has committed to continue her academics and her dance career at Concordia University Chicago.

Stewart has danced at Studio C in Rochelle for the last three years and she has danced at Rochelle Township High School for the last four years. A two-time IHSA State Championship qualifier with the Chellettes, Stewart was an Interstate 8 Academic All-Conference honoree this winter and she was named the 2023-24 RTHS Dancer of the Year with the high school team.

“[Concordia] offers a lot of what I want academically,” Stewart said. “The girls on the dance team are so accepting and loving. They care very much about the school and the team... I felt at home on their campus and I was able to find my way around. I want to continue being an influence for the younger girls who watch me at the studio and I want to keep inspiring them. I’m also excited to have a new team and to continue competing for the next four years.”

Stewart was offered a spot on the Concordia University Chicago dance team in November. She said the relationship she’s formed with the head dance coach, Dirvelys Allen, helped solidify her com-

mitment to the university. Stewart said she intends to study business marketing while minoring in political science in hopes of pursuing a higher education in business law and becoming a lawyer, something Stewart has aspired to achieve since she was a young age.

“I love coach [Dirvelys] so much,” Stewart said. “She watches my live streams when I’m at my studio and she even came to Rochelle and watched me dance a few times... I’m looking to bring my hard work and dedication, but I’m also looking to bring the liveliness that I like to have in myself. I’ve learned and grown a lot over the last few years, both on the competitive stage and at football and basketball games, and I’m excited to dance with new people.”

Having reached the IHSA State Championships with the high school team on two separate occasions, Stewart said her experience competing at the state level will help with her transition to dancing at the collegiate level. Since she began dancing at a young age, Stewart said her athletic abilities and her dedication to the sport are the areas she said she’s improved the most.

“I love all of the bonds and friendships I’ve made from dance,” Stewart said. “I’ve enjoyed competing with all of my friends at the high school. I’ve learned how to push myself and I think I’ve become stronger mentally. I know I can push myself harder to get what I really want.”

“I felt at home on their campus and I was able to find my way around. I want to continue being an influence for the younger girls who watch me at the studio and I want to keep inspiring them. I’m also excited to have a new team and to continue competing for the next four years.”

Addison Stewart

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