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Sheriff describes healing process, mental health supports for deputies since Lost Nation incident

2 of 3 injured ERT members have returned to work

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said July 9 that “things are starting to return to normal” for both his office and the Ogle County Emergency Response Team following the June 12 shooting in Lost Nation that resulted in three ERT members and a barricaded subject being shot.

On the morning of June 12, members of the Ogle County ERT responded to 402 Wild Rice Lane in Lost Nation after a call from a parent regarding their adult son having suicidal and homicidal ideations. Information provided by the family member also indicated the suspect was armed with multiple firearms and it was found his FOID card was revoked due to a clear and present danger report. Over 50 calls were made to the residence by a hostage negotiator with no response seen.

“The information we got from the family member was that this was very likely going to be suicide by cop-like situation,” VanVickle said June 12. “There was nobody else



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in the residence. The family member that called was not at the residence. The suspect was in the residence by himself and we had that confirmed by the family member. We believed his intention was to harm police officers. That’s the information the family member told us.”

The Ogle County ERT then entered the residence and was immediately met with gunfire, before returning fire and incapacitating

Jonathon Gounaris, 32, of rural Dixon. In the exchange, Ogle County ERT Members Tyler Carls (Rochelle Fire Department), Lt. Jason Ketter (Ogle County Sheriff’s Office) and Sgt. Tad Dominski (Oregon Police Department) were hit.

Gounaris was located inside the front door of the residence with a gunshot wound. He was armed with two handguns, a fixed-blade knife, pepper spray

and ballistic armor.

Gounaris was arrested on a no bond warrant and charged June 18 with four counts of attempted first-degree murder, three counts of aggravated discharge of a firearm, three counts of aggravated battery and two counts of possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owner’s Identification (FOID) card stemming from the incident.

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Village considering IEPA funding for large-scale water system upgrades

2024-2025 budget and appropriations approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

HILLCREST — At its monthly meeting Monday, the Hillcrest Village Board of Trustees heard an update from Village Engineer Kaitlin Wright of Baxter & Woodman on a number of topics.

Wright presented potential funding opportunities that the village could use for needed large-scale water infrastructure improvements including a new well, water treatment plant, and an elevated tank.

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VCCT welcoming Hugo’s Elvis Tribute Show on July 19

‘I enjoy performing because of the positivity in the air when I do it’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Vince Carney Community Theater will welcome Hugo’s Elvis Tribute Show to the Lincoln Arts Center at 108 S. Main St. in Rochelle on Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. Limited tickets are still available and can be purchased online at <http://www.vcctrochelle.org/>.

The one-night show will feature Chicago-based Elvis performer Hugo Colin, who pays tribute to everyone’s favorite entertainer for the enjoyment of life-long Elvis admirers and to introduce the music legend to a brand new generation of fans. VCCT Board Member Dianne Jenner saw Colin perform in the area recently and worked to bring him to Rochelle.

“Attendees can expect great singing,” Colin said in an interview with the News-Leader. “That’s what I’m most proud of in my act. I’m 23 and I’ve listened to Elvis my whole life, probably 10s of thousands of times. I took years of voice lessons. I



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can bring that authentic Elvis performance from each of his different eras in the 50s, 60s and 70s. My stagewear is all handmade by myself. I’ve been mak-

ing my own for about six years. People can expect great costumes and it will take the audience through the years of Elvis’ career. I’ll do a 50s set, a 60s set

and a 70s set.”

After being exposed to the music of Elvis by his parents and performers, Colin started performing his tribute to Elvis when he

was in kindergarten at his elementary school’s talent show, with a jumpsuit and dancing to Viva Las Vegas.

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Serenity Hospice holds memorial butterfly release

OREGON – Hundreds gathered on June 29 at Serenity Hospice and Home's garden in Oregon, to remember loved ones who have died. Annually, Serenity holds this special event to honor those who have passed and release monarch butterflies to experience a time of hope and joy.

Sitting in lawn chairs and Serenity's benches, a large crowd gathered to hear the names of those who have passed. Lynn Knodle, C.E.O., shared words of inspiration and encouragement, followed by staff sharing the names of those memorialized. It was a touching presentation featuring the names of Veterans read first while the crowd quietly honored all those who had passed.

After reading the names, individuals released 360 monarch butterflies, delighting everyone from young to young at heart. Participants followed butterflies

around the garden; some enjoyed cupcakes, and family and friends enjoyed sharing community in the gardens. Serenity Hospice and Home was thankful for the opportunity to organize the event and incredibly grateful to the Village of Progress for providing a shuttle service for participants to and from Serenity Home. The Memorial Butterfly Release helped all who attended remember family and friends in a truly special way.

About Serenity

Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon, IL is a non profit hospice and palliative care provider serving nine counties in northern Illinois. Serenity is rated five stars by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and offers care in private residences, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities.



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LOCAL NEWS

VILLAGE: Officials plan to review UTV ordinance

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The village has been in need of those improvements to eventually meet IEPA requirements following a recent nitrate level violation with its current well. Wright said additional funding is now available through the IEPA including a loan with 80 percent principal forgiveness up to \$5 million.

“That would be a sizable chunk when looking at those large new improvements,” Wright said. “There’s an additional grant for \$500,000 and another \$500,000 for taking the current well offline. I think this is a great opportunity. There’s potentially \$6 million of free money for the village to go after.”

Hillcrest’s priority 1A water main project is slated to start on July 22 after contractor Elliott & Wood, Inc. has seen delays due to rain, Wright said.

The project has a \$1.2 million total budget and

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

Wright said new plans for the project will see the water main along Scott Avenue moved from the north side of the street to the south side. The rest of the project will remain as planned.

Sealcoating in Hillcrest is scheduled to take place in the next week, Wright said. The program this year will include Errett Road, Rosalind Road, Erickson Road, Powers Road, and Linda Avenue.

Work is still ongoing in the village on a state-mandated water service line inventory project to determine if any are made of lead. 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.

Hillcrest has 444 water service lines that it must check to see if they’re possibly made of lead. The village has so far taken inventory of 50 percent of Hillcrest’s service lines, with one report of lead so far that it will be working to confirm. Baxter & Woodman will be drafting a replacement plan in the case of the work needing to be done.

Budget

The board unanimously approved Hillcrest’s fiscal year 2024-2025 budget and appropriations. The \$1.175 million budget includes a new



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Hillcrest Village Board President Richard Rhoads, right, and vice president Dan Potter discuss the village’s budget plans which include a new roof for Village Hall.

roof for Village Hall, a vehicle, a new salt storage building, and public works equipment.

UTVs

The board tabled an agenda item regarding a potential unlicensed/non-highway vehicle ordinance. Hillcrest does have an ordinance pertaining to golf carts, but does not have anything on its books for non-highway

vehicles, or UTVs. The vehicles are currently not allowed in the village, but trustees have expressed that they’re still seen on local streets often.

The village will revisit the issue at a later date and plans to review the UTV ordinances of the City of Rochelle and Ogle County for source material for a potential Hillcrest ordinance in the future.

Huerta honored at annual SkillsUSA Workforce Development Event

ATLANTA — Career and technical student in your area won one of the nation’s highest awards at the 2024 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 26-27. More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.179 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 115 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 850 businesses, corporations, trade associ-

ations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

A total of 1,250 gold, silver and bronze medals were presented to students on Friday night, June 28 at the SkillsUSA Awards Session. Many winners also received industry prizes, tools of their trade or scholarships. The medalists also received a Skill Point Certificate representing workplace readiness in the student’s occupational specialty. Students can add the certificate to an employment portfolio. As an indicator

of proficiency, Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all national contestants who medaled or who met a threshold contest score for their event.

The following student from the area received a SkillsUSA Championships medal and Skill Point Certificate:

Abel Huerta, from Rochelle and a student at Kishwaukee Education Consortium (Malta), was awarded the high school silver medal in Job Skill Demonstration A.

“More than 6,000 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2024 SkillsUSA Championships,” said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. “This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest.

Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members.”

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America’s skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is America’s proud champion of the skilled trades. It’s a student-led partnership of education and industry

that’s building the skilled workforce our nation depends on with graduates who are career ready, day one. Representing nearly 380,000 career and technical education students and teachers, SkillsUSA chapters thrive in middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions nationwide.

SkillsUSA’s mission empowers students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. That mission is accomplished through the SkillsUSA Framework of Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics, which is integrated into the classroom curriculum. Through Framework instruction, students develop the character-shaping lead-

ership skills - teamwork, communication, professionalism and more - that successful careers and lives demand. At the same time, students hone their high-level technical skills against current industry standards in more than 130 skilled trade areas, from 3-D Animation to Welding.

The result? Focused, confident and highly skilled graduates who are ready to work, ready to lead and ready to make a difference in our schools, workplaces and communities. A vital solution to the skills gap, where more in-demand skilled trades positions are available than qualified professionals to fill them, SkillsUSA has served over 14 million difference-making members since 1965.

To learn more, visit www.SkillsUSA.org.

OCSWMD re-establishes drop-off recycling stations

OREGON — In July of 2023 the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) re-established two drop-off recycling stations in Oregon and Byron. These bins are intended for Ogle County residents who do not have curb-side recycling service.

After a year of use the OCSWMD is pleased to report that this program has been a success both in terms of budget and the

proper use of the recycling stations by Ogle County residents.

Approximately 65 tons of material was collected between each recycling station in the first year of use. This tonnage represents a single stream of “co-mingled” materials and heads to a processing center all mixed together, and is separated and processed into their representative commodities at the recycling center.

Each site has galvanized metal decking to allow access to the bins, and signage for the proper use of the bins. The signage informs users of what can be accepted for recycling and also lists the more common items that should not be placed into the bins.

Items accepted in the bins include flattened cardboard boxes, magazines, office/school paper, newsprint, junk mail, and

other clean paper products, aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles and jars, food and beverage cartons (clean), and plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs. Items should be loose (no garbage bags), empty, and free from food/beverage residue.

Common items placed into the bins which are not recyclable through this program include scrap metal and metal junk, tangles like cords, hangars, and

hoses, plastic shopping bags and garbage bags, Styrofoam, soiled pizza boxes and other soiled paper products, electronic items, big items such as furniture, drums, doors or windows, and household garbage. Placing items such as these into the bins makes recycling more costly, less efficient, and could jeopardize this service.

In Byron, the recycling bin is located at the Forest Preserve District mainte-

nance lot at 6845 N. German Church Road, and in Oregon, the bin is located in the Farm Bureau parking lot at 421 W. Pines Road. These bins are typically emptied 1-2 times per week depending on usage.

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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Bertrand 'Bert' John Côté

ROCHELLE — Bertrand "Bert" John Côté, 102, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at his home in Rochelle, Illinois. Bert was born on September 8, 1921, the son of Philippe and Alma (Routhier) Côté in Lyster Station, Quebec, Canada. He proudly served with the United States Army, 2nd Armored Division, famously known as "Hell on Wheels", during World War II.

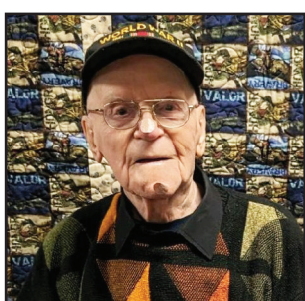
Bert was a plumber for Local 23 Pipefitters and Plumbers and was in charge of running the warehouse at the Byron Nuclear Plant for many years. He loved music and when he played his harmonica, it was as if you could hear the entire orchestra playing.

Bert is survived by his daughter Jeannine Harms of Rochelle; five grand-

children: Christy (Mark) McGowan of Rockford, Andrew Harms of Rochelle, Heather Harms of Rochelle, Josh Côté and Amanda Côté and three great grandchildren: Audrey Sullivan, Darby McGowan and Brennden Harms.

In addition to his parents, Bert is preceded in death by both of his wives, Mary Ellen (Ruckon) and Lorraine (Kehm); son, Mark Joseph Côté; great grandson, Carter McGowan; nine brothers: Antonio, Henri, Robert, Raoul, Alcide, Roger, Jean Louis, Jules "Luke" and baby Emile Côté and seven sisters: Rita McNichols, Mary Anthenat, Alda Farnham, Margaret Walters, Bertha Tarkenton, Monique Côté and Jeannine Rioux.

The visitation will be



from 10:00 - 11:00 A.M., Monday, July 15, 2024 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 236 Kelley Drive, Rochelle. The service will follow at 11:00, Monday with Father Jesus Dominguez officiating. Burial is at St. Patrick Cemetery in Rochelle with military services provided by the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard and the active Army Honor Guard. Memorials may be made in Bert's memory to V.F.W. Post 3878.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Richard 'RD' David Hayward

SHABBONA — Richard "RD" David Hayward, 81, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at his home in Shabbona, Illinois. RD was born on April 14, 1943, the son of Ronald and Clorice A. (Meyers) Hayward in South Elgin, IL. After high school, he proudly served with the US Navy. On November 18, 1967, he married Karen Unruh in Elgin, IL.

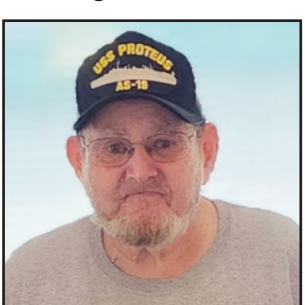
RD enjoyed canoeing in his younger years, loved fishing and spending time at their cabin at Blackhawk Campground in Wisconsin. Tinkering and building things was a favorite pastime for RD.

RD is survived by his wife of 56 years, Karen of Shabbona, IL; four children: Michael (Marla)

Hayward of Arlington, KY, David Hayward of Rochelle, IL, Marjorie Hayward of DeKalb, IL and Angel (David) Carpenter of Malta, IL; three sisters: Nancy Stading, Suzie Knautz and Robin Hayward; 14 grandchildren: Kassy (Randall), Leanna (Matt), Mandy (Tyler), Lexie (Mary), Krynn, Devan (Taylor), Danny (Caroline), DJ (Whitney), Dlane, Lyndsey (James), Alex, Koty (Kary), Kayla (Seth) and Kevin (Crystal) and 16 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, RD was preceded in death by his son, Daniel on June 16, 2004 and his daughter-in-law, Deanna Hayward on January 4, 2021.

The visitation will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00



P.M., Saturday, July 20, 2024 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will follow at 1:00 P.M., with Chaplain Ken Lawson officiating. Burial is at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle with military honors provided by the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard and the active duty Navy Honor Guard.

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Mary Lou Henry

ROCHELLE — Mary Lou Henry, 92, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Manor Court in Rochelle, Illinois. Mary Lou was born on September 13, 1931, the daughter of John C. and Rosa G. (Brauer) Stein in Lee, IL.

Mary Lou was a 1949 graduate of Ashton High School. On December 26, 1955, she married Paul Jerome Henry in Rochelle. They were married for 59 years until his passing in 2015. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, a life member of the VFW Auxiliary and a member of the Rochelle Moose Lodge.

Mary Lou was employed as a secretary for the Del Monte Corp.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, on May 30, 2015; her brother, Robert Stein and four sisters: Rogene Schade, Pauline O'Brien, Lois Binz and Shirley Young.

Mary Lou is survived by her two daughters: Debra (Scott) Sprague of Streamwood, IL and Denise (Rick) Budde of New Berlin, WI; three grandchildren: Lauren, Zachary (Morgan) and Alexis Sprague; sister, Joyce (Don) Gilbert of Kingwood, TX and brother, Duane (Linda) Stein of Rochelle, IL.



The visitation will be from 9:00 - 10:00 A.M., Saturday, July 20, 2024 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 236 Kelley Drive, Rochelle. The funeral service will follow at 10:00 A.M., Saturday with Father Jesus Dominguez officiating. Burial is at St. Patrick Cemetery in Rochelle. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

August Planning & Zoning Commission meeting canceled

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle Planning and Zoning Commission

will not meet on Monday, Aug. 5 as regularly scheduled. The next Planning

and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m.



DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Rochelle Daughters of the American Revolution to dedicate commemorative bench in Creston Aug. 3

CRESTON — In less than two years, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will mark a significant milestone — the **250th anniversary** of adopting the Declaration of Independence, a pivotal moment in our nation's history.

The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, commonly known as the America 250 Commission, was established by Congress in 2016. This 10-year national effort was formed "to kick off a multi-year effort to pause and reflect on our nation's past, to honor the contributions of all Americans, to look ahead toward our future, and to engage the public in building the largest, most inclusive commemoration in American history." The America 250 Commission has reached out to museums and libraries,

not-for-profit and patriotic organizations, schools and youth organizations, cities and towns, state and local governments, and community organizations and businesses, ensuring that every American can be part of this historic event.

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), has partnered with the America 250 Commission to bring this celebration to the local level through the individual chapters of the society. In keeping with the National Society's mission of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism, each chapter is encouraged to involve their community in activities highlighting our nation's birthday.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, at 1 p.m. the Rochelle Chapter will be dedicating a commemorative bench located in front of

the Creston Opera House honoring our nation's upcoming 250th anniversary. This bench, made of recycled bottle caps, was obtained through the Rochelle Golden K, whose programs support community youth. The setting in front of the 149-year-old historic Creston Opera House also honors the historic preservation of the building, which was spearheaded by the Creston Booster Club and completed in 2018. We invite the broader Rochelle/Creston area community to join us for this dedication as America approaches its 250th birthday! In case of inclement weather, the dedication will take place inside the Opera House.

Contact Rochelle Chapter Regent Debby Katzman at regentrochellechapter@gmail.com for more information.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On July 4 at 11:48 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Kishwaukee Road. As a result, Nicholas L. Laborde, 20, of Mt. Morris was arrested for no valid driver's license. Laborde was additionally issued citations for no muffler, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Laborde was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On July 5 at approximately 12:56 p.m. deputies were advised of a domestic battery that had occurred earlier in the morning at 6027 W. Lowell Park Road. Deputies later made contact with the male involved in the domestic at the residence. The male, Erik Page, 47, of Mt. Morris, was placed under arrest for aggravated domestic battery and domestic battery. Page was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On July 5 at approximately 6:11 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at 340 E. Illinois Route

38 in Rochelle. After investigation, deputies placed Steven Bolt, 33, of DeKalb, under arrest for a failure to appear DeKalb County warrant. Bolt was transported and released to DeKalb County deputies.

On July 6 at approximately 2:25 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of South Illinois Route 251. After an investigation, deputies cited Daniel Chavez Gerde, 19, of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended and illegal window tint. Chavez Gerde was given notice to appear for his citations at the scene.

On July 6 at approximately 2:33 p.m. deputies were dispatched to 8428 S. Main St., apartment B, just outside of Rochelle in reference to a domestic. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Anthony Cody, 31, of Rochelle, for domestic battery. Cody was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On July 6 at approximately 6:33 a.m. deputies responded to an address in the 9,000 block of North Kennedy Hill for a reported battery. After an investigation, deputies arrested Matthew Young, 32, of Freeport, for battery. Young was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he released on a notice to appear. Deputies were also assisted by the Byron Police Department.

On July 8 at approximately 12:28 a.m. deputies responded to a residence in the 17,800 block of East Illinois Route 72, Monroe Center, for the report of a domestic disturbance. After investigation, Beth A. Gorsuch, 64, of Monroe Center, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Gorsuch was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail. Gorsuch was booked and released on a notice to appear with a court date set for later this month.

On July 8 at approximately 8:23 a.m. deputies conducted a motorist assist in the 3,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 on a vehicle. During the investigation, Harvey T. Cooley, 36, of Mississippi, was arrested for driving while license suspended and possession of cannabis/improper container/driver. Passenger, Alexandra M. Johnson, 32, of Robbins, was arrested for possession of a firearm without a FOID. Cooley and Johnson were transported to the Ogle County Jail and released on a notice to appear with a court date later this month.

On July 8 at about 5:03 p.m. deputies responded to the 7,000 block of South Lilac Lane, Rochelle for the report of a domestic disturbance. After a brief investigation Aaron Brown, 31, of Rochelle, was located in DeKalb and with the assistance of Dekalb Police Department was arrested for aggravated domestic battery. Brown was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending an appearance before a judge.

On July 9 at 12:24 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Fitina Lazaro, 36, of Rockford, for driving without a valid license. Lazaro was released with a notice to appear. Lazaro was additionally issued a citation for inoperable taillight.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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LOCAL NEWS

ELVIS: Tribute show coming to Lincoln Arts Center on July 19

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He would continue his Elvis performances at that show each year until he entered high school.

In high school, Hugo volunteered to perform at many Chicagoland non-profits such as retirement homes and the Ronald McDonald House. He still performs at many of them each year free of charge to thank them for booking him in his youth.

Since 2015, Colin has performed at many venues and events and has participated in various competitions for Elvis Tribute artists. He recently returned from a tour in Canada and will be going to Graceland to perform in August. He's performed in Las Vegas and at Graceland in the past. He shared livestreams

around the world and performed sidewalk concerts during the COVID-19 pandemic when typical concerts weren't possible.

"I enjoy performing because of the positivity in the air when I do it," Colin said. "It's always been fun for me and for the audience. We strive to make the audience feel happy, present, and in the moment. These songs are from so long ago, so hearing them live again puts you in the moment while reliving the past. It's a cool feeling to make audiences happy."

Colin called his performances "personal" for him because of Elvis' music being the first that he heard at a young age. He liked the music before he even knew the legend of Elvis the music icon. Now, he gets to pass the way he

feels about Elvis' music on to audiences.

Colin will also be performing for residents at Hawthorne Inn Senior Living earlier in the day when he's in Rochelle.

"Those volunteer appearances come from my heart," Colin said. "Our goal is never to be exclusive. We want to serve our community. I want to be a role model for kids and someone that can make adults and seniors happy. For a lot of the seniors I perform for, Elvis was a part of their lives. Bringing back those memories for them is important to me. It's an honor to sing for Elvis fans and it's easy to find them at senior living facilities. I'll be happy to be performing in Rochelle and I'm looking forward to it."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The one-night show will feature Chicago-based Elvis performer Hugo Colin, who pays tribute to everyone's favorite entertainer for the enjoyment of life-long Elvis admirers and to introduce the music legend to a brand new generation of fans.

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.

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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!

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

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

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

St. John's Lutheran Church, 126 E. South Street, Creston. Phone 815-384-3720, Email: StJohnsLutheran@aol.com, members of NALC/LCMC. Worship is led by **Pastor Terese Whitten** 231-878-4150. St. John's Lutheran Church is a part of God's Family, planting hope, nurturing faith, and harvesting love. Fellowship time begins at 10:00 followed by worship at 10:45. Sunday school is conducted during worship service except during the summer.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Chuck Roberts: Lab-grown meat

THEY want you to give up gas-powered cars for electric cars, your gas stoves for electric stoves, and now regular meat for lab-grown meat. Lab-grown meat (Cultured meat, cultivated meat, artificial meat, etc.) is produced by placing animal cells in a large petri dish (bioreactor), which is a large tank operated under controlled conditions that encourages cells to grow. The bioreactor contains a nutrient-rich substance (broth) that allows cells to grow and multiply at a high rate. The initiator for the production of lab-grown meat comes from cells that are ex-

tracted from an animal. The process controls the development of different types of cells, such as fat cells or muscle cells, to mimic the kind of meat being replicated. A lattice is placed in the tank to allow a surface for the cells to grow. At maturation, the cells are harvested and packaged, ready for distribution. Quality control measures are provided to ensure taste, texture, and nutritional content requirements. So why develop and use lab-grown meat? Here are some pros and cons. Animal welfare, meaning being kind to animals by not slaughtering them

for food, is often cited as a reason for lab-grown meat. Stem cells from fetal bovine serum are frequently collected by slaughtering an animal, which means the process is not slaughter-free. Advocates say the process in a controlled environment improves safety, reducing the traditional risk of bacterial contamination. However, contamination can still occur in any industrial food-producing system. Talk to those who produce baby formulae. Eliminating cattle production would reduce methane

production that allegedly contributes to man-made climate change, but there is concern over higher CO2 emissions from producing lab-grown meat. Presently, methane reduction from animal feed lots is being accomplished by altering the chemical content of cattle feed. Producing lab-grown meat requires a significant energy input that may require fossil fueled electric plants to provide the energy. If cattle raising is significantly reduced, what do you do about providing the products generated

from nonedible parts of cattle, such as bones and leather? Bones are ground up and used as a food supplement for humans as well as cattle feed. Does this mean we will need to generate lab-grown bones? Leather is another byproduct of cattle, and it has various uses, such as clothing and industrial apparatus, requiring flexibility and longevity, such as bearing seals or gaskets. Does this mean we have to generate lab-grown leather? The current administration is funding the concept of feeding lab-grown meat to the military. Unfortunately, with left-leaning administrations, the mili-

tary serves as lab rats for ideas that are not related to combat missions. Recently, recruitment of people to serve in the military has been reduced significantly by non-mission-related requirements and training, such as those related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Requiring the military to eat lab-grown meat would probably reduce recruitment further. The push to eat lab-grown meat may be premature. Many unsearched consequences negate the alleged benefits of lab-grown meat. Presently, my detailed analysis of being served a lab-grown hamburger is simply, "yuck."



Chuck Roberts

Colbert: A trip to the John Deere Classic

AWAY from the sports beat for a while, it was time to get back in the fray with a trip to the Quad Cities for the John Deere Classic golf tournament. It is the only PGA-sanctioned event in Illinois and well worth the drive to Silvis, technically not one of the quad cities (Davenport, Moline, Rock Island and East Moline). The John Deere does not get the big-name golfers, but for a regular Joe like me, I can't tell the difference. To qualify for any PGA tournament, it is still a cutthroat process and multitudes of aspiring golfers never quite make it to the big stage. Just ask some of the talented kids from Ogle County that have tried their hand at it. There is still an elite field assembled at the TPC Deere Run every year. I remember covering the opening of the course 24 years ago, as a reporter for Sauk Valley Media. At the time, it was a big deal and as an aficionado

of golf, I felt honored to be present. After all, this was the same tournament I had attended off and on for past 50 years. Thus, there has been some semblance of a love affair for me with professional golf at the Quad Cities, both as a spectator and reporter. The combination of not having covered it for a few years and a bit of summer ennui prompted me to request a press credential, which was readily approved. Besides, who wouldn't want to spend a day traipsing on 385 acres of beautiful terrain along the scenic Rock River? Golf courses can be very therapeutic for the soul, provided one isn't actually playing. With all of that settled, came the question of how to cover it? As I drove to Silvis on Interstate 88 from Rochelle, rather than golf, my mind was more on why this stretch of roadway never became highly traveled. Because of influence from

Chicago, state officials unwisely decided Interstate 88 needed to be built well before Interstate 39, which is far busier. Built in the 1970s, the first trip I probably took on Interstate 88 (Interstate 5 back then) was to the Quad Cities golf tournament. Though traffic has increased almost everywhere else, not so much on this lonely stretch. Enough about transportation, but then again it does affect golf. Just ask the world's leading golfer Scottie Scheffler, who was arrested a few weeks ago for disregarding traffic restrictions in backed-up conditions at the PGA championship in Louisville. He did get out of jail in time to make his tee time, though. No such problems here in Silvis, as I parked off site and took a shuttle to the course and began to look for an angle for coverage.

With 156 golfers coming from all over the world, there are truly 156 different stories, with most of these guys scraping by to stay on the Tour. Unless you are an elite, it is a pressure-packed situation keeping one's PGA card. One such golfer is Hayden Springer of Texas. He had just gotten his card from qualifying school last fall and had missed the cut in six straight tournaments. But, he made PGA history by scoring a 59 on Thursday's round at the John Deere, becoming only the 15th golfer to break 60. Coincidentally, I encountered his mother Jennifer two days later, as we were both walking the 12th hole. She told me how she cried tears of joy after Hayden shot the 59, watching from her home in Fort Worth. She hadn't intended making the long trip to Illinois, but after the 59, how could she not. Being

the parent of a former high school golfer, I related to her, not in the sense of jaw-dropping scores, but of the joy that comes from seeing a child compete in sports. Jennifer also told me another story, much more tragic and one I haven't experienced. And, that was the heart-breaking loss of Hayden's three-year daughter to a genetic disease. It came a month before Hayden got his PGA card, definitely a case of extreme lows and highs. But, as grandma told me, she was grateful to get to know her granddaughter Sage for three years. "It was a faith in God that sustained me and believing that heaven is real and I will see her again," said Jennifer. A day after the 59, Hayden 'struggled' to an even-par 71 and fell off the lead, eventually finishing a respectable seventh place on Sunday and taking home a check for \$252,000, his biggest

payday yet. "There are bigger things in life than golf," Hayden told me a day earlier. "I don't want golf to be the sole thing that defines me." With so much at stake for professional golfers like Hayden Springer, his story indeed tells us there is a greater purpose than what we do for a living. I only visited with him a short time, but sensed true humility. "Hayden is so easy to work with, I could do it forever," said Michael Burns, his caddie and someone who has toted clubs for a wide variety of golfers. For Burns and Springer, it is on to Nicholasville, Kentucky this week, the next stop on the PGA tour. My brief window with them is over, but look forward to following their journey the rest of the season. *Andy Colbert is a longtime Ogle County resident with years of experience covering sports and more for multiple area publications.*



Andy Colbert

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COMMUNITY

RTHS School Board releases meeting schedule

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Township High School Board of Education recently released its 2024-2025 School Board meetings schedule. The RTHS Board of Edu-

cation meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the RTHS Board Room unless prior notice is given. The following is a list of the school board meetings for the 2024-2025

school year:
Monday, Aug. 19. Monday, Sept. 16. Monday, Oct. 21. Monday, Nov. 18. Monday, Dec. 16. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025 (Not in attendance on Jan. 20). Tuesday, Feb.

18, 2025 (Not in attendance on Feb. 17). Monday, March 17, 2025. Tuesday, April 22, 2025 (Not in attendance on April 21). Monday, May 19, 2025. Monday, June 16, 2025.

UW-Platteville announces Chancellor's List and Dean's List honorees

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the spring 2024 semester.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 grade-point average include Chana's Rylee Jackson, Animal

Science BS, UW-Platteville; and Rochelle's Katie Van Hise, Biology BS, UW-Platteville.

Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the spring 2024

semester.
College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Students from this area on the Dean's List include: Chana: Rylee Jackson, Animal Science BS, UW-Platteville. Rochelle: John Green, Mechanical Engineering BS, UW-Platteville. Morgan Haas, Marketing BBA, UW-Platteville. Katie Van Hise, Biology BS, UW-Platteville.

Simons promoted to Stillman Bank retail office manager

STILLMAN VALLEY — Stillman Bank has recently promoted a key member of its successful team in northern Illinois. Jennifer Simons has been promoted to the position of retail office manager, according to Thomas Hughes, president and CEO.

With 11 years of banking experience, Jennifer has served in a variety of roles throughout her career including teller, lead

teller, personal banker, assistant branch manager, branch manager, lending/loan officer, mortgage processor, and loan accounting assistant. She joined Stillman Bank in 2023 and in her new position, she will assume daily management responsibilities of the bank's Stillman Valley office located at 101 E. Main St.

"We would like to congratulate Jennifer on this well-deserved pro-

motion," Kathy Yocum, Stillman Bank vice president, said. "Her expertise in numerous areas of banking and her commitment to customer service will play a key role in her ability to serve new and existing customers while leading our Stillman Valley office."

Born and raised in Belvidere, Jennifer now resides in Stillman Valley with her husband and two sons. For more informa-

tion on Simons or to find out more about Stillman Bank's products and services, please contact (815) 645-2266.

Stillman Bank is an independently owned community bank founded in 1882.

The bank has approximately \$579 million in assets and operates full-service banking offices in Byron, Oregon, Rochelle, Rockford, Roscoe/Rockton and Stillman Valley.



June 18 - Moncerat Rocha, Rochelle, \$25

June 19 - Merrick Jacobs, Glendale, Arizona, \$25

June 20 - From the Heart, \$25

June 21 - From the Heart, \$25

June 22 - Sherrie Welles, Rochelle, \$25

June 23 - Megan Ryan, Glendale, Arizona, \$50

June 24 - Timothy Moreland, Rochelle, \$25

June 25 - Adeline Aubry, Whitefish Bay, WI, \$25

June 26 - Angela Wyckoff, Davis Junction, \$25

June 27 - RACF, \$25

June 28 - First State Bank, \$25

June 29 - Michael Fonfara, Rochelle, \$25

June 30 - Kyle Elliott, Lakeside, California, \$50

July 1 - Danielle Elston, Rochelle, \$25

July 2 - Marshall Basler, Rochelle, \$25

July 3 - Max Etheridge, Rochelle, \$25

July 4 - William Fawkes, Sterling, \$1,000

July 5 - Griffin Gabriel, Rochelle, \$25

July 6 - Charlie and Jennifer True, Rochelle, \$25

July 7 - Jill Schwartz, Rochelle, \$50

July 8 - Maplehurst Farms, Rochelle, \$25

July 9 - Jim and Lori Nalley, Rochelle, \$25

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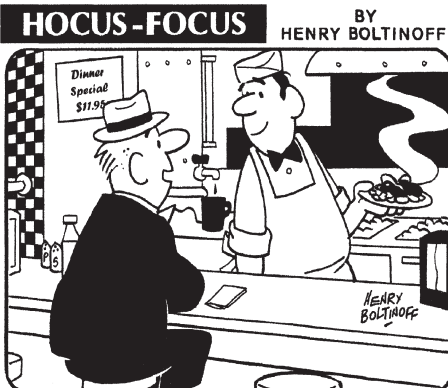
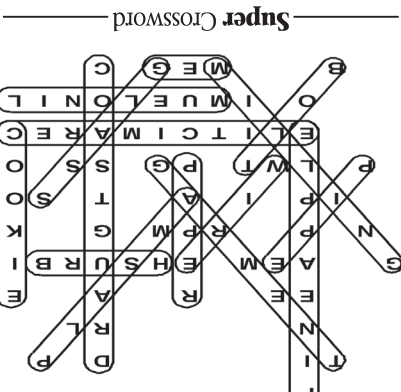
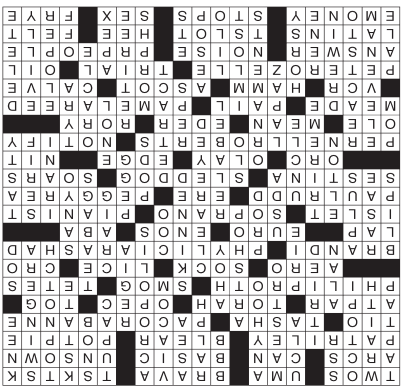
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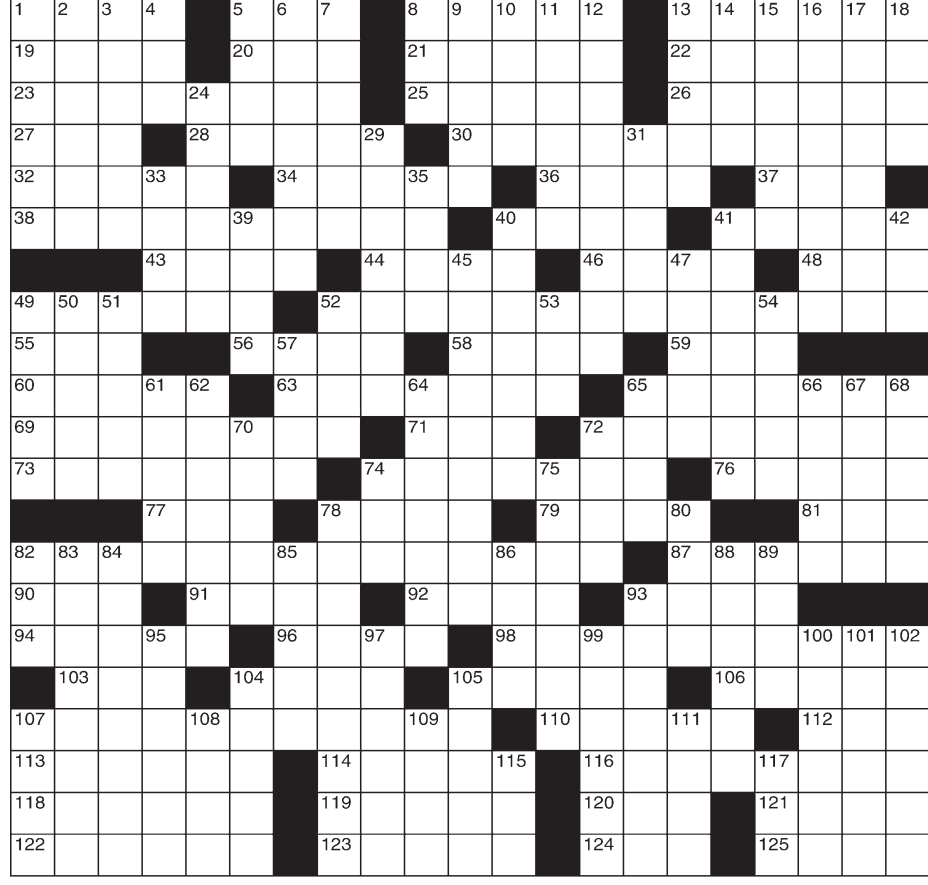
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19 Bows' shapes
20 Is able to
21 Fundamental
22 Not planted
23 Coach inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008
25 Make dim, as by tears
26 Meal with a pastry crust
27 Spanish for 70-Down
28 "Star Trek" lieutenant Yar
30 Fashion designer once known for his metal couture
32 Equal to the face value
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36 Cartel formed in '60
37 Dress up, with "out"
38 "The Human Stain"
40 Hazy stuff
41 Heads, to Fifi
43 Sleek, in brief
44 Foot cover
46 Fido's pests
48 — -Magnon
49 Soccer's Chastain
52 Player of Clair Huxtable on "The Cosby Show"
55 Drink like Fido
56 Greek coin
58 Baseballer
59 Jurists' gp.
60 Spank in the ocean
63 High choir voice
65 Ivory tickler
69 Star of 2015's "Ant-Man"
71 Prior to
72 She played Lulu Hogg on "The Dukes of Hazzard"
73 Six-stanza poem
74 Siberian husky, e.g.
76 Skyrockets
77 Tolkien fiend
78 Moisturizer brand
79 Rim
81 Tiny peeve
82 Star of "Trapper John, M.D."
87 Apprise
90 Bullfight cry
91 Really unkind
92 German river
93 Golf champ
94 McIlroy
96 Gettysburg victor George
96 Bucket
98 "Kindergarten Cop" co-star
103 Obsolete TV hookup
104 Mia of soccer
105 Chichi tie
106 Give birth, as a cow
107 1960-89 NFL commissioner
110 Ordeal
112 Kuwait export
113 Reply
114 Cacophony
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1 Mic-testing sound
2 Ghost
3 Ink-squirting mollusks
4 Lithuania, once: Abbr.
5 West Coast sch. with the Bruins
6 Eminent conductor
7 Slangy "Well, then ..."
8 Fraud-finding org.
9 Polo designer
10 Sailing
11 It bought MTV in 1985
12 Old Athenian citadel
13 Rap's Shaker
14 Snooty sort
15 Univ. in the Midwest's Manhattan
16 First-rate
17 Heyday of Glenn Miller
18 Leg part
24 "That was my best shot"
29 Place to buy sketchpads
31 Aqua — (corrosive liquid)
33 Actor Ladd
35 Matey's cry
39 — -dieu (prayer bench)
40 Scraped, as an 18-Down
41 Pouches for infusion
42 Turf for lawns
45 Having bright peepers
47 James Bond player Daniel
49 Radar signals
50 Tabulae (blank slates)
51 High grade
52 Spur on
53 Dove sound
54 Panasonic bought it in 2009
57 Beef quality rater, in brief
61 "Candle in the Wind" singer John
62 Old Greek warship
64 Change the tag on
65 Actor Simon of "Mission: Impossible" films
66 Tehran native
67 Sans — (font style)
68 Delicious
70 Dad's brother
72 Peas' places
74 — -mo
75 Take away (from)
78 Holiday tree dangles
80 Organic compound
82 Petite pooch, for short
83 An hour before noon
84 Laughs at, say
85 Bolivian capital
86 435 in Cong.
88 Seer's shrine
89 Fashionable Banks
93 One no longer working
95 Lured
97 Declaration when asking for directions
99 Transforms (into)
100 One fleeing to get hitched
101 In a devilish way
102 Cross out
104 Tot's equine rocker
105 Fable author
107 Pasty-looking
108 Philosopher
109 "— & Stitch"
111 Pinnacle
115 UFO crew
117 On's opposite



SUMMER HEALTH

Make the most of the summer camp experience

Summer camp season will soon be here, and throngs of children will board buses each morning or pack their parents' cars full of essentials to survive a few weeks away from home.

Looking back, many adults who experienced summer camp have fond memories of their adventures — whether they all went according to plan or there were some hiccups along the way. Parents want their children to make their own summer camp memories. Even if the canoe capsizes or the cabin leaks during a summer thunderstorm, such experiences can build character and strengthen friendships.

According to RegPack, an online registration software company, more than six million American children participate in some form of camp each year, including sleep-away camp or day camp. The American Camp Association says that number is closer to 14 million, with the most popular camp session length around one week or less. Families getting prepared for camp can follow these guidelines to ensure the experience is one kids won't soon forget.

Accredited camps must meet more than 300 standards related to program quality, safety



and health, according to the ACA. An accredited camp will likely give parents the most peace of mind.

There's no magic age when a child may be ready to go to camp, but generally kids who are ages seven or eight may be fine to start a resident sleep-away camp. Day camp kids can begin as

early as age three, the same age kids often begin preschool programs. Gauge whether the child has spent time away from home at friends' or family members' homes to decide if a resident camp will be the right fit or if a day camp is more appropriate.

If possible, attend a meet-and-greet prior to

the start of the season. Neighborhood day camps tend to draw kids from local communities, so there's already a chance kids will know a few fellow campers.

Campers can introduce themselves to camp counselors and other program directors and are urged to ask questions about specific programs. Coun-

selors can direct campers toward activities they may enjoy.

Much of summer camp will likely be smooth-sailing, but it's reasonable to expect some bumps along the way. Campers shouldn't expect perfection, but use the situations that may go awry as learning experiences on how to handle adversity — trying

to find the fun in them anyway. Even a medical situation can be overcome, particularly because camps staff qualified medical personnel to ensure campers are safe and well.

Summer camp can be a great experience, especially when families take some pre-camp measures aimed at ensuring kids have a fun season.

Several tips for how to enjoy a healthy summer

COLDS might not be as common in summer as they are in winter, but anyone who has ever had a cold when the weather outside is warm and inviting knows just how unpleasant a runny nose, sore throat and lack of energy can be when everyone else seems to be outside soaking up the sun. Indeed, there's no substitute for feeling fit and healthy in summer.

A healthy summer is one when individuals avoid illness and make the most of a time of year when no one wants to battle colds or other issues that affect their well-being. The following are a handful of strategies that can help people enjoy a healthy summer.

- Protect your skin from the sun. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends individuals apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher before going outside. Sunscreen should then be reapplied as necessary and especially after swimming or excessive sweating. The American Cancer Society notes that sunburn that blisters can increase risk for skin cancer, but sunburns affect short-term health as well. Studies have shown that sunburn adversely affects immune system response, which could make people more vulnerable to viruses like COVID-19 or the common cold.

- Limit alcohol consumption. Social schedules tend to fill up in summer, as seemingly everyone wants to host a backyard barbecue. The party vibe synonymous with summer leads to increased opportunities to drink alcohol, but excessive amounts of alcohol and summer sun are a bad combination. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, hot sum-



mer days increase fluid loss through perspiration, while alcohol contributes to fluid loss through an increased need to urinate. Significant fluid loss can lead to dehydration and heat stroke.

- Eat the right foods. Summer is not typically as hectic a time of year as other seasons, particularly for parents accustomed to driving kids from one activity to another during the school year. But come summer, weekends filled with social engagements and a greater desire to be active outdoors can prove exhausting. The CDC notes that a diet filled with colorful fruits and vegetables supports muscles, strengthens bones and boosts immunity. That can make it easier to handle a physically active summer regimen and ensure that the immune system is in

better position to fight off anything that may want to get in the way of summer fun.

- Get adequate sleep. What's better than a mid-day summertime nap? The answer to that is better sleep overnight. Adults should aspire to get between seven and eight hours of sleep each night, which can fortify their immune system and ensure they don't miss out on any summertime fun. According to the Mayo Clinic, sleep deprivation can lead to decreased production of proteins known as cytokines, which are vital to fighting infection and inflammation.

A healthy summer makes for a more enjoyable summer. By embracing various immune-boosting strategies, individuals can make this summer even more fun.

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SUMMER HEALTH

Young athletes' offseason training options

SUMMER vacation and holidays from school present opportunities for young athletes to take well-deserved breaks from their sports. However, staying in shape during the offseason can help athletes maintain their performance when a new season begins.

Many sports have clearly defined off-seasons, while others are a bit more vague. Complicating the issue even further is that some athletes play in multiple leagues. That means they be committed to play for school teams, all-star teams or even travel teams. This can shorten, if not eliminate, traditional off-seasons.

According to the fitness experts at the International Youth Conditioning Association, all young athletes should have some form of an off-season. Time away from competition can be used to focus on improving movement patterns, building general strength and conditioning and recovery. Time off also gives the body and mind a break from the stress of competition.

But athletes need not

spend an entire off-season resting on their laurels. Here are some off-season training tips that can ensure athletes recover without compromising their ability to perform once a new season begins.

- **Emphasize new activities to avoid overuse injuries.** Josh Adams, a certified strength and conditioning specialist with Children's Health Andrews Institute Sports Performance, says focusing on one sport all year can lead to overuse injuries. Opt for a new workout that's different from your in-season workout routine. Doing so can strengthen other areas of the body and reduce risk for overuse injuries.

- **Focus on new interests to avoid mental burnout.** Young athletes can get stuck in a competitive groove, feeling that they have to win to be successful. The off-season can be used to provide a mental rest during which athletes can focus on interests other than sports.

- **Emphasize aerobic training.** The IYCA reports that most young athletes do not realize the vital role aerobics play in

building the stamina that powers high-intensity work intervals sports play often requires. Taxing the cardiovascular system helps deliver oxygen to working muscles and boosts performance. Athletes can spend the off-season cycling, running and swimming to benefit their bodies and give some muscles a break.

When it is time to return to competitive play, athletes won't need as much time to return to in-season status if they continue training during the off-season. According to Sports Fitness Advisor, when a training stimulus is removed, physiological adaptations begin to revert to pre-training levels. By maintaining a fitness level training schedule that's between 50 and 60 percent of their in-season regimen, athletes can return to their sports with much less effort than if they were to start from scratch.

The off-season gives athletes a chance to back off of intense competition and training, but continue a fitness regimen that helps them get back into game shape more quickly when play resumes.



Recreational sports that make for a great workout

BILLIONS of people across the globe share a passion for sports. Whether it's youngsters playing on sandlots, adolescents competing in scholastic sports or even professional athletes locking horns at the highest level, there's no denying that sports appeals to people of all ages.

The thrill of competition undoubtedly compels many athletes to engage in sports, but playing a sport also makes for great exercise. That's even the case for various recreational sports, which many athletes look to after their more formal playing days have ended. In fact, the following recreational sports are not only fun, but also make for a great workout.

Perhaps no recreational sport has enjoyed a surge in popularity as significant as pickleball in recent years. The 2023 Topline Participation Report from the Sports & Fitness Industry Association indicates participation in pickleball grew by 159 percent between 2019 and

2022. Pickleball is something of a hybrid sport that combines elements of tennis and ping-pong to form a fun activity that's also great exercise. An ongoing examination of pickleball by Apple has found that participation in the sports helps players reach moderate to vigorous heart rate zones, which cardiologists note can improve cardiac fitness. In addition, a 2023 study published in the journal *Frontiers in Psychology* found that pickleball players enjoyed significant improvements in happiness, life satisfaction and personal well-being after taking up the sport.

Basketball is among the more accessible recreational sports, as it's not uncommon for players to find a pickup game at their local park on a nice spring or summer afternoon or evening. Basketball combines various components of a great workout, including cardiovascular exercise, coordination and balance and weight-bearing activity. A 2018 study

published in the *Journal of Sport and Health Sciences* found that both half-court and full-court basketball helped to increase lean body mass, bone mineral density and oxygen uptake, each of which helps to make recreational basketball a great way for players to improve their overall health.

The serene setting of a typical golf course can make it easy to see the sport as fun but not necessarily a great workout. But that's a misconception, as a round of 18 can make for great exercise. A 2016 study published in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine* noted that golf can be a useful ally in the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases such as heart attack, stroke, certain cancers, and diabetes, among other conditions. Walking the course, as opposed to renting a cart during a round, makes for excellent cardiovascular exercise as well.

Athletes may embrace recreational sports for fun, but these physical activities also can make for a great workout.



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MILAN TO SAINT XAVIER

RTHS alum Lizbeth Milan will play soccer at Saint Xavier University in Chicago.

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Rochelle Little League

All-Stars finish fifth at state

Junior League team wins twice in Illinois Little League State Championship

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ELGIN — Rochelle Little League's Junior League Baseball All-Stars took the field for the 2024 Illinois Little League State Championship tournament in Elgin over the weekend. Rochelle went 2-1 over three games to finish fifth out of the 10 qualifying teams in the final standings.

The Junior League All-Stars include Elijah Schweitzer, Nolan Zick, Brayden Harley, Jasper Macklin, Elijah Good, Joey Chadwick, John Williams, Kolton Cragin, Dayton Mellor, Edwin Cervantes, Sebastian Albertson, Luke Chadwick, Riley Smith and Zach Johnson. The Junior League All-Stars are coached by Mike Medina, Jaime Huerta and Mike McGill.

East Side

Rochelle started the state tournament with a 9-5 win over Chicago East Side Little League on Saturday. Riley Smith led the Junior League All-Stars on the mound, throwing three and two-thirds innings with three strikeouts while holding Chicago East Side to two hits. Luke Chadwick went 1-for-3 with a double



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and two RBIs to spark the Rochelle offense in the win.

Chicago East Side held a 2-0 lead after three singles and two walks in the top of the first inning. After adding another run on two singles in the top of the second inning, Chicago East Side saw its lead cut to 3-1 in the bottom of the third inning, where

Nolan Zick's RBI groundout scored John Williams for the first Rochelle run of the game. Chicago East Side regained its three-run advantage after smacking an RBI single to surge ahead 4-1 in the top of the fourth inning.

Rochelle claimed the lead with a four-run rally

in the bottom of the fourth inning. After Luke Chadwick's RBI groundout brought the Junior League All-Stars within two, Joey Chadwick laced an RBI double to left field and scored on a wild pitch to tie the game at 4-4. Sebastian Albertson then scored on an error after drawing a two-

out walk to give Rochelle a one-run lead.

Edwin Cervantes belted a sacrifice fly to right field in the bottom of the fifth inning, allowing John Williams to score and give Rochelle a 6-4 lead. Chicago East Side earned one run back on an error in the top of the sixth inning, but the Junior

League All-Stars answered with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, where Elijah Good scored on an error and Luke Chadwick sent an RBI double into left field to score Kolton Cragin. Sebastian Albertson added a sacrifice fly.

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Rochelle Little League

12U Softball All-Stars bow out at state tournament

Rochelle team plays four games in Illinois Little League State Championship

BY RUSSELL HODGES
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RUSHVILLE — Rochelle Little League's 12U Softball All-Stars were on the diamond for the 2024 Illinois Little League State Championship tournament in Rushville over the weekend. Rochelle went 0-4 over four games after winning the District 19 Championship tournament.

The team includes Berkeley Thompson, Cali Metzger, Hailey Chapman, Helen Miller, Jaelyn Gonzales, Leni Haedt, Lylah Schacht, Macey Gittleston, Makenzie Johnson, Mayson Smardo, Misha Krawcewicz, Molly Whiting, Sofia Reynolds and Tinley Tabor. The girls are coached by Johnny Gonzales, Kristi Gonzales, Abby Reish, Allison Dobberstein and Bella Lodico.

Orion

Rochelle's tournament started with a 19-3 loss against Orion Little League on Saturday. Cali Metzger threw three innings and struck out six batters in the circle, while Molly Whiting added one strikeout over one inning. Rochelle held a 1-0 lead after Misha Krawcewicz doubled and scored on an RBI groundout from May-



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son Smardo in the bottom of the first inning.

Orion took the lead with three runs on two walks, two hit batters and one sin-

gle in the top of the second inning. Rochelle earned one run back after Berkeley Thompson singled and scored on a steal of home

in the bottom of the second inning. Orion went ahead 6-2 after tallying three runs on one single, one hit batter, a dropped third strike and a

groundout in the top of the third inning.

Molly Whiting doubled and scored on an RBI single from Sofia Reynolds, who

brought Rochelle within three runs in the bottom of the third inning.

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SPORTS

GIRLS: 12U Softball All-Stars battle at state tournament

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Orion blew the game open in the top of the fourth inning, however, scoring 13 runs on two doubles and seven singles to seal its win.

Oglesby

Rochelle's tournament continued with an 18-2 loss against Oglesby Little League on Saturday. Cali Metzger and Molly Whiting each threw two innings while combining for three strikeouts. Oglesby went ahead 1-0 after back-to-back doubles led to a run in the top of the first inning. Oglesby added six runs on three singles and four walks in the top of the second inning.

Two doubles and three singles led to five Oglesby runs in the top of the third inning, putting Rochelle behind 12-0. Oglesby continued to attack in the top of the fourth inning, tallying six runs on six singles, one double and one triple to hold a commanding 18-0 advantage.

Rochelle broke its scoreless stretch with two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, where Molly Whiting and Makenzie Johnson smacked back-to-back singles before Sofia Reynolds laced an RBI double to right field. Misha Krawcewicz followed with an RBI groundout to second base.

Clarendon Hills

Rochelle returned to action on Sunday with a 13-3



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loss against Clarendon Hills Little League. Cali Metzger threw all three innings for the 12U All-Stars, striking out three batters. Clarendon Hills held a 4-0 lead after four runs on two singles, two walks, one triple and one hit batter in the bottom of the first inning. Two singles, two triples and three doubles

resulted in six runs for Clarendon Hills, who took a 10-0 lead over Rochelle in the bottom of the second inning.

Clarendon Hills extended its lead with three runs on two singles and two triples in the bottom of the third inning. Rochelle responded with three runs in the top of the fourth inning,

where Cali Metzger and Mayson Smardo connected on back-to-back singles before Berkeley Thompson cleared the bases with a two-run double on a hard grounder to center field.

Beardstown

Rochelle's state tournament concluded with an 11-1 loss against Beard-

stown Little League on Monday. Cali Metzger threw three and one-third innings and recorded four strikeouts in the game. Both teams tallied one run in the first inning, with Rochelle holding a 1-0 advantage after Mayson Smardo's RBI double brought home Misha Krawcewicz in the top of the first inning.

Beardstown tied the game on two singles in the bottom of the first inning before exploding for seven runs on three doubles and three singles in the bottom of the second inning. Beardstown clinched its win with three runs on two walks and two singles in the bottom of the fourth inning.

BOYS: Junior League All-Stars take fifth at state tournament

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Rushville

Rochelle improved to 2-0 in the state tournament with a 10-3 win over Rushville Little League on Saturday. Elijah Schweitzer started on the mound for Rochelle, firing three innings while striking out six batters and allowing just one hit. Kolton Cragin and Nolan Zick combined to throw the final four innings

for the Junior League All-Stars, limiting Rushville to two hits and three runs.

Rochelle exploded for six runs in the bottom of the first inning, where Brayden Harley smacked a two-run single to center and Elijah Schweitzer gave Rochelle a 3-0 lead with an RBI groundout. Riley Smith followed with an RBI single to right field and Nolan Zick's RBI groundout put Rochelle up 5-0. John Wil-

liams scored on a wild pitch to cap off the six-run frame.

Rochelle tallied two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, taking an 8-0 lead after Riley Smith scored on a wild pitch and John Williams scored on a balk. Rushville responded with two runs on one walk and one single in the top of the fifth inning, but Rochelle answered in the bottom of the fifth inning, where Sebastian Albertson laced

an RBI single to score Zach Johnson and Elijah Schweitzer drove home Luke Chadwick on an RBI groundout to put Rochelle up 10-2.

Rushville concluded the game with one run on an RBI groundout in the top of the seventh inning. Riley Smith went 2-for-3 with two singles and two runs scored for the Rochelle offense, while Brayden Harley and Elijah Sch-

weitzer each finished with two RBIs in the victory.

Elmhurst/RF

Rochelle suffered a 17-2 loss against Elmhurst/River Forest Little League on Sunday afternoon to conclude the round-robin format of the state tournament with a 2-1 record. Elmhurst/River Forest scored eight runs on four singles, two walks and two errors in the top of the first

inning before adding seven runs on four singles to take a 15-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning.

Rochelle tallied two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, where Luke Chadwick scored on an error and Nolan Zick drew a bases-loaded walk for an RBI. Elmhurst/River Forest sealed its win with two runs on three walks and a sacrifice fly in the top of the fifth inning.

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Youth programs, schools and non-profit groups look to our businesses first when fundraising. These community-minded businesses donate faithfully to local youth sports programs, community clubs, nonprofit groups and churches – just to name a few. Shouldn't we look to those same businesses first when we need goods and services? Of course we should!



High rate of return. For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through payroll, taxes and other expenditures. Online orders return absolutely nothing to Rochelle, IL.



Seeking health care in your hometown brings the comforts of receiving qualified care from people you know and trust.

Whether it be a trip to the dentist, regular health care screenings, a visit to a specialist or an emergency, you need not travel. It's all right here.



Banking with people who know you is a luxury found only in hometowns. You don't have to show your ID every time you go in. You can get a loan from people who know you and understand your needs, whether it be money for your first car or to help your business grow. Local banks believe in the value of community members helping one another.



No one wants to have to make an insurance claim, but it's painless when your agent is your neighbor. You don't have to convince them that there was a hail storm, or that the wind nearly took your roof off. They know because they live

here. Which do you want when you've had a bad day: A face-to-face meeting with your local agent, or a machine answering the phone at that big national insurer that advertises on TV?



Time is money. It's simple math (especially when you figure in gas mileage.) Shopping locally can actually save you both time and money!



Customer service after the sale is invaluable.

Local retailers not only take responsibility for the product they sold, they will often fix it or replace it – no questions asked. Appliances, furniture, computers and electronics sometimes have glitches. Would you rather box yours up, send it to who knows where, and wait six to eight weeks, or just go back to the nice guy that helped you when you bought it?



Keeping it local encourages community growth. By

choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.



One word: Jobs. When you do business of any kind in Rochelle, it creates and maintains jobs for others in our area. A healthy employment rate is the cornerstone of all economies.

How can you help the economy recover? Start at home.

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I, Christina Cardott, Treasurer of the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, affirm that the following is a correct statement of the revenues and expenditures of the City of Rochelle for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS TREASURER'S REPORT					
	GENERAL FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	PENSION FUNDS	GOVERNMENTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
OPERATING REVENUES:					
Taxes	6,822,513	4,466,282	61,447		
Licenses & Permits	310,122	27,447			
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,047,233	1,408,940			
Charges for Services	1,575,244	1,459,625	56,024,638		2,892,149
Fines & Forfeitures	51,403				
Investment Income	541,213	318,596	1,004,818	3,267,802	4,454
Miscellaneous	120,541	113,013	1,534,448		2,864
Insurance Premiums					
Member Contributions				308,541	
Employer Contributions				2,244,037	
Other Revenue					
Gain On Fixed Assets					
Amortization of Bond Premium					
TOTAL REVENUE	11,468,269	7,793,903	58,625,351	5,820,380	2,899,467
DISBURSEMENTS:					
General Government	2,147,215	579,986			2,613,002
Public Safety	8,621,832	318,052			
Public Works	2,260,011	905,868	664,847		
Conservation & Development	7,313	455,867			
Public Service Enterprise	193,782	19,113	739,780		
Environment					
Capital Outlay		7,167,324	46,706,520		
Utilities					
Pension Benefits				1,939,939	
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets					
Debt Service					
Principal	207,356	930,225			
Interest	17,575	291,696	824,841		
Administrative				37,553	
Other					
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,455,084	10,668,151	48,935,968	1,977,492	2,613,002
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Debt Issued					
Loss of Refinance of Debt					
Grants			607,413		
Capital Contributions					
Transfers In	3,116,074	4,549,369			
Transfers Out	(1,087,491)	(4,098,585)	(2,479,367)		
Principal of Bonds Sold		2,500,000			
Premium on Bonds Sold		110,171			
Proceeds on Sale of Capital Assets					
Issuance of Lease Liability	74,679	-			
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE	116,447	186,707	7,817,429	3,842,888	286,465
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 11,732,535	\$ 8,000,134	\$ 113,284,038	\$ 23,628,549	\$ 221,683
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	\$ 11,848,982	\$ 8,186,841	\$ 121,101,467	\$ 27,471,437	\$ 508,148

Subscribed and sworn to this 8th day of July, 2024. *Christina Cardott*

I, Rose Hueramo, Clerk of the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

Rose Hueramo
Rose Hueramo, City Clerk

City of Rochelle Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Under \$25,000.00			
ALDRIDGE, KYLE	ARTEAGA, ROSAELIA	BAKKER, CODY	BEARDIN, JAMES
BEARROWS, JOHN	BERKELEY, REBECCA	BIRD, JASON	BOLHUIS, LISA
BRENNAN, THOMAS	BURDIN, GARRETT	BURFIELD, JEFFERY	BURGER, CONNER
COX, JOHNATHAN	DAME, ROBERT	DICKSON, EVAN	DICUS, RON
ELDRED, HANNAH	EVANS, BILLY	FENWICK, NATALIE	FLORES, ARACELI
FORE, COLVIN	GERARD, MATTHEW	GILLIS, AUSTIN	GITTLESON, STEPHANIE
GOLT, MICHAEL	GRUBEN, JOHN	HARDIN, JASON	HARRINGTON, DAMEN
HAYES, WILLIAM	HUERAMO, CRYSTAL	JOHNSON, JEFFREY	JOHNSON, LEVI
KNIGHT, ASHLEY	LODICO, TREY	LOPEZ, EMILIA	LYNCH, MATTHEW
MCDERMOTT, DANIEL	MCDERMOTT, THOMAS	MCGILL, MICHAEL	MESSER, NOAH
MITCHELL, ANGELA	MONTERO, DAVID	OLSZEWSKI, BRITTANY	PATTERSON, PRISCILLA
PEARSON, ROGER	POWELL, KORTNEY	QUINCEY, JAKOB	SARABIA, JASMINE
SAWLSVILLE, CHRISTOPHER	SHAW-DICKEY, KATHRYN	SMITH, BETH	STRANBERG, OLIVIA
TILTON, ALEC	UTECHT, MICHAEL	SALDIVESIO, BENJAMIN	VALDIVIESO, JOSHUA
WEEKS, JOYCE	WHITEHEAD, ERIN	WHITEHEAD, JACE	ZAGOREN, MATTHEW
ZHE, JOHN			
\$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99			
ANAYA, PEDRO	BRAUHN, MICHAEL	FULGENCIO, MICKAYA	GILLIS, ANGELA
HERRING, ANDREW	HUERAMO, BIANCA	KNIGHT, NOAH	MORRIS, MANDI R
NEUENKIRCHEN, RYAN	PLAZA, JONATHAN	RIVERA, ANGEL	SALINAS, JAVIER
SILVA, EDGAR	STEFFENS, SUSAN	SWANSON, CARMEN	WITT, ADAM
\$50,000.00 to \$74,999.99			
ADAMS, GARRY	AJVAZI, SENADA	BECK, CORY	BELMONTE, ROCIO
BETTNER, DANIELLE	BOEHLE, MATTHEW	BOEHM, MARK	FLANAGAN, ROBERT
HERNANDEZ, AUTUMN	HOLDEN, ERIC	HORN, WENDY	HUERAMO, ROSE MARY
JACKSON, CANDICE	JOHNSON, JARED	KNIGHT, MICHELLE	MARTIN, RANDY
OWEN, ALISON	ROGDE, ANDREW	ROGERS, CASSIE	SEDIG, MOLLY
SILVA, BARTOLOME	SUNESON, SARA	WRIGHT, ABBY	ZICK, BRITTNEY
\$75,000.00 to \$99,999.99			
ANATRA, NICK	BAYLOR, RYAN	BECK, JOHN	BRASS, NATHANIEL
BRIDGEMAN, KYLE	CECH, ERIC	CONDON, JILLIAN	CRAWFORD, ERIK
CUNNINGHAM, ANDREW	DAUGHERTY, MICHAEL	FOWLER, KAYLEE	FRIDAY, MARGARET
HAMILTON, MITCH	HELGEN, CURTIS	HEUER, CASEY	HIGBY, ERIC
HUDETZ, MICHAEL	INMAN, TERENCE	JACKSON, SYDNEY	KELLER, DANIEL
KNIGHT, JAMES	KOVACS, RYAN	LUXTON, TOD	MEDINE, JUSTIN
MILLER, RYAN	MILOS, KRISTOFER	MUELLER, JESSICA	MUSSELMAN, JEFFREY
NAMBO, LUISA	OLSZEWSKI, ROBIN	RANGEL, DWAYNE	ROGERS, JESSICA
SCHABACKER, BRAD	SCHUE, PHILLIP	SHAFFER, DUSTIN	SMART, CLIFFORD
SPEARS, NICHOLAS	STARR, GEOFFREY	TIMM, NATHAN	TYSZKA, TIMOTHY
VANKIRK, COLTON	VANVICKLE, ZECHARIAH	VILLALOBOS, EDDIE	WARD, CURTIS
WILLIAMS, DAWSON			
\$100,000.00 to \$124,999.99			
BANESKI, ELVIS	BINGHAM, NANCY	BROOKS, SARAH	BRUST, PATRICK
CHRISTOPHERSON, TYLER	FRANKENBERRY, PHILLIP	GILLIAM, JAMES	HAAN, WILLIAM
ISLEY, TIMOTHY	JAKYMIW, JAMES	JOHNSON, BENJAMIN	KALTENBACH, JOHN
MULHOLLAND, JAY	OWEN, TREVOR	PAVIA, PETER	PEASE, MICHELLE
RODABAUGH, AARON	SESTER, JOSEPH	THOMPSON, JENNIFER	WATER, SHANE
WITTENBERG, MATTHEW			
Over \$125,000.00			
ANDERSON, JASON	BEERY, RYAN	BJORNEBY, JACOB	BURDIN, JASON
CARDOTT, CHRISTINA	CARLS, TYLER	COX, CHRISTOPHER	DOUGHERTY, KENNETH
EDWARDS, BRIAN	FIGEENSCHUH, JEFFREY	GOOD, JEREMY	HOWARD, CASEY
JOHNSON, TODD	LANNING, ADAM	LEWIS, JOSH	MANNING, CASSIDY
MOWRY, TROY	PREWETT, ZACHARY	SAWLSVILLE, JASON	SULLIVAN, JAMEY
TESREAU, SAMUEL	TOLIVER, BLAKE		

Total Compensation \$12,272,414.74

TREASURER'S VENDOR REPORT - JAN-DEC 2023

CHRISTOPHERSON, TYLER	FRANKENBERRY, PHILLIP	GILLIAM, JAMES	HAAN, WILLIAM	INTEGRATED CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	\$	12,871.00	TOURDOT, MATTHEW	\$	7,817.83
ISLEY, TIMOTHY	JAKYMIW, JAMES	JOHNSON, BENJAMIN	KALTENBACH, JOHN	INTELLI-CORE	\$	63,370.00	TRAFFIC CONTROL & PROTECTION	\$	14,383.60
MULHOLLAND, JAY	OWEN, TREAVOR	PAVIA, PETER	PEASE, MICHELLE	INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF ROCKFORD	\$	3,701.17	TRI-CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY OF IOWA	\$	965,299.53
RODABAUGH, AARON	SESTER, JOSEPH	THOMPSON, JENNIFER	WATER, SHANE	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS, INC	\$	2,750.46	TRIHEDRAL, INC.	\$	6,432.01
WITTENBERG, MATTHEW				IP COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$	11,906.37	TRUCK COUNTRY OF ILLINOIS, INC	\$	4,213.88
				IRONWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL INC	\$	4,937.00	TRUGREEN PROCESSING CENTER	\$	7,078.85
				ISC, INC	\$	257,700.00	TSR - LENA	\$	3,008.99
Over \$125,000.00				J.F. AHERN CO.	\$	3,773.92	TURNER, DEBBIE	\$	38,320.00
ANDERSON, JASON	BEERY, RYAN	BJORNEBY, JACOB	BURDIN, JASON	JG UNIFORMS	\$	5,683.47	TURNERS CUSTOM CONCRETE LLC	\$	24,700.00
CARDOTT, CHRISTINA	CARLS, TYLER	COX, CHRISTOPHER	DOUGHERTY, KENNETH	JM TEST SYSTEMS	\$	17,862.96	TWO DOE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$	44,394.37
EDWARDS, BRIAN	FIGEENSCHUH, JEFFREY	GOOD, JEREMY	HOWARD, CASEY	JOHNSON TRACTOR	\$	240,493.59	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	\$	156,991.70
JOHNSON, TODD	LANNING, ADAM	LEWIS, JOSH	MANNING, CASSIDY	JONAS MARTIN WELL DRILLING CO.	\$	31,042.98	TYNDALE COMPANY, INC.	\$	9,605.90
MOWRY, TROY	PREWETT, ZACHARY	SAWLSVILLE, DAVID	SULLIVAN, JAMEY	JSN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	\$	4,699.73	TYSZKA, TIM	\$	8,474.86
TESREAU, SAMUEL	TOLIVER, BLAKE	UNDERWOOD, JASON		JULIE, INC.	\$	2,674.38	ULINE	\$	33,948.82
				KALEEL'S CLOTHING	\$	23,619.00	UMB BANK NA	\$	2,685,408.20
				KARA COMPANY, INC.	\$	9,448.81	UNIFORM DEN EAST, INC.	\$	7,029.42
				KENNY FARMS DISTILLING	\$	52,114.42	UNITED RENTALS	\$	8,743.79
				KESSEN, CONNIE	\$	3,148.73	UNIVERSAL UTILITY SUPPLY CO	\$	512,645.19
				KIMBALL MIDWEST	\$	2,974.30	UNUM LIFE INS CO. OF AMERICA	\$	4,762.78
				KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE	\$	11,465.00	UPCYCLE PRODUCTS INC	\$	3,500.00
				KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE FOUNDATION	\$	10,000.00	UPS MIDSTREAM SERVICES, INC.	\$	24,000.00
				KOMLINE-SANDERSON	\$	14,266.54	US BANK	\$	232,180.00
				L&K ELECTRONICS	\$	9,623.16	USA BLUEBOOK	\$	63,146.72
				LARGE CAR REBUILDERS, INC.	\$	8,612.13	UTILITY DYNAMICS CORPORATION	\$	358,965.00
				LARSON & LARSON BUILDERS, INC.	\$	104,817.16	UTILITY FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC	\$	16,915.00
				LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP	\$	13,760.00	VAN BUREN CONSULTING GROUP, LLC	\$	45,000.00
				LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC.	\$	14,183.64	VERIZON CONNECT	\$	4,696.38
				LEADS ONLINE	\$	2,819.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$	55,320.11
				LED LIGHTING SOLUTIONS	\$	16,825.85	VIKING CHEMICAL COMPANY	\$	21,440.11
				LEE JENSEN SALES CO INC	\$	7,204.59	VILLAGE OF CRESTON	\$	20,199.02
				LEIBOLD IRRIGATION INC	\$	3,673.78	VILLAGE OF HILLCREST	\$	33,302.20
				LEXIPOL LLC	\$	15,525.79	VILLAGE OF ROMEOVILLE FIRE ACADEMY	\$	11,550.00
				LIEBOVICH STEEL & ALUMINUM CO	\$	5,821.34	VIPOWER SERVICES	\$	53,338.08
				LINCOLN HWY HERITAGE FESTIVAL	\$	8,000.00	WATER PRODUCTS CO. OF AURORA	\$	6,680.88
				LOSOYA, CASSONDRA	\$	9,000.00	WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, INC	\$	17,822.38
				LUSE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$	4,400.00	WELCH BROS., INC	\$	15,529.40
				MACLIN INCORPORATED	\$	49,307.60	WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP	\$	393,410.12
				MACON COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	\$	8,105.00	WEST SIDE TRACTOR SALES CO	\$	116,715.02
				MAGGIO TRUCK CENTER INC	\$	5,425.00	WEX BANK	\$	147,343.72
				MARTELLE WATER TREATMENT	\$	4,318.00	WHALEY, JASON	\$	7,750.00
				MARTIN & CO EXCAVATING	\$	407,911.44	WHEELER WORLD, INC.	\$	41,566.97
				MARTINEZ, STEVE	\$	9,660.00	WHITE CAP L.P.	\$	11,445.47
				MASTERBLEND INTERNATIONAL	\$	4,136.10	WILLETT, HOFMANN & ASSOC., INC	\$	418,907.05
				MCCCL, LLC	\$	5,128.50	WILLIAM CHARLES ELECTRIC	\$	19,393.49
				MCDONAGH DEMOLITION	\$	24,234.32	WINTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	\$	3,962.40
				MCMMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO	\$	8,496.96	WORK ZONE SAFETY, INC.	\$	22,904.50
				MENARDS - SCYAMORE	\$	10,925.50	WOW TOYZ	\$	2,539.69
				MICHLIG ENERGY, LTD.	\$	184,247.90	WRHL	\$	17,654.75
				MIDWEST ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, LTD.	\$	14,300.00	WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY	\$	8,674.00
				MIDWEST LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE	\$	12,000.00	WYATT PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE INC	\$	33,457.50
				MIDWEST MAILWORKS, INC	\$	50,739.84	ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS, INC	\$	3,264.00
				MIDWEST MOBILE WASHERS	\$	11,800.00	ZURICH NORTH AMERICA	\$	17,227.00
				MIDWEST PAVING EQUIPMENT INC	\$	36,337.00			
				MIDWEST SAFE DRIVER	\$	7,000.00			
				MID-WEST TRUCKERS ASSOC., INC.	\$	3,010.00			
				MILTON PROPANE	\$	3,377.58			
				MOBILE HEALTH DIAGNOSTICS LLC	\$	7,380.00			
							Total Expenses Over \$2,500.00	\$	56,697,172.59
							Total Expenses Under \$2,500.00	\$	376,208.83

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE #24-01 Final Draft 2024

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE ASHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE-OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Ashton Fire Protection District.

Section 1. That the following sums of money in the total amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,546,550.00) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Ashton Fire Protection District as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

Fund	Account Description:	2024-25 Budget
Fire Fund – (01):		
Income & Revenue:		
01 300	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	155,569
01 310	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	36,870
01 320	Comptroller – Corporate Replacement Tax	9,000
Expenses:		
01 330	Interest	6,000
01 360	Insurance	0
01 370	Miscellaneous Income (Rent)	150,000
01 380	Tollway	0
Cash on hand, May 1, 2024		561,417
Total Estimated Budget Funds		\$918,856

Expenses:		
01 500	Capital Outlay - Small Equipment	120,000
01 505	Capital Equipment – Vehicle	400,000
01 506	Future Building Expenditures	400,000
01 507	Future Capital Expenditure – Vehicle	0
01 510	Vehicle Expense	15,000
01 520	Building Repairs & Maint.	15,000
01 530	Comm. Equip - Repairs & Maint	10,000
01 535	Equipment Repairs & Maint.	20,000
01 540	Training	6,000
01 550	Trustee Compensation	3,000
01 560	Firefighter Compensation	30,000
01 565	Firefighter Physicals	3,000
01 570	Insurance - General Liability & Property	17,000
01 580	Misc. Contingency Fund	9,000
01 590	Legal	5,000
01 600	Real Estate Property Taxes/Lee County	3,000
01 610	Social Security Taxes (Payroll)	10,000
01 620	Publishing & Printing	4,000
01 630	Bookkeeping	4,500
01 640	Telephone	7,500
01 650	Utilities	8,000
01 665	Office Expense	3,500
01 670	Travel	2,000
01 675	Meals	1,000
01 695	Bank Charges	50
01 900	Contingencies	1,000
Total - Fire Fund:		1,097,550

Ambulance Fund – (02):		
Income & Revenue:		
02 700	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$101,259
02 710	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	24,000
02 720	Interest	9,000
02 760	Ambulance Fees	20,000
Cash on hand May 1, 2024		884,273
Total Estimated Budget Funds		1,038,532

Expenses:		
02 800	Future Capital Outlay – Equip (Ambulance)	0
02 805	Capital Outlay - Small Equipment	100,000
02 810	Vehicle Expense (gas/oil)	15,000
02 815	Ambulance Supplies	20,000
02 820	Building Expense - repair, maint, rent	150,000
02 825	Ambulance Intercepts	35,000
02 830	EMT/Firefighter Compensation	30,000
02 835	Equipment Repairs Maintenance	15,000
02 840	Training	10,000
02 850	Bookkeeping	17,000
02 880	Contingency Fund	2,000
02 890	Miscellaneous	15,000
Total - Ambulance Fund:		\$409,000

Tort Fund – (03):		
Income & Revenue:		
03 200	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$0
03 210	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	0
03 220	Interest	220
Cash on hand, May 1, 2024		44,327
Total Estimated Budget Funds		\$44,547

Expenses:		
03 250	Liability Insurance	\$12,000
03 255	Miscellaneous	7,000
Total - Tort Fund:		\$19,000

Workers' Compensation Fund – (04)		
Income & Revenue:		
04 400	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$15,204
04 410	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	3,604
04 420	Interest	450
Cash on hand, May 1, 2024		101,154
Total Estimated Budget Funds		\$120,412

Expenses:		
04 450	Insurance	\$9,000
04 455	Claims Expense	0
04 460	Workers Comp Physicals	0
Total - Workers' Comp Fund		\$9,000

Audit Fund – (05)		
Income & Revenue:		
05 600	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$2,592
05 610	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	614
05 620	Interest	0
Cash on hand, May 1, 2024		78
Total Estimated Budget Funds		\$3,284

Expenses:		
05 650	Audit Fees	\$12,000
05 655	Reserve	0
Total - Audit Fund:		\$12,000

Summary :		
01	General Corporate Expenditure (Fire Fund)	1,097,550
02	Ambulance Fund	409,000
03	Tort Fund	19,000
04	Workers' Compensation Fund	9,000
05	Audit Fund	12,000
Total Expenditures - All Funds:		1,546,550

That the foregoing shall constitute the annual budget for the Ashton Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025. As part of the annual budget, it is stated:

A.	Statement of cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year:	\$1,591,249
B.	Estimate of the cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources:	\$384,382
C.	Estimate of the expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year:	\$1,546,550

D.	Statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year:	\$429,081
E.	Estimate of the amount of taxes to be received by the Fire District:	\$339,712

Section 2. That all unexpected balances of any item or items or any general appropriation made in this ordinance be expected in making up any insufficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made in this ordinance.
Section 3. That all unexpected balances from annual appropriations of previous years are hereby re-appropriated.
Section 4. That the validity of any item or section of this ordinance shall not effect the validity of the whole or any part thereof.
Section 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance be the same are hereby repealed.
Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: July 1, 2024 APPROVED: July 1, 2024

Cliff Jones
Clifford Jones
President of the Board of Trustees
Ashton Fire Protection District

Lori Hillison
Lori Hillison
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Ashton Fire Protection District

CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND CERTIFICATION OF ESTIMATES OF REVENUES BY SOURCE OF THE
ASHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The undersigned, duly elected, qualified and acting President of the Ashton Fire Protection District does hereby certify that hereto is a true and correct copy of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025.

The undersigned, Board Secretary, of the Ashton Fire Protection District, Lee County, Illinois. Does hereby certify that the Estimates of Revenues by Source or anticipated amount to be received by said taxing district, is either set forth in said ordinances as "Revenues" or attached hereto by separate document is a true statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements and on behalf of The Ashton Fire Protection District, Lee County, IL

Dated this 1st day of July, 2024

Cliff Jones
President

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Former Rochelle soccer standout Lizbeth Milan will be continuing her academics and athletics at Saint Xavier University in Chicago. Milan has spent the last two years with the Kishwaukee College women's soccer program.

Milan moving up to Saint Xavier University

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

FORMER Rochelle soccer standout Lizbeth Milan has been a leader since she first earned her starting defensive role with the Lady Hubs during her freshman season. A two-time Interstate 8 All-Conference honoree at RTHS, Milan continued her academics and her soccer career at Kishwaukee College, where she once again emerged as a leader for the Lady Kougars.

“Since high school and Kishwaukee College, I have played the role of a leader,” Milan said. “For me, being a leader isn’t just about barking orders at the team. For me, being a leader is about motivating, supporting and sharing my passion for soccer with my fellow teammates.”

Despite a shortened freshman season and a tough sophomore season, Milan worked to motivate and support her teammates, starting all of the team’s 17 matches over her two years with the Lady Kougars. Milan will once again take her talents and her leadership abilities to a new level, as the former Lady Hub will transfer to Chicago’s Saint Xavier University in the NAIA.

“I chose Saint Xavier because it offers one of the best speech pathology majors in the state and the women’s soccer team has been very good these past couple of years,” Milan said. “I’m looking forward to the competitiveness that the NAIA has to offer. The NAIA has a variety of players

with different talents and skills. I’m hoping to bring my competitiveness to the team.”

Milan started four games on defense during her freshman season with the Lady Kougars, dishing out one assist as Kishwaukee College finished with a 1-3 record before the remainder of the season was canceled due to a myriad of injuries. Despite the shortened season, Milan and the Lady Kougars returned in 2023 with a full roster that featured multiple former Rochelle athletes. Milan remained a starting defender as a sophomore, appearing in all 13 matches.

“I think I have improved in both the tactical and technical sides of soccer,” Milan said. “I have always been able to read the game of soccer only a couple minutes into the match. I have gotten a lot stronger and I’ve become more confident in the way I play... I hope to get stronger and more confident in my soccer skills. The NAIA has many skillful players and many of those players also transferred in from the JUCO level. I’m excited to play at a higher level.”

Milan will be majoring in communication sciences and disorders while playing soccer at Saint Xavier. She said she intends on earning her bachelor’s degree at Saint Xavier before moving on to complete a master’s degree in speech pathology. With her education, Milan said she aims to become a bilingual speech pathologist and work either in a school setting or her own practice.



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