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RTHS Board: 2024-2025 budget approved

Support systems for new teachers discussed Monday night

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its monthly meeting Monday, the Rochelle Township High School District Board of Education held a public hearing for and unanimously approved its 2024-2025 budget.

District Business Manager Kevin Dale provided highlights of the budget to the board during the public hearing Monday. The budget has estimated fund balances of \$12.9 million in its education fund, \$1,491,139 in operations & maintenance, \$774,147 in debt service, \$2,152,163 in transportation, \$290,495 in IMRF, \$723,465 in capital projects, \$4,456,726 in working cash, and \$1,037,736 in life safety.

Dale said the district expects about \$18,302,420 in revenue to come in this year. For expenditures, the district expects \$20,044,350. Expenditures are made up of \$8.6 million in salaries, \$2.668 million in benefits, \$2 million in purchase services, \$1.197 million in supplies & materials, \$1.1937 in capital outlays and \$3.6 million in other expenses.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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The district is looking at a \$1,741,930 deficit in its 2024-2025 budget. Dale said that's due to projects the district has going on such as paving and detention pond work that it's been saving for along with future projects. The district does not have to make a deficit reduction plan due to having enough funds in its reserves.

"We are in pretty good

shape," Board President Tom Huddleston said. "These projects we're doing are big money. We're reaching the age with this school where things are starting to need to be replaced."

Teachers

RTHS Principal Chris Lewis talked about support systems in place for new teachers. Currently, 35

percent of RTHS teachers are non-tenured (less than four years of service).

Supports include new teacher orientation, a mentor program, professional learning community (PLC) collaboration among departments, Danielson evaluations, and a new student growth coach the district recently hired.

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Mower purchase approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its meeting Monday, the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the \$34,174 purchase of a forestry mower from Bobcat of Janesville.

The mower will be used for the removal of small trees and thicker brush and the grinding and mulching of smaller stumps. Park District Executive Director Jackee Ohlingersaid the machine will help to maintain and make walking paths at Skare Park and with clearing of banks at Lake Sule. The park district is currently accepting sealed bids on a boom mower, the piece of equipment the forestry mower will replace.

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Fiesta Hispana held Saturday in downtown Rochelle

On Saturday, Sept. 14, Fiesta Hispana was held in downtown Rochelle. The event, in its sixth year, celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. The event ran from 3-11 p.m. and included music, food, dancing, children's activities, crafts, a mini queen contest, mariachi, a petting zoo and lucha libre. (Photos by Jeff Helfrich)

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LOCAL NEWS

RTHS: Homecoming Parade scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 3 in Rochelle

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“We have a lot of inexperienced teachers, but we have a lot of things in place to help them out,” Lewis said.

Homecoming
Lewis detailed the plan for RTHS’s Homecoming week in early October. The parade will take place Thursday, Oct. 3 with a parade from downtown to Tilton Elementary School. The pep rally and coronation will take place at 6:30 p.m. at RTHS and the powderpuff football game will start at 8 p.m. The Hubs will play Morris in the football game Friday, Oct. 4. The Homecoming dance will take place Saturday, Oct. 5 in the RTHS Commons.

Personnel
The board unanimously approved the resignation of Lizbeth Garcia (Ballet Folklorico coach) and the employment of Abby Jami-son (assistant speech coach), Sarai Orozco (assistant boys soccer coach), Heidi Rattanasvanh (bus driver), Sherri Smith (substitute bus driver), Alejandra Tenorio (Ballet Folklorico coach), Edna Vazquez (Ballet Folklorico coach) and Kurt Wolter (theater tech director).



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Ogle County 4-H members excel at Illinois State Fair

SPRINGFIELD — The best of the best were on display Aug. 9-11 at the 4-H General Project Show of the Illinois State Fair. Award-winning 4-H members from across Illinois competed at the county level before advancing to the state level.

Nearly 3,200 4-H exhibits across Illinois were judged and displayed during the Illinois State Fair, including 39 Ogle County 4-H members. They earned the right to exhibit by being selected at the top of their division at the Ogle County 4-H General Projects Show held in July at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.

In 4-H, project areas represent the culmination of individual learning paths where youth can show off their skills and expertise in front of thousands of fairgoers. Youth also participate in conference judging as a part of the experience. This brings members and volunteer judges together to evaluate project exhibits. It involves one-on-one, face-to-face communication in which the volunteer judge and exhibitor talk directly with each other.

This technique provides a unique opportunity for 4-H’ers to learn from their experiences and knowledge of the volunteer judge. Volunteer judges are often experts in that particular field or they have a passion that they have followed. All members receive a participation ribbon for being selected to participate. Exhibitors may qualify for grand champion, reserve champion, or an inspire award in their project area. Inspire Award winners occupy a special category of “judge’s choice” and

signified that the project inspired the judge in some way. Enrollment for the new 4-H year begins Sept. 1. To learn more about enrolling in 4-H, call University of Illinois Extension’s local office at 815-732-2191. Ogle County 4-H members that participated at the state level include: Kaitlyn Adams, Child Development, Reserve Champion. Nolan Adams, Corn, Participant. Isaiah Akins, Metal, Inspire

Award. Bethany Akins, Wildlife 2, Reserve Champion. Immanuel Arellano, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Div B, Grand Champion. Briley Berns, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment-Div A, Inspire Award. Adalyn Bocker, Veterinary Science, Participant. Kasen Bocker, Visual Arts Plastic Block Art, Reserve Champion. Adrien Booker, 4-H Cooking 301 Dinner Rolls, Participant. Alex Booker, Outdoor Adventures, Participant. Katelyn Bowers, Photography 3, Grand Champion. Tessa Bruns, Food Decorating-Beginning, Participant. Harper Bruns, Vegetable/Fruit Display, Participant. Hayden Capes, Shooting Sports Rifle, Grand Champion. Harmony Coy, Family Heritage, Inspire Award. Alayna Doane, Photography 2, Inspire Award. Gregory Dorwaldt, Beekeeping 1, Participant. Colton Gehrke, Geology 2, Participant. Cora Herring, Electricity 2, Participant. Andrew Hickman, Photography 2, Participant. Lauren Hickman, Clothing 1-Sewn Non-Clothing, Participant. Kenzie Hongsermeier, 4-H Cooking 101 Cookies, Participant. Kodi Hubbard, Wildlife 1, Participant. Elizabeth Kennedy, Diversity & Cultural Aware, Reserve Champion. Anne Kennedy, Leather, Grand Champion. Mallory King, Clothing 1-Sewn Clothing, Participant. Madeline Kusnierz, Heritage Arts, Participant. Eli Lotz, Woodworking 4, Participant. Anna Marquardt, Child Development, Participant. Allissa Martin, Clay, Grand Champion. Cora Mickley, Interior Design-Beginning, Reserve Champion. James Runte, Entomology 1, Reserve Champion. Lydia Sherburne, Sports Nutrition, Reserve Champion. David Wehler, 4-H Cooking 201 Scones, Grand Champion. Briannah West, 3-D Design/Mixed Media, Participant. Zakkary West, Wood, Participant. Erallynn Wiltfang, Model Rocketry, Participant. Maxx Wiltfang, Model Rocketry, Participant. Addison Yordy, Animal Science 2, Participant.

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LOCAL NEWS



Creston Booster Days held over the weekend of Sept. 13-15

Over the weekend of Sept. 13-15, the Annual Creston Booster Days festival was held in Creston. Friday featured a steak fry in the park, a beer garden, Skinners' Amusements and The Killer Bs on stage. Saturday featured a pancake breakfast, a craft and vendor show, a kids parade, bingo, face painting, Marcie & The Highlights and Wildwood Country on stage, a beer garden and amusements, and fireworks. Sunday featured a community church service, antique tractor pulls, vintage baseball, the Main Street parade, Bill's Toupee on stage, a beer garden and amusements, and the 50/50 raffle drawing. (Photos by Jeff Helfrich)

Kish College to offer Workplace Readiness Training for local employers

MALTA — To support an expanding workforce, Kishwaukee College will offer free Workplace Readiness Training for local businesses and their employees. The training is available through the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Noncredit Workforce Training Grant. "Kishwaukee College

is excited to offer this program to support local employers. These self-paced courses provide opportunities for employees to refresh essential skills needed for success in any work environment," LaCretia Konan, associate vice president of college relations, said.

The ICCB's Noncredit

Workforce Training Grant aims to increase responsiveness to employer needs and workforce shortages by building capacity and strengthening the impact of noncredit workforce training at community colleges.

The Workplace Readiness Training takes about 10-15 hours to complete.

The courses are entirely online and can be worked on at any time. Participants will earn a micro-credential and certificate of completion when finishing the courses. The training is available through Pathful Explorer, an interactive platform providing information and tools to help users explore career path-

ways and earn credentials.

Anyone interested in the training is encouraged to work with their employer or human resources (HR) representative to coordinate the training with Kishwaukee College. Business owners or HR representatives can visit kish.edu/workforcedevelopment to learn more or register.

Additionally, Kishwaukee College plans to provide free training in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) topics in the spring. Kish will also offer free Business Growth Academy classes at the DeKalb Public Library in September and October. Learn more or register at kish.edu/sbdc.

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OBITUARIES

Celesta Shannon Reed

STEWART — Celesta Shannon Reed, 99, of Stewart, IL, passed away peacefully Friday, September 13, 2024, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law. She was born February 18, 1925, in Kansas, the daughter of George and Alma (Eichman) Gross. She married James Shannon in September of 1941. He preceded her in death. She later married Clare Reed and he also preceded her in death.

Celesta was born and raised on a wheat farm in Kansas where she lived through the Dust Bowl. She was a woman of strong faith. She was a giver, never a taker, and was always there to help. She cared for her parents in their later years before they both passed. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, and playing cards.

Family was always at the forefront of her life and she was always there for her children and grandchildren. Celesta was never an animal person but in her final years, she grew attached to her daughter's dog, Presley, whom she affectionately referred to as Pretzel.

Celesta is survived by six children; Jim (Athena) Shannon, Gary (Connie) Shannon, Mary Suddeth, Vicki Doughty, Sally (Lyle) Ranken, and Mike (Christen) Shannon; thirteen grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by two sons, Roger and Greg Shannon; brother, Jerry, and two sisters, Opal and Berdina.



A funeral service will be held 1:00 P.M. Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the Torman Funeral Home, 510 Flagg Street in Paw Paw, IL with Pastor Ken Foster officiating. Visitation will be from 11 A.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Cremation care will be provided after the services. Contributions in Celesta's name may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established. Please visit www.tormanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guest book.

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On Sept. 13 at 1:22 p.m. Mario Reynosa-Montalvo, 27, of Rochelle was arrested on an Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Sept. 13 at 5:48 a.m. Monte D. Holt, 47, homeless was arrested for driving while license suspended. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 4 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 13 at 7:35 a.m. Ximena Esquivel Lopez, 20, of Ashton was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to yield right of way. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 4 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 13 at 12:52 p.m. Alondra I. Rubio, 24, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance and speeding 63 in a 40 miles per hour zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 4 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 13 at 1:11 p.m. Jeffrey R. Hess, 41, of Sycamore was cited for speeding 57 in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 4 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 13 at 2:58 p.m. Ivan Munoz Mandujano, 22, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 74 in a 40 miles per hour zone and no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 4 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 13 at 3:12 p.m. Cassidy B. Warner, 22, of DeKalb was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 4 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 14 at 9:36 p.m. a 16-year-old juvenile of Rochelle was cited for speeding 54 in a 30 miles per hour zone. He signed a

promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 14 at 8:20 p.m. Manikanda R. Venkatesan, 49, of Hawthorn Wood was cited for speeding 93 in a 70 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 14 at 10:19 p.m. Alvaro Sanchez, 20, of Georgia was cited for operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 15 at 9:33 a.m. Carl Elmer Howard II, 54, of Augusta, Georgia was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. Randall P. Masterson, 75, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

James D. Reed

ROCHELLE — James D. Reed, 73, passed away Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center in Franklin Grove, Illinois. James was born on September 1, 1951 to Dallas D. and Margaret E. (Kruse) Reed in Rochelle, IL. After high school, he attended Eastern Illinois University where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

James worked for many years at Moore's Hardware in Rochelle. He enjoyed farming on the side and spending time with his family and friends. He

loved watching NASCAR and sports, especially the Indianapolis Colts.

James is survived by three brothers: Claude (Virginia) Reed of Memphis, TN, Kent (Martha) Reed of Stewart, IL and Kevin Reed of Sycamore, IL; his sister, Rosalie Gartner of Sycamore, IL; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters: Rosemary and Nancy.

The memorial visitation will be from 5:00 - 6:45 P.M., Friday, September, 20, 2024 at the Unger-Horner Funeral



Home, 400 N. 6th Street, Rochelle. The memorial service will follow at 7:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in James' memory to Lifescape Community Services/Meals on Wheels. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Susan Englert

CRESTON — Susan Englert, 68, of rural Creston, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, September 11, 2024, near Oakley, Kansas.

She was born March 8, 1956, in Elgin, IL, the daughter of Donald and Maurine (Burnell) Weber. Sue was married to her husband Ken Englert on December 30th, 1978, in Wayne, IL. She was a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Sue's faith in Jesus and love for the gospel motivated her priorities as she lived her life intentionally serving others. She had an unwavering commitment to truth; she was selfless and hard-working. A cheerful resilience endeared her to everyone who knew her. She was wise, steady, humble, resourceful, and compassionate.

Sue was a faithful and loving wife. She invested her life into mothering her

six children whom she educated at home over the course of 27 years before pursuing work as a Realtor with Elm Street Realtors for 17 years.

She is survived by her husband Ken and their six children: Anna Anderson (Paul Anderson), Daniel Englert (Amy Englert), Ruth Giuliano (John Giuliano), David Englert (Erin Englert), Sarah Wilson (Taylor Wilson), and Mark Englert (Hannah Englert).

Sue was "Grammie" to 16 grandchildren which were the love of her life (Adelaide, Lincoln, Eleanor, & Vivian Giuliano; Owen, Emma, & Asher Anderson; Nathan, Elizabeth, Charles, Brooks, & Katherine Englert; Forrest, Autumn, & Expected 2025 Englert; Levi Wilson).

The memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2024, at Bethany Road



Bible Church, 2215 Bethany Rd, DeKalb, IL. A private burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston.

Visitation will be held 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2024, at Anderson Funeral Home 2011 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, IL 60115.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to We Care Pregnancy Clinic in DeKalb in care of Anderson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 605, 2011 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, IL 60115.

For information, visit www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com or call 815-756-1022.

Paul Brian Fridge

DIXON — Paul Brian Fridge, 56, passed away unexpectedly Friday, September 13, 2024 at his home in Dixon, Illinois. Services are

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On Sept. 14 at approximately 2:38 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Freeport Road. After investiga-

tion, deputies placed Ivan Rivera, 27, of Freeport under arrest for an active failure to appear Stephen-

son County warrant for trespassing. Rivera was transported to county line and relayed to Stephenson County deputies where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 14 at approximately 6:47 p.m. deputies responded to the intersection of Third Street and Blaine Street in Leaf River for the report of a car-versus-bicyclist accident. After an initial investigation, it was learned that a westbound Chevrolet Traverse struck a northbound bicycle being operated by a 12-year-old juvenile as it crossed Third Street. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Leaf River Fire and EMS. This incident remains under investigation.

On Sept. 14 at approximately 11:30 p.m. deputies along with the Monroe Center Fire Department and Kirkland EMS responded to a two-vehicle injury collision at the intersection of Illinois Route 72 and North Mulford Road. After an investigation, it was learned that a black Nissan traveling northbound on North Mulford Road disregarded a stop sign at the intersection

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and collided with a gray Hyundai traveling westbound on Illinois Route 72. The adult male victim and driver of the Hyundai were transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The occupants of the Nissan fled the scene. This incident remains under investigation.

On Sept. 16 at approximately 11:39 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on North Illinois Route 251 at Grubsteak-ers Restaurant. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Charles J. Navarro, 31, of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Navarro was additionally cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. Navarro was released on a notice to appear with a future court date given.

On Sept. 16 at approximately 5 p.m. Ogle County received a complaint of a domestic battery that occurred in the 2,000 block of West Mud Creek Road, Mt. Morris. After an investigation, Dennis M. Shaw, 62, of Mt. Morris, was placed under arrest for domestic battery. Shaw was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held awaiting an appearance before a judge.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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LOCAL NEWS

Be aware of farm equipment as harvest season approaches

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ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU
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IN areas where population growth blurs the lines between urban and rural, sharing the road safely becomes everyone's responsibility. Illinois farmers who live near Chicago, St. Louis and other metro areas know this all too well, but they implore their suburban neighbors to understand it, too.

Former McHenry County Farm Bureau President Dan Ziller operates a dairy, livestock and grain farm near Huntley, a town that has grown from 2,500 people in 1990 to more than 27,000 in 2020.

"It's hard to get people to be patient until we can get out of their way or until they can get around us in a safe manner," Ziller says. "When a huge piece of machinery is coming down the road, people don't want to give it any room to get by, but if an ambulance is right behind it, they'll get off the road."

Renee Deterding farms 350 miles south of Ziller, only 35 miles southeast of St. Louis, and deals with similar frustrations.

"Far too many drivers cannot wait to pass or remain behind the farmer until they turn off," says

Deterding, who partners with two brothers and their families to operate D&R Huber Farms. "People have passed me on the right side; people have passed me and caused oncoming traffic to slam on their brakes and dodge to the ditch."

Both farmers encourage impatient drivers to consider the size of the equipment and the importance of slowing down when approaching.

"People don't understand this could kill them if they challenge it in a way they shouldn't," Ziller says.

Educating drivers

Ziller works with local high schools' chapters and driver's education programs to get the attention of new drivers.

"We take machinery to the school and put vehicles behind it," Ziller says. "We let the kids get in the machinery and ask, 'Can you see that car sitting back there?' And they say, 'No, we don't!' We don't know you're back there, so when you come darting around us and we're not prepared for that, and somebody's coming from the other way, that's a problem."

Ziller has helped develop videos for driver's education classrooms, but adding to the existing curriculum has proven difficult.



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In areas where population growth blurs the lines between urban and rural, sharing the road safely becomes everyone's responsibility.

cult. He says FFA chapters are helping and hopes the message resonates even more when students hear it from their peers.

Deterding would also like schools to teach more about safely sharing the road with farm equipment, as farmers have little choice in traversing the now suburban roadways.

"I wish motorists would understand the typical farmer doesn't care to be on the road as much as the motorists don't like us to be on the road," she says.

Ziller echoes this sentiment and emphasizes farmers use main roads only when absolutely necessary.

"We don't want to be there, but because of the development, we no longer have country roads to move machinery on because everyone else is on them, too," he says. "You don't just pack up a farm like a house and move. It's a very serious undertaking, especially with cattle. We're here for the long haul, and we just need to all work together."

Deterding has another concern: who are now learning to drive the farm equipment.

"I want my family to be as safe on the road as anyone else's," she says. "My job is to prepare them for all the things that could happen, just like a parent would when their child goes off in a car. Always check your surroundings and proceed with caution."

She just asks other drivers to do the same.

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NIU STEM Fest on Sept. 28 provides learning, fun and career exploration

DEKALB – When NIU STEM Fest began 15 years ago, the message was simple: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) are for everybody – and learning about them can be fun! Since then, the annual festival has helped people of all ages learn how science and technology influence our everyday lives. It's also provided a window into the educational and career opportunities in STEM fields.

This year, visitors can experience this free event on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on NIU's central campus in DeKalb. Activities will take place in the Holmes Student Center, MLK Commons, Founders Memorial Library, Anderson Hall and other nearby buildings. Details at go.niu.edu/stemfest.

When asked why thousands of visitors flock to STEM Fest each year, the answer is simple for NIU STEAM Director Dr. Kristin Brynteson. "People are naturally curious! We tap into that curiosity and explore thought-provoking questions through hands-

on learning activities for all ages."

At STEM Fest, young children can build with blocks or attend a STEM-themed story time. Older children and teens can launch model rockets, fly drones, try out microscopes and build electronic circuits. Visitors of all ages can watch a live weather balloon launch or a chemistry demo show, or hear expert speakers from organizations such as NASA and Argonne National Lab.

As STEM Fest has grown, the range of activities has expanded, as have partnerships with local industry, state agencies and NIU's own students and researchers.

This year, Brynteson and her team are excited to welcome engineers from District 3 of the Illinois Department of Transportation, for example, who will provide hands-on activities to show how science and engineering make a difference in the everyday lives of Illinoisans. They're also pleased to highlight even more NIU student groups, such as Girls Who Code, the Innovation Club, the Game Developer Club and



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the NIU Robotics Club, who will share hands-on demonstrations with visitors.

"By meeting innovative NIU students and industry partners, I hope visitors will see the amazing job possibilities out there," Brynteson said. "Robotics, coding and video game development are more than just fun student clubs – they're growing career fields with many opportunities."

Meta, STEM Fest's premiere sponsor, will again bring the "Be Pro Be Proud" mobile workshop. It features virtual reality simulations of a range of skilled trades, such as welding, plumbing and robotics.

"Skilled tradespeople possess valuable knowledge and skills that propel innovation," Brynteson said. "At its heart, STEM is about recognizing and solving problems in the world – and that's something we need all Illinois youth to do, in every career path."

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LOCAL VIEWS

Por amor a la familia: Rochelle's migrant worker history

IT was in 1945 that Lily's father decided that migrant labor habits would keep his family from gaining roots and his kids from going to the same school with the same friends. He decided to live in one place like a normal family. That was when Natalia, Texas lost a family and Rochelle gained one. Lily was only seven when her family came to Rochelle. Because she spoke English, she spent much of the rest of her life helping other families trying to make the change from a migrant life to a more permanent existence in a new community. For Vinnie it was pickering season, he knew because his father would wake him before the sun rose and he would get dressed to work the fields for a few hours before going to school. Vinnie's dad would work the fields then go to his full-time job in DeKalb. Vinnie, at 11 years old, would fill as many flats as he could before going to school. The family's pay was based on the number of flats they filled. A good picker could fill six flats per

hour. During the period from 1923 through 1932 the pay was 20 cents per hour for male employees and 15 cents per hour for females. This was for any employee regardless of local or migrant status. In any case, the pay broke down to about four cents per flat filled. Rochelle has been a destination for migrant workers for more than 100 years. The 1923 founding of George Stocking's Rochelle Asparagus created a demand for more laborers than the local community could supply. Asparagus harvest is a labor-intensive, hands-on job with a short harvesting period. The hours were long, and the pay was minimal. When work crews were needed the landowner would send out the word that they were hiring field workers. Migrant schooling was provided through organizations such as Home Missions Council in 1947. Eleanor Heron, Rita Nugent, Margaret Pfoff, Marjorie Shelly, and 12-year-old Janet Truax were some of the early teachers. Janet Truax had lived in Columbia for five

years and was fluent in Spanish, the adult instructors frequently enlisted her assistance in translating between teachers and students. Later years saw services provided through the Migrant Council, a non-for-profit organization supported through state and local contributions. Lessons taught consisted of math, reading, writing and health. Primarily the children were provided a safe place to be, meals, and basic learning while their parents worked the fields. Local businesses would prepare by offering Spanish language training for their employees and the community in general. In 1951 Carney and Longenecker, Maginnis, and Sullivan's Clothing offered Spanish terms of the week. Good morning - buenos dias, good afternoon - buenos tardes, good evening - buenos noches, good bye - adios, and each week new terms were added. Spanish students Lavonne Hayes, Mary Connolly, Susan Pierce,

and Romana Carnahan selected the phrases and George Finstad's art class created posters. In later years Federico Rivera would take over the duties of directing the local Migrant Council. Federico had been born in Monterrey, Mexico and came to Rochelle in 1958. He earned a Master's Degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Bi-Lingual Education. Federico was director of the Summer Migrant Program from 1967 through 2003. In 1976 he was appointed Bi-Lingual Coordinator for District 231. For 42 years Federico was an educator and advocate for the migrant community. Employers advertised living facilities for the migrant workers. How could you not want to stay at "Rancho Grande Camp" in Rochelle. The camps were frequently-crowded, dirty, and had no running water or indoor bathrooms. The migrant did have the choice, between living

in the camps or finding rental space elsewhere at a much higher cost. Whether you left your family or brought them with you, the objective was to earn money and any way to reduce cost was paramount. Migrants were hired from several areas including Arkansas, Jamaica, Texas and Mexico. Jamaica was used during World War II, college-age men from Arkansas frequently drove farm equipment to earn money for school, and the men from Mexico and Texas picked the crops. During WWII even German prisoners of war were used to harvest crops. The groups from Texas and Mexico provided the largest percentage of field workers in Rochelle. To this day they also provide the largest group to make the transition from migrant to immigrant. What would drive a person to leave their family and chase the harvest as it moved north from Texas to Canada? To get up before the sun to pick everything from potatoes to grapes, peas to asparagus, and a variety of fruits. Why would anyone live in

a crowded migrant camp with little more than walls and a roof? Those questions can only be answered by those who led the life on the road. For Lily's father it was to provide a stable life for his family. Lily took her father's gift and paid it back by supporting the efforts of migrants that came after her. She helped by finding jobs, places to stay, filling out applications, and even help with legal issues. Lily worked the night shift at Caron Spinning and helped Mexican Americans prepare to become American citizens. Vinnie's father wanted his children to have more than he did. He worked a fulltime job and did field work during the harvest season. 12-hour days and weekends made it possible for his family to live a better life. Today Vinnie is a business owner and raising a family of his own. Why does someone suffer through the life of a migrant? Por amor a la familia. For love of family. *Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum historian and Rochelle city councilman.*



Tom McDermott

The America we see depends on where we stand

WE Americans see ourselves as a deeply-divided nation. 81% of respondents said so in a recent survey by the polling company, Ipsos (April 29, 2024). This election's heated language and prophecies about the death of democracy reflect that belief. Our focus on divisiveness brings to mind a passage from Nicholas A. Christakis's book, *Blueprint*. "Imagine," he says, "Studying two hills while standing on a 10,000-foot-high plateau. Seen from your perch, one hill appears to be 300 feet high, the other 900 feet. "This difference may seem large (after all, one hill is three times the size of the other)..." But, he explains, we're actually seeing "two very similar mountains, one 10,300 feet high and the other 10,900 feet. In other words, what you see depends on where you stand."

We're on that plateau, so to speak, when we observe the fissures that mark America's political landscape. The differences that exist among us rest on a deeper and more important common ground. A survey reported on by Douglas Ahler for the Conversation on Feb. 19, 2020 revealed some of the stereotypes that arise from that limited perspective. Respondents over-estimated the proportions of Democrats who were African Americans, union members, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, atheists, and agnostics. And they exaggerated the prevalence among Republicans of extremely rich people, evangelical Christians, Southerners, and people over the age of 65. A survey about moral stereotypes by Jesse Graham and colleagues, reported in the research journal *Plos* on Dec. 12, 2012, similarly showed that liberals and conservatives overstated the

differences between them in their moral values. "Much of this exaggeration comes from each side underestimating the degree to which the other side shares its own values," said the authors. But participants also tended to believe that even those in their own camp held views that were more extreme than they really were. A poll in 2020 by the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy revealed a consensus that's hard to see when standing on the plateau. Participants of all political stripes gave strong support, at more than 90%, for rights to privacy, voting, free speech, equal protection, equal opportunity, and racial equality. More than 80% considered clean air and water, education, affordable health care, and employment as "essential rights important to being an American

today." More than half, regardless of political party, agreed about the value of racial diversity, the benefits of immigration, the importance of allowing women to make decisions about their bodies and personal life, and the need to regulate social media companies in order to protect privacy. These beliefs and values are part of an American world-view that's unique, even in comparison to other democratic nations. A Pew Research Center survey, reported on Nov. 17, 2012, compared America to Britain, Spain, France, and Germany. Americans expressed a strong belief that individual freedom and the ability of people to achieve success on their own was more important than government guarantees that no one is in need, while the opposite was true among the

Europeans. One of the strongest contrasts between us and the rest of the world shows in our almost absolute belief in the right to freedom of speech. The Pew Research Center reported on Oct. 12, 2016 that "Americans emerge as the biggest supporters of free expression" compared to 37 other nations, and that this support holds across party lines. People in other democratic countries are often perplexed by our protection of offensive speech that's outlawed in their own countries, according to a report on NPR's All Things Considered on Sept. 19, 2012. The contrast with the beliefs and values that Americans share is even more dramatic when we look at non-democratic and partly democratic states, including China, Russia, and Iran, where the world-view is 180 degrees opposed to ours. The disagreements between the two sides in

this election are real and important. I have on my part criticized Donald Trump in previous articles for his anti-democratic tendencies. We must nevertheless resist the temptation in this heated election season to frame it as a life-or-death struggle between pure good and evil. Observing the political landscape from the top of the plateau can be deceptive. MAGA Republicans, progressive Democrats, and all the rest of us stand together, whether we realize it or not, on a deep bedrock of shared values and beliefs. Our future depends on our ability to see that what we have in common is bigger than what divides us. *Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.*



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COMMUNITY



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Roberts Armory WWII Museum awarded at MVPA convention
The annual convention of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association was held from Sept. 11-14 at the EAA facility in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Roberts Armory World War II Museum of Rochelle received the first place award in the motor pool motorcycle division for the museum's 1942 Harley Davidson WLA motorcycle with VL side car. The motorcycles were judged on cleanliness, authenticity and drivability. Lydia Roberts is shown holding the first-place award.

Art quilt exhibit is Oct. 5-6 in Creston

CRESTON — An art quilt exhibit will take place on Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 6 from noon to 5 p.m. in Creston. The Art of Quilts Cherrywood Challenge Monarch Chrysalis Collection will take place at the Creston Booster Club. Admission is \$10. Antique and newer quilts will be shown at St. John's Lutheran and Creston United Methodist Churches. Quilt appraisals by Certified Appraiser Cathy Glover will be available. Please call 815-384-3111 to set an appointment. The cost is \$60 per quilt. Cathy will be at the Creston-Dement Public Library. There will also be vendors during the show.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 18 Amie Eggenburg Terry & Teresa Dodillet (anniversary)	Sept. 19 Madison Wooten	Sept. 23 Jeff & Diana Dickey (anniversary)
	Sept. 20 Jon & Carolyn Bieck (anniversary)	Sept. 29 Lyndsey O'Brien Sarah Kulwicki

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- Aug. 23 - Carol Elliott, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 24 - Mackenzie Hamlink, Amboy, \$25
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Aug. 27 - Acres Bistro, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 28 - Colonial Flowers and Gifts, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 29 - Focus House, \$25
Aug. 30 - Julie Lovett, Steward, \$25
Aug. 31 - Rosaelia Arteaga, Rochelle, \$25
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37 "M*A*S*H" star

39 Pub vessels

41 Sand castle site

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44 Gearwheel tooth

46 Mary Poppins, e.g.

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55 Tic-tac-toe win

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29 Hold sway

30 Icelandic epic

31 Whole lot

35 Trains, buses, etc.

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40 CEO's deg.

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45 Glitz partner

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by Linda Thistle

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: D equals F

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LOCAL NEWS

PARK: Board approves affiliate agreement with Rochelle Basketball Club

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The proceeds from that sale will go towards offsetting the purchase of the new item.

RBC

The board unanimously approved an affiliate agreement with the Rochelle Basketball Club.

The Rochelle Basketball Club hasn't had an official agreement with the park district or The REC Center in the past, RBC President Jeff Dickey said at the meeting. The club looks to meet the needs of basketball athletes of all skill levels in third through eighth grade. The club offers open gyms on Sunday evenings at Rochelle Township High School with those ages that focus on skills and unstructured play.

"We know the only way to get better at basketball is by playing basketball," Dickey said. "We're looking to advance that in this area and set something in stone now so it can continue to be carried on like Rochelle Junior Tackle and Rochelle Little League. We want to provide for these kids and make sure they have space, time and equipment to play."

Dickey said RBC wants to add a girls travel basketball program in the future and RBC Secretary Justin Adolph said he'd like to bring more travel



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basketball tournaments to town. RBC caters to all students in the RTHS school district area.

The REC Center will continue to host boys travel

el basketball in the winter as it has, the RBC will take on the responsibility of coaches and practices. The park district will handle the facilities and RBC

would handle the program, similar to Rochelle Little League or RJT.

Vendors

The board unanimously

approved an exception to its offering items for sale ordinance that will allow No Prep Taco to set up shop as a vendor on Wednesday nights during

flag football games and will also allow Kona Ice of Sauk Valley to act as a vendor on Saturdays at Rochelle Junior Tackle football games.

(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Kish College hosts events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

MALTA — Kishwaukee College commemorates Hispanic Heritage Month with a series of events throughout September and October. Nationally observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the contributions and recognizes the rich culture of Hispanic and Latin Americans.

Kish is excited to announce the College has been designated a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education as of May

2024. Kish qualified for the recognition, with Hispanic students making up 25.1% of the 2021-2022 enrollment.

"We are proud to recently be named a Hispanic Serving Institution for our growing, multicultural community. We are dedicated to fostering and promoting a positive learning environment for all our students," said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, president of Kishwaukee College.

The College's Hispanic Heritage Month events are free and open to the public.

Monday, Sept. 16 — Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff (Art Gallery) — Join Kish for cultural refreshments, music, student artwork and a virtual tour of artist Frida Kahlo's childhood home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Kishwaukee College Art Gallery.

Monday, Sept. 16 — Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff (Guest Speaker Saul Flores) — Storyteller and social innovator Saul Flores will share his inspiring journey and powerful message during the event from 5-7:30 p.m. in Jen-

kins Auditorium, A1224. The evening includes a Folklorico dance performance, a question-and-answer session with Flores, and post-event fiesta bites. The event is sponsored by TRIO Student Support Services and TRIO Upward Bound.

Saturday, Sept. 28 — Men's and Women's Soccer Matches — Support the Kougars as the women's and men's soccer teams honor Hispanic Heritage Month in collaboration with Student Involvement. The men's

game is at noon, and the women's game is at 2 p.m. on the Kish soccer field.

Monday, Oct. 7 — Spanish Game Night — In collaboration with Latinos Unidos, join Kish from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Lounge for games, laughter and language.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 — Create Your Own Maracas — Shake up your creativity from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Inter-cultural Center, C1132, for the Create Your Own Maracas event.

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Kishwaukee College is one of 75 adult education providers funded through the Illinois Community College Board. Programs offered at Kish include English as a Second Language, Illinois High School Diploma, Bridge and workforce transition courses.

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diploma. Kish's available workforce transition programs help students apply their new skills and knowledge with career exploration and planning, job search assistance, job skill development and more.

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Registration for Kish's second eight-week adult education classes will be available Oct. 7-10. To register or learn more, contact adulthood@kish.edu or 815-825-9420 or visit kish.edu/adulthood.

SPORTS



HUB GOLFERS AWARDED
Rochelle's Ian Metzger and Alex Dyer medaled at the ACC Charger Invitational.
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RTHS Football Hubs now 3-0 after win over Highland

Rochelle offense dominates in 41-22 victory at Tucci Stadium on Friday night

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

BLOOMINGTON — Dominance on offense remained the theme for the Rochelle Hub varsity football team during its nonconference matchup against the Highland Bulldogs on Friday night.

Three Hubs rushed for over 100 yards and the Rochelle defense held Highland scoreless during the first half. In a neutral site matchup at Illinois Wesleyan University's Tucci Stadium, Rochelle rumbled for nearly 400 rushing yards and continued its perfect start to the season, beating the Bulldogs 41-22. The Hubs (3-0, 0-0 Interstate 8) were in full control offensively, scoring on all six offensive drives while gaining 26 first downs and averaging nearly 7 rushing yards per carry.

"We want to come into every game on a good note," senior center Colton Czekala said. "We get after it every day and something coach [Kyle] Kissack talks about is getting better everyday. We have a good mentality going into practice and that's where we've excelled. We pride ourselves up front on long drives and playing physical football. We stay hungry and we're never satisfied."

Rochelle's defense took



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Dylan Manning (left) follows a convoy of blockers during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against the Highland Bulldogs on Friday evening. Manning was one of three running backs to exceed 100 rushing yards as the Hubs won 41-22.

the field to start the game, forcing Highland (1-2, 0-0 Mississippi Valley) into a three-and-out to give the football to the offense, which wasted no time establishing its superior rush-

ing attack. Rochelle melted nearly seven minutes off the clock on its opening drive, which went 72 yards on 12 plays and concluded with a 6-yard touchdown run from sophomore Dylan

Manning. Manning rushed for 119 yards and two scores on 15 carries in the victory.

Penalties were an issue for the Bulldogs, who saw a potential game-tying

touchdown wiped off the scoreboard late in the first quarter due to an ineligible man downfield call. Rochelle's defense took advantage of the Highland mistakes, with Manning

intercepting an end-zone pass from Bulldog quarterback Blake Gelly on the second-to-last play of the opening quarter.

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RTHS Volleyball Rodeghero breaks all-time kills record at Byron Invitational

Senior outside hitter leads Lady Hubs to victories against Byron and Forreaston

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

BYRON — Rochelle senior Taelynn Rodeghero was a freshman when she shared the volleyball court with former Lady Hub standout and current Eastern Illinois University athlete Sylvia Hasz. As a newcomer to the varsity team and someone who had only been playing volleyball for a short time, Rodeghero learned under the senior leadership of Hasz, who by her last year at RTHS was a two-time All-Conference honoree and an MVP award winner for the Lady Hubs.

Hasz concluded her time at RTHS as the volleyball program's all-time record holder for career kills with 644. That changed on Saturday afternoon, as Rodeghero surpassed Hasz's record after a strong individual performance during the Byron Invitational, where she collected 51 kills over five matches and led the Lady Hubs to wins over Byron and Forreaston. Now a senior herself, Rodeghero has stepped into the leadership role that Hasz once held at RTHS.

"This has been something I've been working for since the summer,"

Rodeghero said. "Sylvia's strongest skill on the court was her volleyball IQ and the way she thought about the game. She knew where to hit the ball and where to set the ball. She shared that knowledge with me and she had positive energy all of the time. It didn't matter if we were losing or playing bad, she was constantly encouraging everyone. That rubbed off on me and now that I'm a senior, I want to help all of the girls, freshmen through seniors. I want them to grow throughout their journey."

Rodeghero officially broke the record in Rochelle's first match of the tournament, recording 14 kills to lead the Lady Hubs over the Tigers 25-17, 25-17. Junior Meredith Bruns dished out 17 assists and senior Dempsey Atkinson totaled six digs for the Lady Hubs, who followed their opening-round win with a 25-19, 25-22 victory against Forreaston, with Rodeghero notching six kills and eight digs. Rodeghero, who had minimal experience playing volleyball before high school, attributed her record-setting success on the court to her offseason work, which has included more time in the weightroom and with the VC United club



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Senior Taelynn Rodeghero is now the Rochelle Township High School all-time career kills record holder for the varsity volleyball team. Rodeghero broke the previous record of 644 set by Sylvia Hasz.

volleyball program.

"I knew I really had to grind in the weight room and in the gym," Rodeghero said. "I really wanted to break the school record and I

set my mind to it. It feels like a breath of fresh air and I'm really proud of myself and my coaches, teammates and parents for pushing me... It's been about my mindset

and both my family and my coaches have taught me how to be strong mentally so I could persevere through tough situations during the game. I've gained more

knowledge about the game, but it's my mindset that's allowed me to become a better player."

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RTHS Golf Hub duo medals at ACC Charger Invitational Dyer, Metzger lead Rochelle to fourth place on Saturday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

AURORA — Success off the tee box and on the greens enabled sophomore Alex Dyer to take second place individually and lead the Rochelle Hub varsity golf team to fourth out of 13 schools during the Aurora Central Catholic Charger Invitational at Phillips Park Golf Course on Saturday.

Dyer fired a 4-over-par 75 and was one of two players to medal for the Hubs at the 18-hole tournament, which featured several area schools including Ottawa, Yorkville and Plano. Junior Ian Metzger medaled in eighth place with a 7-over-par 78 as Rochelle (9-2, 4-0 Interstate 8) recorded a final team score of 334. In addition to his success off the tees and on the greens, Dyer said that a calm mental state allowed him to finish strong over the final few holes.

“I was able to stay in my head and keep the nerves away toward the end of the round,” Dyer said. “It was a very driver-friendly course, but once

I moved down toward the green, I knew I couldn’t miss too far left or right because out-of-bounds would come into play. I was able to hit my driver very well and I putt the ball very well. I thought the greens were very simple.”

Sophomores Owen Carmichael and Johnny Chadwick rounded out the top four scores for the Hubs on Saturday, with Carmichael shooting an 88 and Chadwick carding a 93. Senior Chris Hickey added 103 and sophomore Connor Lewis totaled 106 for the Hubs, who will conclude Interstate 8 Conference play with a home match against Ottawa at Fairways Golf Course on Tuesday. A win would result in Rochelle finishing undefeated in conference matches this fall.

“I’m playing with a lot of confidence right now, especially with the conference meet next week and then regionals,” Dyer said. “I’m hoping that I can qualify for sectionals and state. We have a lot of good talent this year and we’re posting good scores as a team. Everybody



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Junior Ian Metzger (left) and sophomore Alex Dyer (right) each medaled to lead the Rochelle Hub varsity golf team at ACC Charger Invitational on Saturday.

is really confident right now and I feel like we can compete with any team in our conference.”

RTHS Girls Tennis Rochelle takes two points from Streator Lady Hubs avoid shutout against Rockford Lutheran

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

STREATOR — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team took two of the three doubles matches during its nonconference road match against Streator on Saturday afternoon.

Seniors Catherine Williams and Erin Murphy cruised for a 6-2, 6-2 win over Indy Hernandez and Joyce Walking at the No. 1 doubles court. Seniors Abby Metzger and Lauren Dyer united for a hard-fought victory over Audrey Arawbwa and Audrey Mahan at the No. 2 doubles court, outlasting the Streator duo for a

7-6(4), 5-7, 10-6 win. The Bulldogs took both singles matches as well as the No. 3 doubles match, however, lifting Streator to a 3-2 win over the Lady Hubs.

Senior Yaretzi Villalobos fell 0-6, 0-6 against Maddie Wahl at the No. 1 singles court. Senior Kendyl Darby took one game in a 1-6, 0-6 loss against Isabelle Gutierrez at the No. 2 singles court. Seniors Natalie Wagner and Sydney Carmichael nearly won their No. 3 doubles match against Annie Michlik and Aubrey DeMoss, falling just short in a 3-6, 6-1, 4-10 defeat. Rochelle (2-5, 1-1 Interstate 8) will return to

action with a home match against Dixon on Monday.

Lutheran

Senior Kendyl Darby brought home the lone match win for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team during Thursday’s nonconference match against Rockford Lutheran.

Darby earned the start at No. 2 singles for the Lady Hubs, outlasting Rockford Lutheran’s Nina Delmundo for a 7-5, 6-4 victory. The win highlighted Rochelle’s 4-1 loss to the Crusaders, who swept all three doubles matches and claimed the No. 1 singles match to score the team

victory.

Senior Abby Metzger started at No. 1 singles, taking six games in a 3-6, 3-6 loss against Violet Sjostrom. Junior Ashley Lozano and senior Yaretzi Villalobos played a hard-fought No. 3 doubles match against Hailey Robins and Izzy Hallgren, falling 6-7 in one set. Seniors Natalie Wagner and Sydney Carmichael took six games in their 3-6, 3-6 loss against Kysa Mikel and Ava Buczkiewicz at No. 2 doubles, while seniors Erin Murphy and Catherine Williams claimed one game in their 0-6, 1-6 loss to Melissa Hillman and Megan Hillman at No. 1 doubles.

St. Paul Lutheran School

(COURTESY PHOTO)



Crusader runners Farraj, Rowley medal at Lancer Invitational

The St. Paul Lutheran School cross county team raced in the 1.5-mile Lancer Invitational in Freeport over the weekend. Eight Crusader runners participated, with Esam Farraj and Reed Rowley earning medals for their efforts in the varsity boys race. Farraj won the race with a time of 8:30 and Rowley took ninth place. Among the participants were Lucas Bunger, Leylani Farraj, Grant Rowley, Keilon Salazar and Benediktas Grigaliunas.

RTHS Boys Soccer Hubs win at DeKalb Rochelle beats Barbs 5-3

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

DEKALB — Junior Kevin Orozco and senior Alberto Casillas each scored two goals to lead the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team during Saturday’s nonconference match against DeKalb.

Senior Fernando Diaz added one goal and one assist for the Hubs, who overcame deficits in both shots and shots on goal to beat the Barbs 5-3. Rochelle (4-4-1, 0-1 Interstate 8) won the match despite DeKalb owning a 29-16 advantage in shots and a 21-8 advantage in shots on goal. Junior Antonio Hueramo recorded eight saves for the Hubs, who will resume their conference schedule with a road match against

the Kaneland Knights on Monday evening.

Orozco scored in the 47th minute to give the Hubs a 1-0 lead over the Barbs in the second half. Rochelle extended its advantage after Orozco assisted Casillas in the 53rd minute, but DeKalb answered with a goal in the 57th minute. Diaz and Orozco connected for a goal in the 60th minute and DeKalb answered with a goal in the 70th minute to bring the match to a 3-2 count.

The Hubs clinched their win behind a goal from Diaz in the 74th minute and a goal from Casillas in the 80th minute. Casillas finished with five shots and three shots on goal, while Diaz totaled four shots and two shots on goal. Orozco compiled three shots and two shots on goal.

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HUBS: Rochelle defeats Highland to start season with 3-0 record

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Rochelle regained possession after the turnover and extended its lead on a 39-yard touchdown run from junior Roman Villalobos, who exploded through the middle and outraced the Highland defense to the end zone. Villalobos rushed for 149 yards and three scores for the Hubs, who continued to shut down Highland's quick passing game throughout the second quarter.

"I wouldn't have gotten any of those yards without my linemen," Villalobos said. "They were making the right calls and finding the right guys to block in order to open up holes for me. Our confidence goes up with each snap, but we know that we can't get too excited. It all starts at practice for us. We've stayed locked in and we've been focused on the right things."

The Hubs closed the opening half with a 74-yard scoring drive that was kept alive by a big second-down throw from senior quarterback Carson Lewis, who connected with senior tightback Grant Gensler near the Highland sideline for a 38-yard gain. The catch-and-run by Gensler, who had 152 total yards and 114 rushing yards in the game, moved the Rochelle offense into the red zone, where Villalobos punched in a 5-yard rushing touchdown to keep the Hubs rolling.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

A group of Rochelle Hub defenders including seniors Elijah Harley (left) and Brandyn Metzger (middle) swarm to tackle a Highland ball carrier during the varsity football game against the Bulldogs on Friday evening. Rochelle's defense didn't allow a point in the first half.

The second half was more of the same from the Rochelle offense, which overcame multiple procedural penalties to string together a 13-play, 88-yard scoring drive midway through the third quarter that erased almost seven minutes of game clock. Gensler gave the Hubs a 27-0 lead with a 6-yard touchdown run off the left side of the line of scrimmage. Highland receiver Blake Reinacher caught an 18-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter for the first Bulldog score.

Rochelle sealed its win in the fourth quarter, where a personal foul call on Highland led to a 19-yard rushing touchdown from Manning. Villalobos was the final Rochelle player to reach the end zone, barreling forward for an 8-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter. While the Bulldogs found their rhythm on offense in the fourth quarter, where Highland scored a pair of touchdowns, Rochelle's large lead from the opening half was enough to keep the Hubs ahead.

Junior linebacker Gavin Neale and senior linebacker Ethan Goodwin tied for a team-high six tackles for the Hubs, who will begin conference play with a tough matchup against Sycamore at home next Friday. The Spartans are also 3-0 on the season with wins over DeKalb, Oswego East and Mahomet-Seymour. Sycamore held off the Hubs for a 21-6 victory last season.

"We need to make sure we have our eyes on the right guys and we have to keep bonding as a team," Villalobos said. "If we protect ourselves and stick together, I think we can beat them."

RTHS Football



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Rochelle Hubs fall in low scoring fresh-soph matchup against Byron Tigers on Monday evening

The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football team suffered its first loss of the season on Monday evening, when the purple and white hosted Byron in nonconference action. Freshman Cohen Haedt connected with sophomore Brody Bruns for a 30-yard touchdown pass, but the Tigers scored two touchdowns to beat the Hubs 14-6. Sophomore Cooper Holmgren finished with two tackles for loss, while sophomore Keegan Cathina added seven tackles and an interception to lead the defense. Rochelle is now 3-1 on the season. Above, sophomore Angel Hernandez (left) and sophomore Keegan Cathina (right) each take their turn running the football.

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VBALL: Rochelle falls in three-set match to Genoa-Kingston

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Rochelle finished second in its pool after concluding the pool round with a 24-26, 15-25 loss against Fulton. Despite a promising start to the tournament, Rochelle was unable to build on its early momentum, conceding a 23-25, 25-20, 9-15 loss to Genoa-Kingston before bowing out with a 17-25, 19-25 loss against Milledgeville to end the tournament in eighth place. The Lady Hubs were without senior setter Ali Ohlinger, who's out with a knee injury. With Ohlinger sidelined, Rodeghero will only see her already large role on the team continue to grow. "Ali is a huge role model and leader on the team," Rodeghero said. "I know I need to be there for the rest of the team and it's tough to lose a big part of our team, but we need to think about how to persevere and grow through that. She's still helping us from the sideline and I think we're going to grow stronger as a team. I think we'll figure out a way to get through it."

One player who stepped up alongside Rodeghero was Bruns, who had 12 assists against Fulton before adding 18 assists against both Genoa-Kingston and Milledgeville. Rochelle (9-6, 0-0 Interstate 8) will begin conference play against Sycamore at home on Tuesday night.

Genoa-Kingston

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team did its best to fight back during Monday's non-conference match against Genoa-Kingston. Despite a strong second set led by senior Taelynn Rodeghero, who recorded a double-double with 13 kills and 15 digs in the match, the Lady Hubs struggled to find their rhythm without injured



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Jaydin Dickey attacks from the right side during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball match against Genoa-Kingston on Monday evening.

senior setter Ali Ohlinger, falling to the Cogs 18-25, 25-17, 16-25 in a rematch from Saturday's tournament in Byron.

Genoa-Kingston controlled most of the opening set, capitalizing on receive errors and other mistakes by the Lady Hubs, who deployed a new rotation of players with Ohlinger sidelined for a knee injury. Rochelle responded early in the second set, however, opening the set with a 6-1 run that was sparked by a string of kills from Rodeghero, who attacked the Cogs from the outside.

"When we lose a player like Ali, it's obviously go-

ing to hurt us," head coach Molly Sly said. "But she's here and she wants to see the team succeed. She's cheering the girls on during practice and she has a great attitude. She's leading our huddles and I think the girls are coming in each day ready to work for her. They have the type of mentality where they want to win for her."

The Lady Hubs extended their second-set lead with the Grand Valley State University commit Rodeghero at the service line, forcing a Genoa-Kingston timeout with Rochelle ahead 16-6. Juniors Meredith Bruns and Jaydin Dickey shared setting duties on Monday evening,

with Bruns dishing out 13 assists while Dickey added 11 assists. Defensively, Rochelle committed far fewer errors in the second set, with senior libero Dempsey Atkinson anchoring the back row.

"I think this is great for Taelynn," Sly said. "It puts a lot on her shoulders, but I think that's good for her and I think she needs to have a lot of weight on those shoulders and continue rising to the challenge. She did that over the weekend and she played really well tonight. I think this will only make her better for when she goes on to play four more years of volleyball."

Atkinson collected a team-high 19 digs for the Lady Hubs, who closed out the second set in decisive fashion before entering the third set, where Rochelle received an offensive boost from sophomore Briel Metzger. Normally out of the rotation, Metzger has seen her role increase with Ohlinger sidelined. The sophomore finished with six kills, most of which came in the third set.

"Briel wants it and I see how she watches and learns from the bench," Sly said. "She takes everything our coaches and players say to her and she learns from that. She wants to put what

she learns into action right away and I think she brings a fire for the three rotations she's in."

A pair of blocks from Rodeghero and junior Audyn Kemp helped Rochelle hold a 15-13 lead over the Cogs late in the third set. But as was the issue in the first set, unforced errors hurt the Lady Hubs down the stretch, as a lengthy service rally from Genoa-Kingston led to an 8-0 run that required two Rochelle timeouts to stop the bleeding. The Lady Hubs were unable to recover, however, with the Cogs ending the match on a 12-1 run after trailing by two.

Rochelle Junior Tackle

(PHOTOS BY ROBIN RETHWILL)



Rochelle Junior Tackle football teams host Dixon at Helms Park on Saturday afternoon

The Rochelle Junior Tackle football teams faced Dixon at Helms Park on Saturday afternoon. The 8th Grade team is now 5-0 on the season after defeating the Junior Dukes 38-20. The 7th Grade team fell 14-6 to move to 1-4 on the season and the 6th Grade team conceded a 20-6 loss to fall to 3-2 on the season. The 5th Grade team earned its second win of the season, improving to 2-3 after a 20-14 victory on Saturday. Above, eighth-grader Mikey Chadwick (left) rushes toward the outside and seventh-graders Bentley Svela and Roger Navarro (right) combine for a tackle on defense. Below, sixth-grader Landon Johnson (left) runs through an arm tackle and fifth-grader Greyson Dettman (right) looks upfield for a big run.

ASHTON NEWS

4-H Kids with Heart exhibit showcases youth talent

DIXON—Illinois Extension and Lee County 4-H are thrilled to announce the upcoming 4-H Kids with Heart Exhibit, a special event dedicated to celebrating the creativity, compassion, and community spirit of our local 4-H members. The Open House will be held on Friday, Oct. 4, from 6-8 p.m. at The Next Picture Show, and we invite the public to join us in recognizing these young artists.

The 4-H Kids with Heart Exhibit will feature various projects created by our 4-H members. The judges selected these projects at the 2024 Lee County 4-H Show in July.

“Our 4-H members are learning valuable life skills and developing a deep sense of responsibility and empathy for others,” said Katie Baker, program coordinator. “The Kids with Heart Exhibit is a wonderful opportunity for the public to see firsthand the dedication and creativity of these young people.”

This event is free and open to the public, and we encourage everyone to come out and support our 4-H members. The 4-H Kids with Heart Exhibit is part of our ongoing efforts to engage youth in meaningful activities that promote personal growth, leadership, and community involvement. We proudly showcase the hard work and dedication of our 4-H members and look forward to sharing their achievements with the community.

For more information about the 4-H Kids with Heart Exhibit, please get in touch with Katie Baker at (815)857-3525 or kmcbr2@illinois.edu. You can also visit us on social media for updates, Lee County 4-H.

Rep. Fritts completes 2024 Summer Tour across District 74

DIXON — State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) has officially ended his 2024 Summer Tour. Rep. Fritts made 42 stops consisting of traveling office hours, coffee & conversation events, local business tours, and more.

“My main priority as a State Representative is to advocate for the people of District 74,” Fritts said.

“That is why I spent my summer speaking with hundreds of constituents about the issues impacting them every single day. From business owners to community leaders to educators and everyone in between, I am proud to have spent my summer engaging with the incredible people who make up this district. All of the feedback I received will help guide my legislative efforts when I return to Springfield next spring.”

Rep. Fritts’ 2024 Summer Tour consisted of the following stops and events: Autism Center of Sauk Valley (Dixon), Castor Home Nursing (Sterling), Down Range LLC (Rochelle), IFH Group (Rock Falls), Kelly’s (Sterling), Lee County Health Department (Dixon), Lee County Fair (Amboy), Leland Economic Development Meeting (Leland), Luna (Rochelle), Northern Illinois Home Medical Supply (Dixon), Northern Illinois Center for Independent Living (Sterling), Marquis Inc (Hennepin), Morningside of Sterling (Sterling), Ogle County Fair (Oregon), Oliver’s Corner Market (Dixon), Rock Falls Chamber Legislative Update (Rock Falls), Rock River Hospice & Home (Sterling), Rooney’s (Franklin Grove), Sterling Steel (Sterling), Village of Lee 100th Anniversary (Lee), Whiteside County Fair (Morrison) and 7:24 Fitness on the Rock (Rock Falls).

Coffee & conversation events: Franklin Grove, Shabbona, Amboy, Polo, Rochelle, Sterling, Rock Falls and Mendota.

Traveling office hours events: Ashton, Franklin Grove, Paw Paw, Mendota, Malta, Creston, Rochelle, Rock Falls, Sterling, Earlville, Waterman, and Shabbona.

For more information about Representative Fritts, visit RepFritts.com.

Local 4-H Extension office releases fall event schedule

DIXON — The Lee County 4-H Extension office recently released its calendar of events for this fall.

Pumpkin Planters, Sept. 28 | 9:30-11 a.m., Sauk Valley Community College

Fall pumpkins are a nice addition to any entryway. Learn how to intensify your planters with live and faux flowers for that boost of color for your entryways. Participants will create a pumpkin planter of their own with instruction from Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Bruce Black. Cost: \$29. (Ages 18 & Up) Registration is required online at: go.illinois.edu/CommunityEdSVCC.

Making a Meaningful Nursing Home Visit, Sept. 30 | 12:30-1:30 p.m., Lee County Council on Aging, Dixon

This workshop given by Illinois Extension is designed to help participants identify with nursing home residents, and to recognize the emotions that may be preventing quality visits. Practical ideas for making visits more valuable and enjoyable will also be shared. Registration not required but recommended.

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Child Care University is a series of workshops for childcare providers. Join us for a day of learning, fun, and great presenters. You will receive tons of information you can put to work in your childcare setting. Register at: go.illinois.edu/ChildCareU

Communication Challenges and Strategies for Helping People with Dementia, Nov. 4 | 12:30-1:30 p.m., Lee County Council on Aging, Dixon

When a relative or friend has dementia, communication can be very difficult as the disease advances. In this workshop given by Illinois Extension participants will learn about common communication problems caused by Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias and identify strategies for better interactions and visits. Registration not required but recommended- call LCCOA 815-288-9236 to sign up. Call Kara at 815-632-3611 with any questions or for reasonable accommodations.

Bullet Journaling, Nov. 6 | 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sauk Valley Community College

While our lives may be constantly on the move, and the convenience of having so much at our fingertips in digital form, there is a great deal of benefit to putting pen to paper. Join Illinois Extension and learn the benefits of bullet journaling. It can help organize life tasks, thoughts, and feelings, help identify stressors, help process emotions and intrusive or avoidant thoughts, gain insight and confidence, and promote empathy. Supplies are included. (Ages 13 & up) Cost: \$12

Register online at: go.illinois.edu/CommunityEdSVCC

Winter Terrariums Youth Workshop, Dec. 7 | 9:30-11 a.m., Sauk Valley Community College

Join Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Bruce Black to explore terrariums. Winter can be a monotone time of the year. Plants are a great source of color to brighten those blues. Students will learn how to create a winter terrarium to make your holiday season a little greener. These winter terrariums would make a great holiday gift. For ages 10 and up. Supplies included and cost is \$20. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/CommunityEdSVCC

Pumpkin Centerpieces, Oct. 12 | 9:30-11 a.m., Sauk Valley Community College

Pumpkins are one of the symbols of fall. Add some new flair to your decorating by creating a focal point for your table. With Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Bruce Black, participants will learn how to make a centerpiece for any table, witches brew station, or favorite haunt. Supplies are included. (Ages 16 & Up) Cost: \$29. Registration is required online at: go.illinois.edu/CommunityEdSVCC.

Childcare University, Nov. 2 | 8-3:30 p.m., Sauk Valley Community College

Embark on a global journey with “Passport to the World” at Sauk Valley Community College! Do you have a passion for travel and a curiosity about different cultures? Join Illinois Extension for an enriching program where you’ll explore diverse countries and traditions from around the globe. Held on October 9 & 23 from 6-7 PM this interactive series invites participants to discover fascinating facts, traditions, and landmarks from various countries. For ages 8-12 and a fee of \$10. Registration is required online at: go.illinois.edu/CommunityEdSVCC.

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Dixon man arrested for driving under the influence

HARMON — On Sept. 5, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office received a call of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of U.S. Route 30 and Harmon Road in rural Harmon. Investigating deputies learned a 2022 Mack semi-tractor driven by Roger A. Auten, 62, of Creston, Iowa was traveling east bound on U.S. Route 30. Larry W. Browning, 74, of Dixon was also traveling east bound on U.S. Route 30 in his 2018 Ford Fiesta, when Browning attempted to overtake the Mack tractor. Larry struck the Mack tractor when merging back into the east bound lane causing both vehicles to lose control. Both drivers were checked out by medical personnel at the scene. Larry was taken into custody for driving under the influence of alcohol and issued a citation for improper traffic lane usage. The Lee County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by Dixon Rural Fire Department and Advance EMS Ambulance Services.

Lee County Sheriff’s Office announces results of Labor Day safety campaign

DIXON — The Lee County Sheriff’s Office successfully stepped up enforcement efforts over Labor Day weekend. 14 seat belt citations were issued, with four occurring during nighttime hours. Other citations and arrests included four speeding citations, nine other citations for vehicle code violations and two warrant arrests.

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office collaborated with other law enforcement agencies and highway safety partners across the state for the Illinois Labor Day “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Drive High. Get a DUI” campaign.

This effort was part of the statewide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,” “Drive High. Get a DUI” and “Click It or Ticket” initiatives, funded by federal highway safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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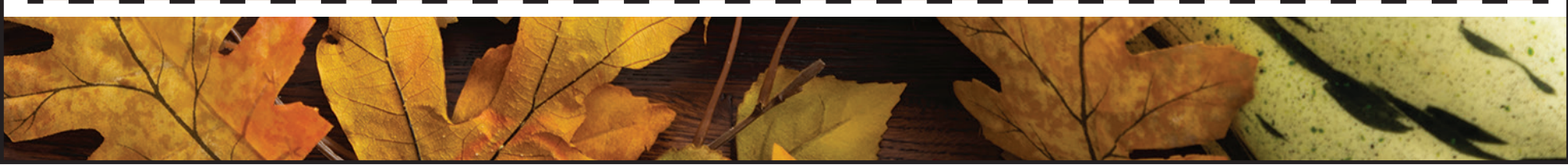
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**Morgan
DeLille**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Volleyball

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

A: I've played volleyball for around four years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: I love the intensity and I love how you have to be ready for anything.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Health because I want a career in medicine and health.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Alex Morgan because she's an amazing soccer player and she's also No. 13 with an awesome last name.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My mom because she reminds me that God has my back. She's also an extremely hard worker, she never gives up and she's truly selfless.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a firefighter/EMT because I want to help and provide hope when I show up to an issue.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Alaska and Hawaii because those are the only two states I haven't been to.

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

A: I enjoy the options and the opportunities that RTHS provides.



**Preslee
Sanders**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Volleyball

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

A: Three years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: All of my friends on the team who uplift and support me.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: English because I love to read and write.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Caitlin Clark because she shows determination as an athlete and hard work is what's made her successful.

Q: Who is your biggest role

model and why?

A: My parents because they are very hard working and they are always there for me.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: I want to be a doctor or a surgeon.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: The Bahamas because I love the beach and being in the sun.

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

A: The amount of support and opportunities that people are given to achieve what they want.

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