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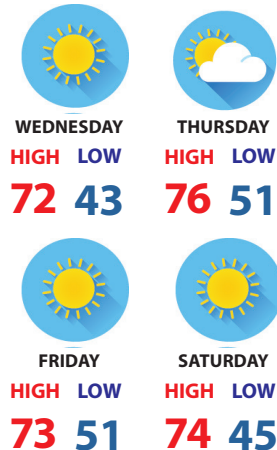
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Valenzuela wins pageant

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RPD's Pink Patch Project sales underway Fundraiser honors Officer Ryan Kovacs' late mother

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Police Department's Pink Patch Project fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month during October is taking place again this year and sales of t-shirts and patches are underway.

The department is selling t-shirts for \$25 and pink RPD patches for \$10. To make a purchase, call or visit RPD at 416 N. 6th St. 815-562-2131 (cash/check only, payable to Rochelle PD Pink Project) or 926 Custom Embroidery at 404 Lincoln Highway 815-561-9500 (cash/credit card). Sweatshirts and hoodies are also available through 926 Custom Embroidery.

All proceeds will be donated to the Living Well Cancer Resource Center in Geneva, in honor of RPD Officer Ryan Kovacs' late mother, Tammy Kovacs, who passed away from breast cancer in December 2015. Kovacs started the fundraiser in 2021. About \$16,000 has been raised since.

"It's meant a lot to me," Kovacs said. "We couldn't do this without the support of the community and the fact that they're willing to invest their money and time to support a cause that's



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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near and dear to my heart means the world to me. It means other people care and want to support the people

that need it the most."

RPD officers will also be wearing hats with pink badges on the front and

ribbons on the back while on duty.

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RCH holds annual cookout for employees and community 'It's a way to say thank you to our employees and the community...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Thursday, Sept. 26, Rochelle Community Hospital hosted its annual cookout for employees and the community. The event is in its third year and is hosted by RCH's Food and Nutrition department.

Offerings included burgers, footlong hot dogs, polish sausages, ribs, veggie burgers, mac and cheese, coleslaw, loaded potato salad, and brownie or banana sundaes.

"This is our annual event for our employees and the community to come out and have lunch," RCH Food and Nutrition Manager Ross Pullom said. "We grill for them and we have sides and dessert. It's a good price. It's a way to say thank you to our employees and the community for supporting us all year."

Pullom said the event takes a lot of preparation and has gotten larger each year. RCH wants to provide tasty, nutritious food to the community, more than just its employees and patients.



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The RCH Food and Nutrition department offers a catering service and opens its cafeteria to the public for lunch and dinner. It also has hosted a farmer's market in the past and offers nutrition

initiatives for employees.

"We like doing outreach to the community," Pullom said. "A lot of people in the local community come here for lunch and dinner. People in the apartments across the

street come here for lunch and dinner a lot. It's convenient and quick for them and it's good quality food at a good price. We do things like this because we're a community-involved

hospital. We want the community involved with what we do here. Healthcare is of course our priority for our patients, but we also want to provide different services for the community."

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LOCAL NEWS



St. Paul Lutheran School hosts annual Color Fun Run fundraiser

On Friday, St. Paul Lutheran School hosted its annual Color Fun Run fundraiser at Atwood Park. The event is one of St. Paul's biggest fundraisers of the year and the money goes back to funding curriculum at the school. Students of each grade level ran around the walking path at the park and took part in obstacle courses and activities, all while tie-dyeing their shirts. (Photos by Jeff Helfrich)

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2024 Crop marketing program scheduled for Nov. 20

ROCK FALLS — The Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a crop marketing outlook on the evening of Nov. 20; at the Days Inn, Rock Falls. "Managing Tight Crop Profit Margins" is a two-hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through this year into next.

Dr. Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension farm management

specialist, will facilitate the program. Steve has served as the farm & ag business management specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

He specializes in topics related to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly 15,000 in attendance.

Steve uses web sites

such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media. Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

During the two-hour program producers will examine the following topics: Global Supply/Demand & Crop Price Outlook, Utilizing Futures Price & Crop Insurance, Implications for US Elections & Farm Bill, Implementing a '24-'25 Marketing Plan, Estimating '24 Crop Profit Margins, and Feature 7 Strategies to Manage Tight Margins.

This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation. It will present producers with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options and position their marketing plan for profit protection. Market, global and recent economic factors will be examined and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations.

Pre-registration is required. To register for the program call 815-732-2231 or email cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net. Program begins at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20; Days Inn, Rock Falls.



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LOCAL NEWS

CHAMPLEY: Ogle County animal control adminstrator retires after 28 years

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“But I’ll have plenty of other things to occupy my time. I’ll continue to stop in and say hi. It just felt like the right time. I’m 77 years old. It was time for someone else to take a turn at it.”

Champley applied for the animal control administrator position in 1996 after one of the employees in the office asked him to after the previous administrator left. Champley finds it hard to believe that 28 years have gone by since. He liked working with the staff, so he kept doing it, “I think everyone in the department does a great job,” Champley said. “People don’t really understand the importance of animal control. 60,000 people die of rabies in the world every year, but most of them are in third-world countries. About 10 or less die of it every year in the U.S. That number is 10 or less because of the work animal control does. We vaccinate dogs and we don’t have stray dogs running around getting rabies. People don’t

realize how important it is until their dog has to be quarantined or their child gets bitten.”

One of the most satisfying parts of animal control work is helping to find homes for stray dogs through local animal shelters, Champley said.

“It’s very rare that county animal control euthanizes a stray dog,” Champley said. “I’m proud of that. Unfortunately a lot of the public thinks if animal control picks up a dog that it’ll be put down. That just isn’t the case, and we work very hard with the vet clinics in the area to make sure we find good homes for these dogs.”

Another misconception about animal control Champley wants to put to bed is that pet owners are made to buy tags just for the county to make money. “The money supports the department,” Champley said. “It’s supported strictly by tag fees. We get no money out of the county budget at all. Our budget comes from tags. We don’t make people vaccinate their dogs for the money.



Dr. Thomas Champley recently retired from his position as Ogle County Animal Control administrator after 28 years of service. Champley was honored for his service since 1996 at the Ogle County Board's Sept. 17 meeting.

We’re trying to make sure that we never have any rabies in people.”

Champley grew up on a farm and animals have always been a part of his life. But being in animal control and the veterinary field yields just as much interaction with people as it does with animals.

“I always tell anyone interested in veterinary medicine, yes, it’s important that you love animals, but it’s more important that you like people,” Champley said. “Because you’re going to have to deal with a lot of people. You’re not just dealing with animals. It’s people too. I think it’s important to enjoy people too.”



As a locally-owned and headquartered community bank, Stillman Bank values every opportunity to give back to their communities. In partnership with FHLBank Chicago and its Community First® Program, they are honored to award Little Hubs Learning Center an Accelerate Grant for Small Businesses, totaling \$15,000.

Little Hubs Learning Center of Rochelle awarded \$15,000 grant through Stillman Bank

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Little Hubs Learning Center, an accredited and licensed daycare center, opened its doors on Jan. 3, 2023. The facility is owned by Ron and Joni Spartz and their daughter, Kristin Spartz Barlow, serves as director of the learning center. Children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old are welcomed into the Little Hubs Learning Center off of 15th Street in Rochelle, which has a 142-child capacity.

Through FHLBank Chicago’s member institutions, like Stillman Bank, Accelerate Grants assist the growth and development of small businesses in Illinois and Wisconsin. All grant recipients are small businesses that make a difference in their community, and funds are intended for the following purposes:

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For more information on Stillman Bank or to find out more about Stillman’s products or services, visit www.stillmanbank.com. To learn more about FHLBank Chicago and their Accelerate Grants, visit www.fhlbc.com. For more information about Little Hubs Learning Center, you can follow them on Facebook.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Johnson

ROCHELLE — Mary Ann Johnson, age 88, passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, IL. Mary Ann was born on October 10, 1935 in Cape Girardeau, MO, the daughter of Louis and Pauline (Probst) Koechig. On June 29, 1952, she married Donald Walter Johnson in Hernando, Mississippi; he preceded her on October 20, 2020. Mary is also preceded by her parents, her son, Donald Jr. On

February 24, 2022; four brothers: Gene, Robert, Lloyd and Leo Koechig and four sisters: Shirley Paul, Lucille Lee, Lenora Pawlak and Imogene Mattson.

Mary Ann was a hard worker. She worked for Caron's International, Del Monte followed by Swift Meat Packing. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mary Ann also enjoyed playing slot machines, going out to eat and in her younger years, shopping.

Mary Ann is survived by her daughter, Terry (Tom) Harvello of Rochelle; daughter-in-law, Linda Johnson of Rochelle; two grandchildren: Kim (Greg) Johnson of Sycamore, IL and Brian (Lindsay) Johnson of Kirkland, IL and four great grandchildren: Madeline Hanson and Emma, Rylee and Hudson Johnson.

The visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M., Friday, October 4, 2024 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St.,



Rochelle. The service will follow at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Brandon Arneson officiating. Burial is at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. A memorial will be established. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Dean George Lechner

ROCHELLE — Dean George Lechner, 84, longtime resident of Rochelle passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024. Dean was born on January 26, 1940, the son of Urban and Louise (Schmitz) Lechner in Streator, IL. On January 9, 1960, he married Rosalie C. Grasser in Mt. Palatine, IL. She passed before him (September 17, 1939–May 10, 2002). Dean worked as a truck driver for Sunbeam and then for Burren Transit for 27 years.

Dean was a member of the St. Patrick's Church, an active 4th Degree Knight of Columbus member, active member of the Rochelle Moose Club, and a member of the Rochelle VFW Post 3878.

Dean and Rosie raised six wonderful children on a farm in rural Rochelle.

There were five boys and one wonderful and patient daughter who put up with the silly boys. All six children attended Kings Elementary School and Rochelle Township High School. Dean and Rosie are preceded by a very big family including, son, Raymond (Bryon Farmer) Lechner, son, Rodney (Karen) Lechner and their six children: Ashley (Travis) Wray, Ryan (Shirley) Lechner, Amber Lechner, Chris (Tiffany) Lechner, Zach Lechner, Ben (Jamie) Mershon and 16 great grandchildren; daughter, Dianne (Jim) Vogeler and their three children: Jake (Kendall) Vogeler, Nathan (Carly) Vogeler, and Mallory (Nick) Wisebrook and four great grandchildren; son, Richard (Joanne) Lechner

and three children: Cody (Nicole) Lechner, Jordan (Erica) Lechner, Caity (Ricky) Hall, and five great grandchildren; son, Robert (Dee Ann) Lechner with two children: Austin (Monica) Lechner and Hanna (Michael) Saxton, with three great grandchildren; son, Russ (Jen) Lechner with seven children: Travis Lechner, Megan Lechner, Makayla (Nathan) Black, Jessica Lechner, Robert Lechner, Aaron Bussan, and Adrienne Bussan, and six great grandchildren. In summary, Dean leaves behind six children, 22 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren, with more on the way. He is also survived by his brother, Don (Marilyn) Lechner of Streator, IL and sister, Elaine Luackh of Cumming, GA.

In addition to his par-



ents and wife, Rosie, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Norbert and Danny Lechner.

Services will be at St. Patrick's Church, 236 Kelley Drive, Rochelle on Monday, October 7, 2024. Visitation will be at 10:00 AM, followed by a mass at 11:00 AM. Burial will be at St. Patrick Cemetery in Rochelle. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Serenity Hospice and Home or St. Patrick Catholic Church.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On Sept. 28, deputies and the Franklin Grove Fire Department responded to the 3000 block of East Dugdale Road for the report of a single-vehicle crash. After conducting an investigation, it was learned Clark Peden, 43, of Sterling, was traveling east-bound when he drove into a ditch striking a culvert. Peden was placed under

arrest and cited for driving under the influence of alcohol. Peden was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was additionally cited for driving under the influence/BAC over .08, illegal transportation of alcohol, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, and improper lane usage. Peden was processed and released on

a notice to appear.

On Sept. 29, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After investigation, deputies placed Kelly Manning, 43, of Belvidere, under arrest for no valid license. Manning was additionally issued a citation for speeding. Manning was released on a notice to appear at the scene and given a future court date.

On Sept. 29 at approximately 4:07 a.m. deputies responded to Roy Avenue in Hillcrest for a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, Diana L. Sil-

va-Ramos, 29, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for domestic battery. Silva-Ramos was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of an appearance before a judge. Additionally, Dorian-Michael J. Reed, 28, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for possession of a firearm with no FOID and for possession of ammunition with no FOID. Reed was transported to the Ogle County Jail before being released on a notice to appear and provided a future court date.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On Sept. 25, Juan F. Pizano Cacique, 35, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 63 in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 25, Damian Larduet Borrego, 34, of Rochelle was cited for a headlight violation and for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 25, Terrence C. Evans, 18, of Malta was cited for speeding 52 in a 30 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 25, David M. Thick, 21, of Mt. Morris 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. 25, Brandice D. Bruce, 32, of Rockford was cited for disregarding a stop sign. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 27, Devontae Foat, 22, of Rockford was arrested for driving while license suspended. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 26, Rosa Givens, 55, of Rochelle was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 26, Joshua Andrzejewski, 34, of Rochelle was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 26, Randy Leifheit, 45, of Waterman was cited for speeding 56 in a 45 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 26, Julie Owens, 66, of Rochelle was cited for improper lane usage. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 26, Melissa Contreras, 40, of Rochelle was cited for no valid registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 25, Maria Hermosillo, 44, of Mendota was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 25, Timothy Krause, 44, of Boone, Iowa was cited for failure to yield. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 25, Jennifer True, 46, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 42 in a 30 miles per hour zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 25 at 7:20 p.m. a 16-year-old juvenile of Rochelle was cited for speeding 51 in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 28 at 1:36 a.m. Alexandre Reed, 25, of Rochelle was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 28 at 10:23 a.m. Harsha V. Kosuru, 28, of DeKalb was cited for speeding 51 in a 35 miles per hour zone. He signed a

promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 28 at 11:05 p.m. Juan A. Gonzalez Caceres, 35, of Racine, Wisconsin was arrested for driving with no valid license and cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 1:05 a.m. Sylvester S. Johnson Kirksy, 28, of Rochelle was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 8:09 a.m. Joshua S. Harmon, 23, of Steward was cited for no valid registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 2:46 p.m. Joshua J. Kayser, 43, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Sept. 29 at 10:42 a.m. Haily N. Kerns, 24, of Creston was cited for speeding 63 in a 45 miles per hour zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 11:56 a.m. Sean A. Ballard, 23, of Evergreen Park was cited for speeding 65 in a 45 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 1:14 p.m. Raymond H. Beardin, 40, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 2:14 p.m. Nathan T. Cardinal, 24 of Genoa was cited for no insurance and expired registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 8:27 p.m. Sandra A. Perez Florez, 27, of Chicago was cited for no insurance. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 9:01 p.m. Leila M. Rhynes, 18, of Belvidere was cited for speeding 70 in a 40 miles per hour zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 29 at 9:15 p.m. Cynthia Pacheco, 20, of Rochelle was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 30 at 9:51 a.m. Alphonse G. Delatorre, 53, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released on a notice to appear with a Nov. 11 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. Larry K. Nass, 64, of Rochelle was cited for failure to yield right of way to an emergency vehicle. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 30 at 1:58 p.m. Felix Vega, 53, of Rochelle was arrested for two Ogle County warrants and transferred. Vega was also arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for suspended registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 30 at 6:38 p.m. a 17-year-old juvenile of Rochelle was arrested for criminal damage to property.

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ASHTON NEWS



Ashton-Franklin Center fifth and sixth-graders make pocket hearts for younger students

On Sept. 10, Ashton-Franklin Center Elementary School kindergarten and first graders got a special surprise. The fifth graders and sixth graders have been reviewing their sewing skills in the art room and made little friendship pocket hearts for the little kids to keep. These are a keepsake that they can tie on their lunch or tie on their backpack or even keep in their pocket to remind them that everyone at school cares about them. The big kids “hid” them on the playground and the little kids went searching. (Courtesy photos)

Victim of fatal train incident identified

NELSON — On Sept. 25, an autopsy was conducted on the male victim of the train fatality from the previous day. Fingerprint records identified the victim as being 31-year-old Omar Arroyo of Chicago.

Investigators were able to locate family members in Chicago and notify them of his passing. The investigation into the incident revealed that Mr.

Arroyo jumped in front of the train as it approached. The incident took place on Sept. 24 at 8:10 a.m. when the Lee County Sheriff’s Office responded to a call of a male trespassing on the railroad tracks.

The subject was walking along the tracks about a mile west of Wadsworth Way and Railway Road near Nelson. Deputies located the body of the male along the railroad tracks,

and it was determined that he had been struck by a passing train. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services, the Dixon Rural Fire Department, the Dixon City Fire Department, the Lee County Coroner’s Office, and Union Pacific Railroad.

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Goldman named AFC Raider of the Week

The Ashton-Franklin Center School District recently named Kyle Goldman its Raider of the Week for the week of Sept. 20. Goldman was recognized for persevering during a particularly challenging art assignment. Students are being recognized with the award this year for be helpful, respectful, improving, trying hard and more. (Courtesy photo)

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LOCAL VIEWS

The history of roller skating in Rochelle

TWO gentlemen, Mr. Neff and Mr. Loomis, finally secured the land they needed to build their newest venture. The location was on Washington Street (today's Lincoln Highway) across from the Milne and Loomis Lumber Yard. Construction began on a 50-foot by 84-foot skating rink at Lincoln Highway and Second Avenue. Roller skating was coming to Rochelle. Roller skating had become popular in the 1880s with two advancements in the construction of the skates. Rubber wheels were developed in 1859 and 1863 the four-wheel skate added ease and stability to ability to turn. Roller skating became so popular that many skaters had invested in their own skates. Sadly, the skating rink suffered a disaster only five months after opening. On a bitterly-cold December night the rink caught fire. Mr.

Neff rushed to the scene but was only able to save 50 pairs of roller skates, the building was lost.

The next mention of a roller-skating rink was in 1916 when C.L. Hyde constructed a new rink at Washington Street and First Avenue. Hyde's Skating Rink lasted only a few years but the desire to skate stayed constant. When Hyde's closed, skating rinks jumped from one building to another. The Coliseum (Hub City Furniture) opened an area on the second floor for roller skating. By 1922 skating had moved to the Old Foundry Building on East Cherry Avenue. The foundry had been home to Malleable Iron Works in 1876 and later a poultry picking plant. With large open spaces the foundry was used for high school basketball games and roller skating. Again, a major fire put a quick stop to skating in Rochelle. In 1922 the foundry burned

to the ground and was never rebuilt.

Roller skating saw a resurgence in 1930s and Rochelle businessmen responded with the Palace Roller Rink on First Avenue in 1935. The Palace offered skating for 10 cents an hour or 25 cents for the night. Joseph Askvig owned the Silver Gardens Skating Rink at 1072 Lincoln Avenue. At the end of 1940 Walter Stacey stepped in as manager of the Silver Gardens rink. The Silver Garden catered to overflow crowds.

Another skating rink opened at 617 Lincoln Ave. above Peter's Garage in 1947. The 55-foot by 60-foot space featured a record player and a soft drink stand. Jim Peters, Glen Taylor, and Robert Ewbanks were the managers of the Peter's rink. One cannot imagine the

shenanigans those fellows initiated.

It was 1950 when William Kassul decided to install a roller-skating rink and dance hall above the Kroger store on North Sixth Street. This location, 302 N. Sixth St., would be the home of Rochelle skating for the next 30 years. When Kassul opened his rink it was titled Rochelle's Skating Rink. He noted in his opening advertisement that he was receptive to suggestions for a new name. Over time the skating rink changed hands frequently. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Canella took possession of the rink in 1952 and renamed the facility Roller-arcade Skating Rink. The Canellas' spiced the place up with the addition of an organ. The Canellas' managed the rink from 1952 until 1959 when Glenn and Millie Shippert



Tom McDermott

bought the rink and kept the name Roller-arcade Skating Rink. After five years the rink was again sold, this time to Jim Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe remodeled the skating rink and slightly modified the name, Jim Wolf Roller-arcade offered a family-friendly skating experience. Roller skating saw another jump in popularity in the 1970s. A crazy new music fad arrived and seemed uniquely fitted to roller skating. If you are over 50 you probably remember the disco ball flashing overhead as you attempted to balance on one foot to impress your friends. Don and Fran Salen bought the roller rink in 1971 and the name was changed to Rochelle Roller Rink. Don and Fran had been professional skaters and brought great enthusiasm to the business. The Salens offered a variety of activities including various skating lessons.

Many will remember the Muscular Dystrophy Marathon Skate-A-Thon and how cool they felt when they skated to the end. Rochelle Roller Rink officially became Triple R Roller Rink in 1972 and carried that name until the final closing of the doors. The final owner was Fred Bressette who owned the building until 1994.

The building had been constructed in 1920 as the James Sherlock Garage. After 74 years the building was showing a lack of maintenance. The roof was collapsing and the floors were sagging by as much as a foot. The building was beyond salvage and in 1994 it was torn down. There has not been a skating rink in Rochelle since but for many the memories of flying around the rink still brings a smile to their faces.

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

Consider this: Independence and impartiality

WHAT were your feelings or response to this statement made by former President Trump? "I'm not going to use the name anymore just one time," Trump said after mentioning the president. "Damage that he's done to this country is unthinkable, unthinkable. Together, we will restore vision, strength, competence and we're going to have a thing called common sense making most decisions." See: /www.newsweek.com/trump-rnc-speech-key-quotes-big-moment-1927406 for more information. Do you know what damage he is talking about? How do you feel about the economy since COVID-19 is now mostly under control? Is the high level of the stock market hurting you? Are your taxes higher than they have been? You'll probably mention the prices at the supermarket. They have certainly been much higher in the last few years. Even some other daily necessities are higher priced. Was this

the fault of the current administration? If so, what did they change to cause this? Most say it was the blowback from COVID-19 and concerns about transportation costs. What could anyone have done differently?

Prices now are much more stable. Yes, they are still higher. I agree with Vice President Harris' concern, however, with price gouging and trying to manage that. Do you agree that some of these prices are due to gouging? If not, then what is causing the problem? Why are some staying so high, yet we are seeing everyday gas prices going down? I may be wrong, but I would ask why gas prices are going down if the biggest cause of rising costs for other needs is due to transportation costs?

Many may say that it is wages. However, history has shown that it is not necessarily true. The International Monetary Fund says, "We conclude that an acceleration of nominal wages should not necessarily

be seen as a sign that a wage-price spiral is taking hold." See: www.imf.org/en/Publications/WP/Issues/2022/11/11/Wage-Price-Spirals-What-is-the-Historical-Evidence-525073 for more information. You would need to do more research on this to come to your own conclusion. I am, thankfully, not an economist.

One thing we do know is this is not an American event. It is a world event. COVID-19 pushed the world towards recession. America did better than most of the world's countries but not all. The stimulus checks did lessen the recession's effects but were also a part of the inflationary thrust. See: crrsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46460. This article is quite involved, but can give you a picture of how the stimulus checks affected the recession and inflation. So, as we are getting over a pandemic like

COVID-19, we must experience some sort of hardship. It's inevitable. It's good that we did not experience a deep recession like we did back in the 1980s. Some of us were paying 12 to 15% for mortgages. These were the days I remember. Nor have we experienced the super high inflation rates of some other countries. Our country has gone through these situations many times in the past and has learned from each. In none of these situations has anyone that I remember said we have done unthinkable damage to this country and its economy.



Reed Harris

Former President Trump had another comment in the article from Newsweek mentioned in the first paragraph. Newsweek: "With talks of unity coming from both sides of the aisle, the former president put blame on the Democratic Party for fueling political division "at a level that nobody has

ever seen before" among the American electorate.

The article continues: "In that spirit, the Democrat Party should immediately stop weaponizing the justice system and labeling the political opponent as an enemy of democracy, especially since that is not true," Trump said. "In fact, I am the one saving democracy for the people of our country." I'm glad it isn't possible for the president to weaponize our country's assets in this way. The Justice Department is certainly led by a presidential appointee, but that's where any control stops. Once appointed, the president can provide suggestions to their pick of attorney general, but that's the extent of any influence. In their organization, mission, and functions manual for the Department of Justice (DOJ), it states: "Independence and Impartiality. The Justice Department works each day to earn the public's trust by following the facts and the law wherever they may lead, without prejudice or im-

proper influence." This can be found at: www.justice.gov/doj/organization-mission-and-functions-manual#:~:text=The%20Justice%20Department%20works%20every%20day%20to%20provide%20the.

There can be no weaponizing of the DOJ. However, if someone has been found to be breaking the laws of the United States, then they must not only be tried in court, but also have their day in court. So, the attorney general will not just say a person has been breaking the law and leave it at that. He will then assign his attorneys to develop a case and bring it to trial. They must then prove their case in front of a judge or jury, or the party charged is found innocent.

If you do not agree with some or all this opinion, it is my hope that you will write your own response to this or write your own opinion. Therefore, in the true spirit of our great democracy, we can see both sides of the issue and make the important decisions we must make in November.

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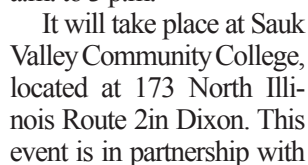
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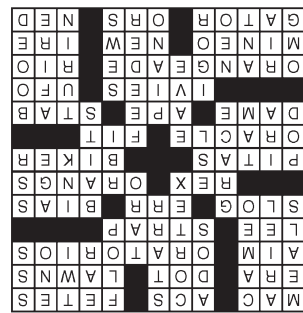
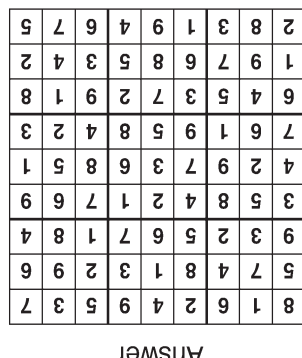
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LOCAL NEWS

KOVACS: Fundraiser entering fourth year, has raised \$16,000

From page 1

Officers and dispatchers help Kovacs during the month of October by making sales and raising awareness. Rochelle Township High School Resource Officer Jim Jakymiw and Kovacs are also working to establish a scholarship at RTHS in honor of Tammy Kovacs.

"It's awesome to know that my coworkers care and that they're invested in something as much as I am," Kovacs said. "It means everything to me. It's great when one of them comes in and tells me they sold 15 shirts for me without me even asking. It's more money we can give. It means a lot."

Over the years with the fundraiser, Kovacs has seen people reach out with interest in t-shirts and patches from all 50 states, which he couldn't believe. When he first started the fundraiser, he hoped to raise \$500-1,000. October is now his busiest month with organizing sales and awareness.

"It's definitely a labor of love," Kovacs said. "I start planning in June and July and talking with 926 Custom Embroidery and figuring out a t-shirt design and getting stuff ordered and getting promotional material. I never thought I would raise \$16,000. I can't put it into words. I just wanted to do it for my mom and it's grown and more people are helping me and it's getting bigger and we're talking about scholarships and other things. Every year it gets bigger and it's more work. But I'm willing to do it if it helps people. We appreciate everyone's support."

The Living Well Cancer Resource Center is near and dear to Kovacs' heart because his mother spent time there taking part in its services during her treatment. The center offers cooking classes, art classes and therapy classes and drives those fighting cancer to their doctor and chemotherapy appointments.

Kovacs said he's enjoyed seeing The Living Well Cancer Resource Center expand its services over the years as he's given donations.

"They offer all sorts of services to people that need it so they don't have to go through it alone," Kovacs said. "Because cancer sucks to go through. My mom was sick a lot and didn't want to leave the house. They'll go pick people up and get them involved so they don't have to suffer alone. Sometimes you donate to places and have no idea where it's going. When I go there, I can see how they're spending the money on helping people. They were great to my mom and helped her with everything so she didn't have to deal with it alone. She loved that place, so I wanted to repay them for the love and support they showed her."

Kovacs said along with t-shirt and patch sales and donations, he hopes he and RPD can raise awareness during October so maybe someone is moved to get a mammogram, or someone going through breast cancer knows that they're not alone.

While October means raising funds for a good cause and spreading positivity for Kovacs, the month brings up emotions and memories of his mother



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Rochelle Police Department is selling t-shirts for \$25 and pink RPD patches for \$10. To make a purchase, call or visit RPD at 416 N. 6th St. 815-562-2131 (cash/check only, payable to Rochelle PD Pink Project) or 926 Custom Embroidery at 404 Lincoln Highway 815-561-9500 (cash/credit card). Sweatshirts and hoodies are also available through 926 Custom Embroidery. Below is Tammy Kovacs, late mother of Officer Ryan Kovacs.

each year. Next year will be 10 years since her passing. He hopes he's making her proud.

"I hope she's looking down from above and saying, 'My son is doing a good thing and I raised him right,'" Kovacs said. "It's a happy time because I get to help people, but at the same time it's emotional. Because I miss my mom. I'd trade anything in the world to have my mom come back. This is my way of keeping her memory alive and showing her that she raised a good son who wants to help people. My mom's thing was always, 'Be kind to others.' She believed what you put into the world is what you get back. I hope to put some good into the world."



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SPORTS

GOLFERS EARN HONORS
The Rochelle Hub golf team had two award winners at the Sterling Invitational.
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RTHS Football Hubs bounce back at LaSalle-Peru

Rochelle runs for seven touchdowns and forces three turnovers in 48-20 win

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

LASALLE — The Rochelle Hubs didn't let a tough defeat linger when they took the field for their Interstate 8 Conference road matchup against the LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers on Friday evening.

Looking to bounce back from a home loss to Sycamore, Rochelle returned to the dominant form it showed over the first three weeks of the season, rushing for seven touchdowns and forcing three turnovers to roll over LaSalle-Peru 48-20. The Hubs (4-1, 1-1 Interstate 8) rumbled for 426 rushing yards and averaged 8.4 yards per carry en route to their first conference win this fall. Rochelle will host the Morris Redskins in a crucial Interstate 8 matchup next Friday at 7 p.m.

"We were told before the game that it was about us this week," said senior safety Elijah Harley, who finished with six tackles and an interception in the game. "We needed to come out and get a big win so we could bounce back from that loss last week... We have to look at the film and take what Morris gives us. Hopefully we'll be able to make some plays and get

another win."

LaSalle-Peru (2-3, 0-2 Interstate 8) moved the ball just beyond midfield before an incomplete pass on third down forced the Cavaliers to punt. Rochelle took advantage of the defensive stop, scoring on its first drive of the game, which went 85 yards on eight plays and concluded with a 6-yard touchdown run from senior tailback Grant Gensler. Running behind an experienced line featuring four seniors, Gensler rushed for a team-high 200 yards and three scores in the win.

"We were nastier than they were and we wanted it more than them," said senior lineman Kaiden Morris, a four-year starting guard who also had five tackles on defense Friday evening. "The staple of our program has always been about being nasty and getting off the line. I thought we did that really well and that's why we won the game. We're all clicking and our backs are phenomenal. It's easy to block for guys who can read things perfectly and score touchdowns."

The Hubs carried a 6-0 lead into the second quarter, where LaSalle-Peru threatened to score after a string of successful passes

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Ethan Goodwin makes a tackle during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against LaSalle-Peru on Friday night. Goodwin had 10 tackles and an interception as the Hubs beat the Cavaliers 48-20.

from freshman quarterback Marion Persich moved the ball inside the Rochelle red zone. Faced with a second-and-goal scenario at the 3-yard line, the Hubs delivered a clutch stop, with Harley tackling Persich and forcing a fumble that junior linebacker Brode Metzger recovered to end the drive

and take the Cavalier offense off the field.

A fumble on Rochelle's next possession gave the ball right back, but the Hubs once again stood strong defensively, with Harley intercepting a third-and-goal pass toward the end zone and returning the ball near midfield. The turnover led

to more points for the Hubs, who scored their second touchdown on a 30-yard run from sophomore wingback Dylan Manning. The play began with a pitch to Gensler, who then handed the ball to Manning on a reverse for the score.

"Coach [Zick] called for man coverage and they ran

three hitches, so I drove on the ball and made a good play," Harley said. "We've really chosen to lock in on defense during practice and we've made the plays we've needed to make. We're letting our effort show on the field."

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Rochelle Junior Tackle

(PHOTOS BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

Rochelle Junior Tackle teams combine for three victories against Streator Junior Bulldogs on Saturday
The Rochelle Junior Tackle football teams faced the Streator Junior Bulldogs on the road Saturday, Sept. 28. The 8th Grade Team remained undefeated and moved to 7-0 with a 44-0 victory, while the sixth-graders defeated Streator 12-6 to move to 4-2-1 overall and the fifth-graders shut out Streator 22-0 to reach 4-3 on the season. The seventh-graders conceded a 36-6 loss to fall to 1-6 overall. Above, eighth-grader Tyler Rowe (left) sets a block for teammate Riley Smith and seventh-grader Elijah Underwood (right) runs with the football. Below, sixth-grader Noah Hayden (left) evades defenders and fifth-grader Johnathan Lilly (right) makes a tackle.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Warning signs of domestic abuse

HOPE of Ogle County is celebrating 40 Years of giving hope to survivors of domestic abuse. All services provided by HOPE are confidential and there are no fees for services offered. HOPE is available 24/7 (815-562-8890) and there is an advocate to provide immediate support and safety information. Counseling services for adults, teens and children are offered in Rochelle, Polo and Oregon. Court advocacy is also available in Ogle County. Services are available in Spanish and Language Line is utilized as well. Emergency shelter services and resources are also available.

Domestic abuse is a serious issue that is more prevalent than people may realize. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States.

People experiencing abuse of domestic abuse often feel helpless against their aggressors. Those experiencing domestic abuse are not alone and there is support and help.

Anyone can help by

learning to recognize the warning signs that someone is being abused, and WebMD notes that such signs include:

- Excuses for injuries
- Personality changes, like low self-esteem in someone who had previously been a confident individual
- Constantly checking in with their partner
- Never having money on hand
- Overly worried about pleasing their partner
- Skipping out on work, school or social outings for no clear reason
- Wearing clothes that don't align with the season, such as long sleeve shirts in summer to cover bruises
- Scratches in their neck
- Domestic abuse does not have to be physical, often emotional abuse and controlling behaviors are the most difficult to contend with
- Concerned individuals also can learn to spot the warning signs of abusive and controlling partners, family members and caretakers. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, people who use abusive in relationships come from all groups, cultures, religions, and economic

backgrounds. In fact, the NCADV notes that one study found that nine out of 10 abusive persons had no criminal records and were generally law-abiding outside their homes. That can make it hard to spot, though the NCADV indicates that abusive personalities may exhibit certain warning signs, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Extreme jealousy
- Possessiveness
- Unpredictability
- A bad temper
- Cruelty to animals
- Verbal abuse
- Extremely controlling behavior
- Antiquated beliefs about gender roles within relationships
- Forced sex or disregard of their partner's unwillingness to have sex
- Sabotage of birth control methods or refusal to honor agreed upon methods
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According to the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, "A woman who has suffered a nonfatal strangulation incident with her intimate partner is 750% more likely to be killed by the same perpetrator...with a gun." If you or someone you know has been strangled medical attention and immediate safety planning is important.

Anyone who is experiencing abuse or suspects a loved one or acquaintance is in an abusive relationship is encouraged to call HOPE of Ogle County at 815-562-8890, the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline and Text Line 877-863-6338, or National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 800-787-3224 (TTY).

Recognizing and reporting child abuse

NO one wants to imagine a scenario in which a child is threatened or unsafe. Unfortunately, children confront abusive situations every day.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines child abuse as any emotional, physical mistreatment, neglect or sexual abuse perpetrated by an adult in a role of responsibility on someone who is under the age of 18. Everyone, whether they have children of their own, work with children or even people who do not routinely interact with children, can do their part to protect children by learning to recognize the warning signs of child abuse.

In many instances, school officials and teachers are some of the first people to recognize potentially abusive situations in children's

homes. The general public can educate themselves about possible signs of child abuse; they may be a abused child's only advocate. Here are some signs of potential physical and emotional abuse.

- Unexplained injuries, such as bruises, and marks around the neck.
- Bruising behind the ear.
- Depression or excessive crying.
- Sudden changes in the child's behavior or demeanor.
- Poor hygiene and self-injury.
- Lack of energy or constant hunger.
- Increase in attention-seeking behaviors.
- Increased absences from school.
- Witnessing an adult pinching to inflict pain, slapping or tripping a child.
- Witnessing an adult threaten to

harm a parent or caretaker.

- Knowledge of an adult withholding sleep, food or medication from a child.
- Seeing a child flinch when touched.
- A child wearing inappropriate clothing for the season to cover up injuries.

Individuals are urged to act if they suspect a child is being abused. People should contact their local child protective services agency and local law enforcement.

For Illinois reports of suspected child abuse. Illinois Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873)

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SPORTS

St. Paul Lutheran School



Farraj, Rowley lead Crusader runners during Immanuel Lutheran Dundee Invitational

The St. Paul Lutheran School cross country team had two runners place during the Immanuel Lutheran Dundee Invitational. Both boys recorded personal bests on a wet hilly course in East Dundee. Esam Farraj finished second with a time of 11:54 and Reed Rowley clocked in with a time of 12:57. (Courtesy photo)

RTHS Cross Country Harriers race at Rock River Run Johnson, Koziol lead Rochelle on Saturday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

STERLING — The Rochelle Township High School varsity cross country team traveled west for the annual Rock River Run at Hoover Park in Sterling on Saturday, Sept. 28. The Hubs finished 17th out of 18 schools, while the Lady Hubs took 16th out of 19 schools in the

5,000-meterrace. Rochelle will return to action at the Genoa-Kington Matt Walter Invitational on Tuesday evening.

Freshman Tyler Johnson led the Hubs in the varsity race, finishing 23rd out of 197 runners with a time of 17:05.10. Junior Declan McGee took 68th with a time of 18:02.40, while juniors Levi Waddle, Elijah Mayen and Johnny Mo-

rales clocked in at 20:51.80, 21:04.60 and 21:08.40.

Junior Annaliese Koziol led the Lady Hubs on Saturday, finishing 22nd out of 164 runners with a time of 21:02.20. Sophomore Vivian Worthington placed 93rd with a time of 24:53.80, while juniors Rose Luxton and Mary Chadwick took 94th and 103rd in 24:58.00 and 25:19.40.

RTHS Boys Soccer Hubs concede shutout at Belvidere Hueramo nets five saves as Rochelle falls 3-0

BY RUSSELL HODGES
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BELVIDERE — The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team faced Belvidere in a nonconference road match on Saturday morning. Rochelle conceded a goal in

the first half and was unable to rally from the deficit, allowing two second-half goals in a 3-0 loss to the Bucs. Junior goalkeeper Antonio Hueramo finished with five saves for the Hubs (8-8-1, 3-2 Interstate 8) on Saturday.

Belvidere took a 1-0 lead after scoring the first goal of the match during the 22nd minute. Leading 1-0 entering the second half, Belvidere extended its advantage with unanswered goals during the 57th and 79th minutes.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Keegan Cathina takes on two defenders during the Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football game against LaSalle-Peru on Friday. Rochelle won 36-12.

HUBS: Varsity and F/S teams earn wins over LaSalle-Peru on Friday

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Manning accumulated 108 rushing yards for the Hubs, who led 14-0 before a 1-yard touchdown run from LaSalle-Peru's Adrian Arzola late in the second quarter put the Cavaliers on the scoreboard. Rochelle finished the first half with a physical drive that featured several carries for junior fullback Roman Villalobos, who ran for 92 yards on Friday night. A 19-yard touchdown run from Gensler capped off an 11-play, 80-yard drive to give Rochelle a 20-6 halftime lead.

More explosive runs from Gensler highlighted the opening drive of the second half for the Hubs, who went ahead 26-6 early in the third quarter after a 29-yard touchdown rush from the senior tailback, who took advantage of gaping holes created by the Rochelle offensive line. Trailing by three scores, LaSalle-Peru was unable to respond on offense, as mounting pressure from the Rochelle defensive line forced multiple incompletions, including one on a fourth-and-7 play.

"We switched from a three-man front to a four-man front in the second half

and that was big for us since that gave us an extra rusher," said Morris, who helped the Hubs record three tackles for loss and two sacks on defense Friday night. "That helped a lot because we threw their offensive line off and they couldn't adjust on the fly, which helped us get some pressure."

The Hubs continued to grind down the LaSalle-Peru defensive front during the third quarter, where Manning broke through the left side of the line of scrimmage for a 30-yard touchdown run before senior quarterback Carson Lewis threw to senior tight end Jack Pavlak for the 2-point conversion to give the Hubs a 34-6 lead. Rochelle ran for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, where Villalobos sprinted for a 26-yard score and senior Jordan Bly added a 2-yard plunge.

Senior linebacker Ethan Goodwin compiled a team-high 10 tackles on Friday and intercepted Persich in the fourth quarter, returning the ball to the 2-yard line to help the Hubs seal their win over the Cavaliers. Junior linebacker Gavin Neale totaled five tackles and a sack for the Rochelle defense, which limited LaSalle-Peru to only 89 rushing yards in

the victory.

Fresh/Soph

The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football team scored five touchdowns during its 36-12 win over LaSalle-Peru on Friday evening. It's the first conference victory of the season for the Hubs (4-1, 1-0 Interstate 8), who will play at Ottawa on Friday, Oct. 18.

Sophomore Brody Bruns finished with seven tackles, including two tackles for loss, while freshman Sebastian Albertson collected two sacks to lead the defense. Freshman Elijah Schweitzer added five tackles and one tackle for loss in the win over the Cavaliers.

Rochelle led 16-0 after a 5-yard touchdown run from freshman Andrew Eyster and a 6-yard touchdown run from sophomore Tyler Gensler. Later in the game, Rochelle scored on a trick play, with sophomore Keegan Cathina taking a pitch and firing a pass to sophomore Warren Schweitzer for a 60-yard touchdown.

The Hubs sealed their win with a 1-yard touchdown run from sophomore Angel Argueta and a 55-yard touchdown run from freshman Luke Chadwick.

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BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC – Davis Junction Landfill, will hold a public meeting on Monday November 4, 2024, to discuss a modification to the facility's RCRA Post-Closure Permit, which was submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on September 27, 2024. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Company's permit modification application, which requests modifications to extend the facility's post-closure period by 10 years.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Davis Junction Landfill is required to conduct an informational public meeting to present the information on the requested permit modification and to answer questions regarding the modification. The meeting will be held from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on Monday November 4, 2024, in the meeting room of the Rochelle Public Library, 619 4th Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois, 61068. In accordance with applicable Federal and State regulations, this notice is to provide information to interested parties regarding this permit modification request. The publishing of this notice begins the 60-day comment period, which extends through December 1, 2024. The permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Agency contact person identified below. Please send comments on this permit modification request to Ms. Sarah Brubaker at the address below. Additional information regarding this permit modification request may be obtained by contacting the following individuals representing the IEPA and the Davis Junction Landfill. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Sarah Brubaker
Community Relations Coordinator Office of Community Relations
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 Sarah.Brubaker@Illinois.gov
(217)786-0790
BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC – Davis Junction Landfill
Jim Hitzereth
Environmental Manager
26W580 Schick Rd.
Hanover Park, IL 60133-6762
Copies of the permit modification request may be reviewed during business hours at the Julia Hull District Library at 100 Library Ln., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 and at the Office of County Board Chairman, Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. 5th Street, Suite 321, Oregon, IL 61061.
No. 1001
(October 2, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN) STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY CASE NUMBER 2024 MR 31 REQUEST OF: MARIELA GODINA TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice. There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for these children:
Alejandro Victor Alvarado to the new name of Alejandro Victor Godina. Court date will be November 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, Courtroom 304. Mariela Godina. No. 1002 (Oct. 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

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