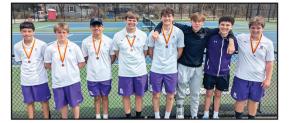
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City changes code to allow for data centers 'You're talking hundreds of millions of dollars in investment...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH

MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its March 10 meeting, the Rochelle City Council unanimously approved an ordinance amending its zoning code to allow for language on data centers and data warehousing.

Data center developments have become more prevalent recently and the city desired to be proactive in its zoning usage and requirements. The changes made data centers a permissible use in I-1 light industry, I-2 general industry and I-3 heavy industry zoning districts and defined data centers in the city's code. The change would streamline a potential data center's development process and developers will now not be required to go before the city's planning & zoning commission and council for a special use permit.

"We made that change to our code because we have data centers that are looking at locating in Rochelle and we want to make sure we streamline the process and ensure that they're able to actually locate in industrially-zoned areas," City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. "We want to



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make it as easy to develop in Rochelle as possible. The data center industry is exploding right now and there's a lot of interest in our area because of our proximity to power transmission lines and our substations. It just seemed to make sense to ensure that our code allowed for it. Our code shouldn't hinder data centers in Rochelle.'

Fiegenschuh said March 27 that the city has had discussions with five data center developers about potentially locating in Rochelle, two of which are "extremely interested."

Adata center is a building, a dedicated space within a building, or a group of buildings used to house computer systems and associated components, such as telecommunications and storage systems. DeKalb recently saw the addition of a 2.3 million square feet, over \$1 billion Meta (Facebook) data center. Land near the Byron Nuclear Plant was also recently rezoned to industrial use with eyes on a data center development.

Rochelle Municipal Utilities, which is owned by the city, would provide electricity, water and other utilities to a potential data center.

"You're talking hundreds of millions of dollars in capital investment in land, buildings and equipment," Fiegenschuh said. "The thing I like about data centers is their large, consistent electric load. They typically run 24/7."

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New mural to be complete

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The mural will be on the south side of the second story of ALM Fine Cabinetry. The location will enable traffic coming from the south on the overpass to see the mural.

"ALM Fine Cabinetry of fading."

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Ribbon cutting held for HitHub by Bennie Baseball 'We just wanted to give kids an affordable and accessible option to train'

BY JEFF HELFRICH MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Thursday, March 27 a ribbon cutting was held at 506 Lincoln Ave. in Rochelle for HitHub By Bennie Baseball. The training facility offers batting cage, plyo wall and pitching machine rentals along with baseball/softball instruction and facility rentals for

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team practices and parties.

"We just wanted to give kids an affordable and accessible option to train," Owner Joe Bennie said. "There are so many expenses with travel baseball. We run a business with travel baseball and we understand that. We just



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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wanted a place that kids can go to and train year round every day. There are also benefits in camps that are offered here. They have a place they can actually afford and get a lot of work in at any time.

Hopefully everyone loves it." The ribbon cutting was host-

ed by the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce. Speakers included Chamber Executive Director Tricia Herrera and City of Rochelle

Councilwoman Kate Shaw-Dick-

Herrera welcomed HitHub on behalf of the chamber on March 27.

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this month **BY JEFF HELFRICH** MANAGING EDITOR ROCHELLE — After

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applied for a city facade grant," Pease said. "The wall was in disrepair and was crumbling and needed some tuck pointing done. That spot previously had a yellow wall that said Shop Rochelle on it. It was kind

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The Ogle County Republican Party recently hosted their Annual Draw Down at Kennay Farms Distillery in Rochelle.

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ROCHELLE — The Ogle County Republican Party recently hosted their Annual Draw Down at Kennay Farms Distillery in Rochelle.

"We packed them in on Thursday night, March 20 to the first floor of Kennay Farms Distilling for our annual Ogle County GOP Draw Down, and it was a ton of fun, as always," Mike Koolidge, chairman of the Ogle County Republican Central Committee, said. "We couldn't ask for better hosts than Rick & Doris Kennay, who've been huge supporters of Ogle County Republicans for years. In all, we gave away a total of over \$5,000 in winnings to raffle ticket purchasers, including the grand prize \$2,000 winner, Sylvia Garza of Rochelle."

It was a fun and fast-moving event which occurred over an Italian-themed dinner of delicious pizza, caesar salad and dough nuggets. The tables were decorated, as was the venue with Republican paraphernalia, Trump signs,

and Ogle GOP-themed cookies. As was expected, all the Draw Down tickets sold out well in advance of

"We sold out of draw down tickets again, as we always do, and it was overwhelmingly a group effort,"Koolidgesaid."Our executive board, consisting of Kaleb Kennay - vice chairman, Kevin Colbert - treasurer, George Wilhelmsen - secretary, Karl Hanson - events coordinator, Tricia Goodwin - PC recruitment, and Joseph

Simms - PC recruitment all put in countless hours both selling tickets in the weeks prior and putting the night together. I could not ask for a better team."

"This is our first big public event since Donald Trump has returned to the White House, and we've never seen such grassroots passion and enthusiasm from all the incredible things our new administration has been able to accomplish in such a short time. Trump's early successes have definitely been

so many new faces joining our party," Koolidge said. "We've doubled our number of precinct committeemen in just one year, but we still have some vacancies. I'd encourage anyone wanting to get involved to reach out to us right away if they want to keep Ogle County red and be a part of the statewide mission to turn Illinois into a swing state...and eventually red as well!"

In addition to Koolidge, other speakers in attendance were State Senators Li Arellano and Andrew Chesney, and candidate for Rock Valley Board of Trustees Jermarrion Simmons.

The Ogle County Republicans meet the last Tuesday of every month in Memorial Hall on the third floor of Ogle County Courthouse in Oregon.

Organized in 1989, The organization's website can be found at https://www. oglecountygop.org/ or on Facebook at https://www. facebook.com/OgleCoun-

DATA CENTERS: City Manager Fiegenschuh details changes to city codes

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That's a nice base load of power. You know they're going to be using power all the time rather than at specific times. That allows us to know what we're dealing with when we're buying power to sell them. They do employ people, but the largest part of it is the investment and property taxes they generate for school districts and other taxing bodies. There's significant economic benefits."

Fiegenschuh believes a data center locating in Rochelle in the future would grow the city's economic base and benefit RMU long term. The city manager did not disclose where potential data center developers are looking at locating, but industrial-zoned areas are in the east and west portions of the city's southern corridors.

Along with power, data centers use a large amount of water for their operations. An agreement with a data center could include on-site renewable energy and gas generation so generation could be done behind the meter to reduce the stress on RMU's system and provide backup generation needed. A sustainability plan for water use could also be part of

a development agreement. "I know some data centers capture rainwater and utilize that," Fiegenschuh said. "That's a huge issue. Water is a very valuable commodity and resource and we're very blessed to be where we are because we have significant water in the aquifer below us. It's not just power, it's water usage and making sure they have sustainable practices in place to reduce their water

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consumption. The technology is changing with new data centers and they're using less water than they have before and I think that will continue to improve."

The City of Rochelle has previous experience with large development agreements, its most recent work being Zekelman Industries, the largest steel pipe and tube manufacturer in North America, which located in Rochelle in recent years and made a capital investment of over \$130 million. The city and RMU also had to work to meet Zekelman Industries' power needs, which it would have to do for a data center.

Fiegenschuh said working with a data center developer would be "equally

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complex" compared to the work done to bring in Zekelman Industries. The most complex part of the work would be the city and RMU purchasing power to

sell to a data center. "Under contract we only have about 45-50 megawatts of power now," Fiegenschuh said. "For more, we'd have to procure another contract or buy it on the market. If they come here, we'll need assurances because we're going to go out and buy that power. Once we do get a deal, we'll have to time it correctly so we know that the customer will be paying for what we purchased whether they use itornot. All of these companies have been amenable to that. The other complexity is the amount of power they use. Zekelman Industries added about 10 megawatts. We have a data center looking at locating here that would add 90 megawatts."

If RMU were to add a power amount like 90 megawatts to its system, Fiegenschuh that would almost max it out on power and it wouldn't be able to take on any more largescale expansions until it worked with ComEd to upsize transmission lines coming into town and built another substation.

"If you have a guaranteed 90-megawatt customer going forward for 10+ years, we'll have the revenue to be able to make those upgrades," Fiegenschuh said. "We think of Zekelman Industries as a large power user, but these data centers are in another league now. This could be a very large undertaking for us to work on in the next few years. But we have a great team in place working on it. In the next five years, people can expect to see a data center of some size somewhere in Rochelle."



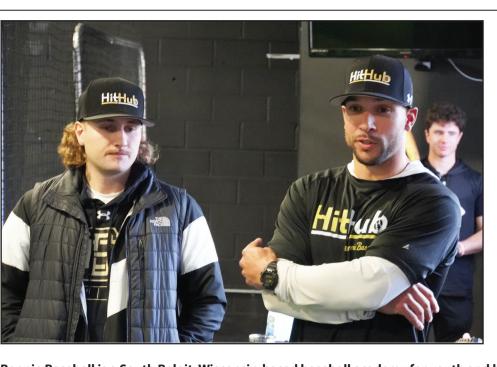


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"We're very excited to celebrate here today," Herrera said. "Several months back, we started talking about this building and Joe reached out and we talked about what this location was going to be and all of the things that it was going to offer. We were very excited. Any time you can add a business to Rochelle, we're always excited by that. But any time you can add something that is going to help our youth and give them something to do, that's an added bonus. On behalf of the chamber of commerce, we welcome you and wish you many years of success here."

Shaw-Dickey said March 27 that she was excited about the impact that HitHub will have on the youth baseball organizations in the community.

"I'm so excited to be here," Shaw-Dickey said.

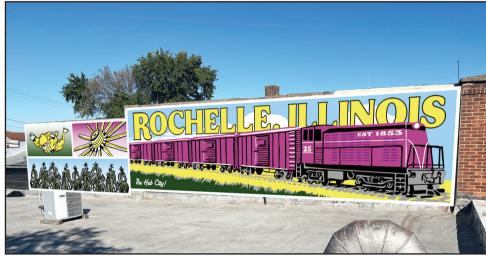
"I've spent a lot of years in this building, before it looked like this, with baseball practices. The fact that you're coming to the community and investing in the community and the kids is amazing. I've heard such great things from the kids and families who are already

participating. Thank you for that. We're so excited to have you here. If there's anything we can do for you, please reach out. Welcome to Rochelle. We couldn't be happier to have you."

Bennie Baseball Instructor Jaden Dixon said the facility will have 24/7

"We want to make it accessible for everyone at any time, especially high school players with driver's licenses," Dixon said. "Or if kids just want to come here and hang out with their friends and get some hitting and work in. It's great for everyone."





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L: Work on downtown art to begin in second week of April

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"They used a city facade grant to help them repair that wall and to clean up that space and make it a blank slate ready to go. They said if the city was interested in putting something up there, they'd be happy to offer it."

The city shared a request for proposal to attract mural submissions from local and regional artists in 2024. A complete response was submitted by the deadline and the city's arts committee began working with the artist.

The mural design depicts the words "Rochelle, Illinois: The Hub City!" with a train, skydiver, hub and corn also depicted. City council members chose a color scheme on March 24.

"It's anticipated it will take 5-7 days to complete second week in April," Pease said. "The cost will be \$10,000. We'll pay \$5,000 out of the community development budget and \$5,000 out of

the tourism budget." The artist for the mural will be Michael Ferrarell of Chicago, who has painted numerous murals across the country, many in a similar style to what will be painted in Rochelle. Ferrarell established himself as a street artist known as Left Handed Wave in Chicago and took his street

art from New York City to Los Angeles and many major cities in between,

"Working as Left Handed Wave was the perfect introduction to murals and public art," Ferrarell said in his application to the city. "The aim is to spark community

that's not just aesthetically pleasing, but also educational and representative of the positives within a community."

Pease said the city was impressed with Ferrarell's resume and the examples of work he provided. After reaching an agreement with him, Ferrarell researched the city and came up with mural concepts and the city council approved his fourth concept. Pease said she and the city are "very appreciative" to have an artist that has worked all over the country.

The mural will act as beautification to catch the eye of those traveling into

and through Rochelle. "I think once you come into the community and you're coming over that overpass, you get a bird's eve view of the community and if there's somecatches your eye, I think that's just more inviting for Rochelle," Pease said.

Pease said she enjoyed getting feedback from the city council on the mural concepts and the city made sure to make them public before approval. The mural design has received positive comments from the community, she said.

The city is starting to see movement on a number of other downtown improvement projects besides the mural that will include new parking lots, the reconstruction of current parking lots, the addition of a bathrooms, storage and stage structure; a new urban park, and running electrical infrastructure underground.

"Those projects will be coming to fruition," Pease said. "Getting that ball rolling is great and we can start focusing on our other corridors and gateways. That beautification will spread outwards and continue to make things

better." The new mural will be the city's second downtown. The first was a large floral mural on the back of the Hub City Furniture building that was completed in recent years by Mat and Mandey Steder. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said that the first mural received positive feedback and the city

murals in Rochelle.

"They just tie the community together, especially when there are common themes," Fiegenschuh said. "I love public art. It makes an area feel open, welcome and inviting and it shows pride in your downtown. I want to continue to see more murals, as long as the council is willing to help fund it and as long as there's community buy-in and support for them. I love seeing murals. They make



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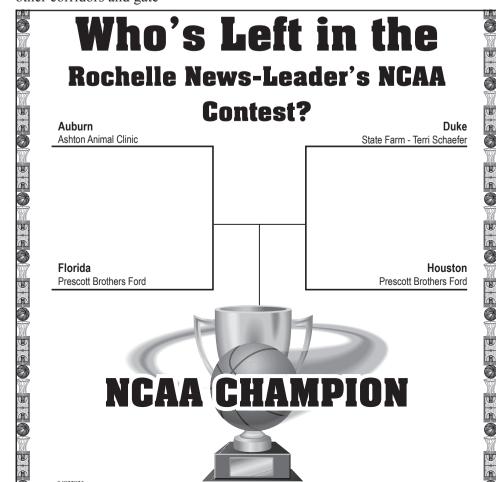
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Barry Lee Sanders Sr.

full of love and laughter.

ROCHELLE—Barry Lee Sanders, Sr., 67, passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois, surrounded by his loved ones. Born on July 7, 1957, alongside his twin sister, Sheri, in Rochelle, IL, he was the son of Robert and Betty (Macklin) Sanders.

Barry was a man of many talents, best known as the family patriarch who could fix or build anything and never hesitated to lend a helping hand. He spent his working years as a skilled mechanic and was happily retired for the last six years—years he filled with the things he loved most: fishing, building, working on cars, watching westerns, camping with friends, and playing with his loyal furry companion Bernie. His passion for Harleys was undeniable, and he cherished every moment he was able to spend on the open road. Above all, he believed in enjoying life and sharing laughs with anyone he came in contact with.

He married his dedicated and loving wife, Jackie (Nantz) Sanders, on July 5, 2011, in Rochelle, and together they built a life He was a devoted father to his children: Brandy (Ryan) Williams, BJ (Terri Maynard) Sanders, Brent (Natalie Fransen) Sanders, and proud step dad to Christopher K. Jones, Curtis (Chrystal) Dickson, and Patricia Dickson. His love extended to his 17 grandchildren, each of whom he adored: Alexandra Sanders, Rowan Williams, Drew Sanders, Madigan Williams, Preslee Sanders, Bennett Sanders, Holden Liebhaber, Ingram Sanders, Islee Sanders, Naomi Williams, Kyler Dickson, Patrick Dickson, Ellie Dickson, Autumn Dickson, Christina Jones, Scarlet Jones, and Harper Jones. He will also be deeply missed by his surviving siblings, Sheri and Randy.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents, Robert H. Sanders Sr. and Betty Sanders; his brothers, Robert Jr. and James Sanders; and his beloved dogs, Pivot and Buddy.

He will be remembered for his infectious laughter, his ability to bring a smile to anyone's face, and his unwavering kindness. He enjoyed spending countless hours fishing with his



grandkids and passed down a wealth of knowledge, the importance of a strong work ethic, and his signature sparkly eyes to each of his children.

A special thank you is extended to Kelly Dutch, Kelly Cryer, Paul Burright, and Matt O'Rorke for always taking the time to visit or stay in touch with Barry. He deeply appreciated your friendship and support.

Barry's legacy is one of love, laughs, generosity, and a life well-lived. His memory will forever be cherished by those who knew him.

Please join the family in celebrating Barry's life on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 3878 in Rochelle IL. Cremation care was provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Visit www. ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Gary Lee Isley

ROCHELLE—Gary Lee Isley, 59, of Rochelle, IL passed away Friday, March 28, 2025 at the Loyola University Medical Center, in Maywood, IL. Gary was born May 17, 1965 in Rochelle, IL the son of Leland and Edna (Olivier) Isley. Gary graduated from RTHS in 1983 and lived most of his life in the Rochelle area. He was a heavy equipment operator for many years for Local Union 150. After his retirement, he spent much of his time in the Tampa, Florida area where he enjoyed some of his favorite activities including boating and fishing with his friends and family. Gary loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved going for golf cart rides with the grandchildren and also his beloved dog Beretta. Gary loved his cigars. He also had a love for cooking and enjoyed making food for his family and friends. He was a big hearted man with friends in many places. Gary was always willing to give a helping hand when in need.

Gary was survived by 3 children: Taylor (Casey) Isley of Rochelle, Makenzie Isley of Rochelle and Lane (Madlyn McNees) Isley of Memphis, TN; 3 grandchildren: Jaxon, Knox and Alice Isley and one baby boy on the way in June; 2 brothers: Rod (Karen) Alfano of Rochelle and Dana (Renee) Alfano of TN; 1 sister: Dina (John) Bearrows of Rochelle. Gary was preceded in death by his parents and sister: Debra

Memorial visitation



will be held 3-7PM, Friday April 4, 2025 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. The family will also have a celebration of life, May 17, 2025 (Gary's 60th Birthday) from 12:00 - 4:00 PM at the Rochelle VFW. In lieu of flowers, memorials are to be directed to the family. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Please visit www.ungerhorner. com for online guest book and video tribute.

Richard 'Rick' Henry Kurz

er, and many cousins.

ROCHELLE—Richard "Rick" Henry Kurz, age 66, died March 28, 2025 in Rochelle IL. He was born July 3, 1958 in Rochelle. He was the son of Orville and Barbara (Bunger) Kurz. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1976. He was a farmer in Ogle County for many years and a long time member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rochelle.

He is survived by his brother Dennis (Katie) Kurz of Santa Fe NM, his aunt, Mary BungSpecial thanks to Rick's cousins, Pat Gonzales, Tom Metzger, and Mick Metzger, for the care they gave him during his extended illness. Rick loved spending

time outdoors on the farm. He enjoyed listening to music and keeping up with current events in his community. He was fascinated with trains. Spending time

with his family was an important part of his life. Rick's wishes were to be

cremated and to have his

ashes spread on his farm. Memorials may be sent to

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rochelle. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Visit www. ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Randy P. Masterson

ROCHELLE Randall "Randy" Patrick Masterson passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 20, 2025. The family is deeply saddened and shocked by his sudden death. Randy was born on March 22, 1949 to Theodore "Ted" and Phyllis (Rowe) Masterson, he grew up in the Rochelle/Dixonarea, graduating from Rochelle Township High School in 1967. Randy spent the majority

of his life in Dixon and Rochelle, but enjoyed his time in Minocqua, WI the most. He was a successful insurance broker owning his own independent agency, RMI Investments and Financial Services. He truly lived for time spent by water, golfing, snowmobiling, and enjoying his 10 grandchildren.

Randy had a fabulous sense of humor and enjoyed making others laugh. He will be remembered by his fam-

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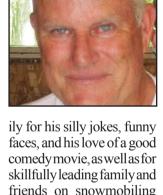
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friends on snowmobiling adventures "Up North" in the winter, and chipping a golfball or taking a dip in the lake in the summer. Randy was well-loved and will be fondly remembered for the countless positive moments he shared with family and friends.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Phyllis Masterson as well as his brother, Mike Masterson. He is survived by his daughters from his first marriage to Pamela (Johnson) Baker, DeAnna (Andrew) Morris and Roxanne Hanna, as well as the daughters he gained in his second marriage to Bonnie (Supler) Masterson, Jennifer(Ben)Manning, and Laura (Joe) Wilmarth Tyna. He also leaves behind his 10 beloved grandchildren. Also surviving is his brother Rick (Carol) Masterson.

A service celebrating his life will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 3-5 p.m.in the Holcomb Bank community room, 233 E. Route 38, Rochelle.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On

March 28 at 4:59 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of East Town Line Road. As a result, deputies arrested Robert J. Lorden, 40, of Moline for driving while license suspended. Lorden was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Deputies also issued passenger Hanna R. Rothermel, 37, of Moline, a citation for illegal transportation/ possession of alcoholic liquor by passenger in a motor vehicle. Lorden was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On March 28 at approximately 10:19 p.m. deputies responded to an address in the 900 block of Main Street in Daysville. After further investigation Flint Stone, 51, of Daysville, was placed under arrest for domestic battery. Stone was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge.

On March 28 at approximately 12:12 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of 4th Street and Webster Street in Oregon. After investi-

gation, deputies arrested Jared Voorhees, 49, of Sterling, on a Winnebago County warrant for failure to appear. Voorhees was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On March 29 at 11:07 a.m. deputies met with Tyler J. Groseclose, 22, of Polo in reference to an investigation that began on March 10. Groseclose was subsequently arrested for disorderly conduct. He was given a notice to appear with a future court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

ROCHELLE POLICE REPORT

ROCHELLE — On March 27 at 8:28 p.m. Zachary Richards, 39, of Rochelle was arrested for aggravated battery with a dangerous weapon, aggravated battery in a public place, and domestic battery and transferred.

On March 27 at 2:27 p.m. Rodrigo Garcia-Arias, 33, of Chicago was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 25 Rochelle court date.

a.m. Jose M. Equivel Medina, 28, of Rochelle was arrested for suspended driver's license and cited for suspended registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 25 Rochelle court date.

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On March 28 at 12:24 a.m. Gerardo Garcia, 39, of Rochelle was arrested for driving under the influence times two. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 25 Rochelle

court date.

On March 28 at 7:32 p.m. Deborah Saenz, 54, of Rochelle was arrested for a Lee County warrant and transferred.

On March 30 at 5:21 p.m. Adrienne Lynn Hartsell, 36, of Rochelle was arrested on two Ogle County warrants, a Lee County warrant and a Rockford Police Department warrant and transferred.

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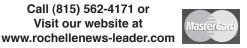
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AFC NEWS



AFC Lady Raiders earn All-Conference basketball awards Ashton-Franklin Center High School recently congratulated Audree Dorn, Reese Polk, and Cameryn Winterland on their girls basketball all-conference awards. (Courtesy photo)



AFC School District names February Students of the Month

The Ashton-Franklin Center School District recently named its February Students of the Month. They include Mya Near (seventh grade), Makenna Evans (eighth grade), Emery Heitz (freshman), Nivea Noon (sophomore), Brody Ellis (junior) and Ryan Garcia (senior). Crest Foods sponsors the awards. (Courtesy photo)

AFC baseball team tees off new season

ASHTON — The Ashton-Franklin Center baseball team scored a 13-1 win at Earlville on Tuesday, March 18. Caleb Thomas went 3-for-4 with two runs and four RBIs, while Nolan Rueff went 2-for-2 with three RBIs and Aaron Lester struck out 10 batters over three and one-third innings pitched. Brock Lehman

went 2-for-4 with one RBI. AFC continued its strong start with a 17-0

win over West Carroll in four innings on Monday, March 24. Brock Lehman went 3-for-4 with three runs and seven RBIs for the Raiders, who scored 12 runs in the first inning. Caleb Thomas went 2-for-3 with two runs and three RBIs, while Logan O'Brien went 1-for-2 with three runs and two RBIs. Thomas pitched all four innings and struck out six batters while allowing only one hit.

AFC faced Alden-Hebron on Wednesday. March 26, winning 14-3. Logan O'Brien went 2-for-3 with two runs and four RBIs, while Barrett Becker went 2-for-3 with one RBI. Justin Henert went 1-for-3 with two RBIs and Nolan Rueff went 2-for-4 with two runs and one RBI for the Raiders, who saw Chase Hayes-Near strike out six batters over four innings on the mound.

Lee County Sheriff's Office announces St. Patrick's Day DUI enforcement results

DIXON – The Lee County Sheriff's Office announced it made zero driving under the influence arrests and issued seven seat belt citations during the St. Patrick's Day enforcement period. Deputies also issued

three distracted driving

citations.

"We strongly enforce traffic laws for one reason – to save lives," said

Sheriff Clayton Whelan. The Lee County Sheriff's Office joined forces with state and local law

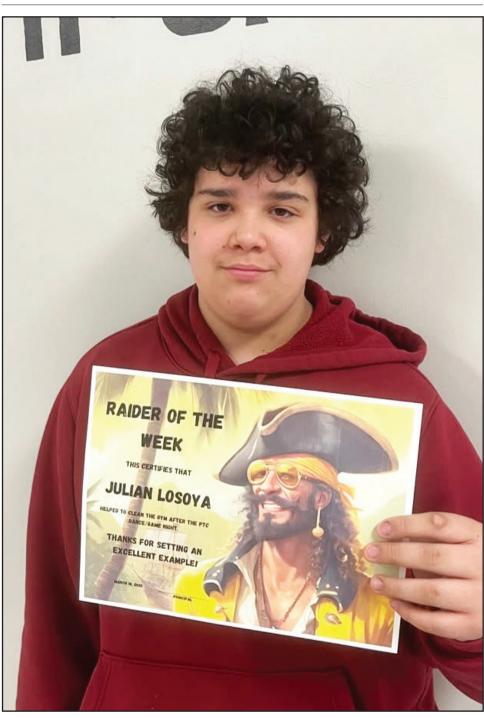
enforcement and highway safety partners in the St. Patrick's Day enforce-

ment campaign. The safety effort was funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Phillips named AFC Raider of the Week for March 7

Jeremy Phillips was recently selected as the Ashton-Franklin Center School District Raider of the Week for the week of March 7. "Jeremy was nominated for being super helpful after school hours!" a district Facebook post said. (Courtesy photo)

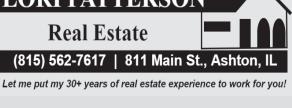


Losoya named Raider of the Week for March 14

Julian Losoya was recently selected as the Ashton-Franklin Center School District Raider of the Week for the week of March 14. Losoya was nominated for staying after the dance/game night to help clean up the gym. (Courtesy photo)

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LOCAL VIEWS

Bearrows: Projects, talks and a big thanks to RMU

EEMS as though springtime has arrived, and with that, there will be many construction projects beginning in the City of Rochelle. Among those include the Creston Road project, and north on Caron Road to 7th Avenue. The property directly east of the fire station is being razed at the time of this article to increase parking. This month, we completed another firefighter hire that added to the roster at the Rochelle Fire Department. We welcome Zech Van Vickle back to the firefighting team, which is another key piece of our "Team Rochelle". There will also be work on some

parking lots in the downtown area. This includes upgrades to existing lots and the creation of new ones.

This month (March) I will be attending the annual IML legislative conference, which is a great opportunity to network with other locally elected officials, and to talk with our legislators about concerns we have regarding potential bills they are considering. These bills can have significant impacts on Rochelle. The destination committee has been meeting and getting a plan in place for the "fly in/drive in" event at the Rochelle Airport. That will take place on Sunday, Aug. 10. This is as of right now, going to be a one-day event for its first year. Plans are still in the works for the details of the event. Stay tuned to our city website and or my Mayor's Facebook page. Once all details are finalized, we will be posting details then.

Upcoming events: For the benefit of our residents and to maintain transparency, I continue to do monthly talks about the "happenings" in our community in several locations. The short-term da

The short-term dates are as follows: On Thursday, April 17 at 10 a.m. I will be at the Hub City Senior Center, and Wednesday, April 16 at 2 p.m. at Hawthorne Inn. The purpose of these meetings is to give and updated snapshot of our community relative to projects, financials and perhaps give everyone a chance to voice their opinions on any issues. The

more than welcome to attend any and or all of these events. In mid-summer, I will be hosting a town hall meeting at City Hall for the same purpose, and o let your voices be

general public is

that is to let your voices be heard. My hope is to have some of our legislators and/ or State Rep. Bradley Fritts there as well. Stay tuned for more info.

Sometime in June, I will be planning a public event at City Hall once the Real Estate Tax bills come out to go over and explain how the tax bills are calculated, and what all the data means that is on them. This hopefully will allow our residents a better understanding of their tax bills.

Many thanks go out to the Rochelle Municipal Utilities electric division and to all staff, employees & department heads for the excellent job they did restoring power during our most recent storm event. Their dedication to our RMU customers is greatly

appreciated. This is a classic example of the benefits of having our own public/locally-owned power company that provides service beyond anything else, not to mention among the lowest electric rates in the state. Thank you, "Team RMU".

Thank you, "Team RMU".

In closing I hope to see many of you attend some of my upcoming talks to learn more about your community and stay informed. As always, I will close with another great quote "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

-T.S. Eliot

John Bearrows is the mayor of the City of Rochelle.

Sarah Flanagan: Earth Day at the library

John

Bearrows

PRIL is here. Spring break is Lover and there are only two months left until graduation. The school year has flown by. At the library, we are planning for Summer Reading. Our Summer Reading theme for this year is "Level Up at the Library." This year's theme is all about gaming including video games, board games and role playing games. It is interesting to me how the state library has changed its focus to include more than reading themes in their Summer Reading programs. This is a great way to reach a larger audience and tells me that to be relevant we have to continue to reach outside

the box. Our library has tried to offer many diverse programs to include something for everyone. We are excited to get this Summer started. Cool programs, coolest place in town... your local library.

In April we celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day celebrates the planet that we live on and promotes awareness about recycling, growing and renewable resources. "Earth Day is an annual celebration that raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. But just how did Earth Day come to be and what are some simple steps you can take to help the environment? Hint: Recycling is one. The day's origin traces back to U.S. events in the 1960s when there was a dramatic uptick in environmental concerns. With several environmental catastrophes, particularly the Santa Barbara oil spill

and the Cuyahoga Riverfires of 1969, many Americans felt it was time we took a more active approach in the stewardship of our planet." (https:// www.howlifeunfolds.com/sustainability/history-earth-day?&ut

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At the library, we

promote Earth Day by having materials available about our planet and gardening, promoting our Seed Library, working with the Master Gardeners

of Ogle County and having a Rochelle Green Thumbs 4-H Club. These activities teach children and adults about the importance of being respectable to our

planet. The Rochelle Green Thumbs 4-H Club's next meeting will be on April 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the library. The Homegrown Healthy Program for adults to learn to grow a garden and try new foods made from the produce of the garden, is from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays, starting June 3 for 10 weeks. For more information, call the library at 815-563-3431 or check-out our Facebook page. Growing the vegetables that we eat and using seeds to start beautiful flower gardens enhance our activities. The library has raised beds where our program participants begin to grow their vegetables and flowers with the help and guidance of the Master Gardener's. They work on these activities throughout the year and plant outside throughout the Summer months. Learning to take care of their crops including watering and weeding helps them to become responsible gardeners. If you drive by the library on Illinois Route 251 look out at the raised beds and see all of the beautiful produce growing. We are excited to get started this summer and see what our community can grow. "Open a book and grow your mind." (https://www.amazon.com/ Open-Book-Grow-Your-Mind/dp/B00VQI0RS0) See you at the library!

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

Letter to the Editor: Constitutional crisis

Sarah

Flanagan

EAR editor,
There is indeed a constitutional crisis surrounding the federal courts, but it is not the one described in Chuck Roberts' recent column. It is, rather, a crisis created by the Trump administration, which seems determined to expand the powers of the presidency to swallow upthe Judicial power which the constitution has granted to the Supreme Court.

This is laid bare by the actions of the government in the now-famous case involving five Venezuelan men alleged by the government to be members of Tren de Aragua, a criminal gang in that country. The Venezuelans have vehemently denied being gang mem-

bers, and want a hearing to prove it. The administration seeks to deport these men to a notorious prison in El Salvador without a hearing. A federal court tempo-

rarily enjoined the deportation of the Venezuelan men until they were afforded an opportunity to prove that they were not members of Tren de Aragua. A Federal Court of Appeals affirmed. The government has now asked the Supreme Court to take the case.

The government's legal authority for deporting these men without a hearing is tenuous, at best. The usual procedures for deportation are spelled out in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, which provides due process

rights to those the government seeks to deport, including the right to a court hearing. However, in this case, the government has sought to get around those due process provisions, by proceeding instead under the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, which does not provide a right

not provide a right to a hearing in cases to which it applies. Putting aside

issues of simple fairness, the fundamental problem with the government's position is that the Alien Enemies Act, on its face, applies only when "there is a declared war between the United States and any foreign nation or government, or any invasion or predatory

incursion...by any foreign nation or government..."
There is, of course, no declared war between the United States and Venezuela, nor has there been an invasion or incursion by Venezuela. Accordingly, by its plain language, the

Alien Enemies Act does not apply to this case at all.

The government argues that the Alien Enemies Act does apply because, they

say, Tren de Aragua has so infiltrated Venezuela that an invasion by the gang is tantamount to an invasion by the government of Venezuela. That argument, though it seems to be a stretch, is one that the government is certainly entitled to make

before the Supreme Court. There is, however, an-

other dimension to this case which raises the ominous specter of an attempted power grab by the president of judicial powers reserved to the judiciary by the constitution. The government contends not only that the Alien Enemies Act applies to this case, despite the clear language that says otherwise, but that whether it applies is a matter to be determined solely by the President, not by the Supreme Court or any lower federal court.

Our constitution divides governmental power between the three branches of government. Each branch of the government must respect the role of the other

branches in order for our constitutional republic to function as it should. Under Article Ill of the constitution, judicial power is vested solely in the Supreme Court. It is the province of the judicial branch of the government, not the executive branch, to interpret the laws passed by Congress, including the Alien Enemies Act. That is quintessentially a Judicial power. The government's assertion that the president alone can decide whether the Alien Enemies Act applies in this case is an improper attempt by the president to usurp the constitutional role of the

federal courts.

Alan Cooper, Rochelle

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1st Annual Brandon Dodrill Memorial **Tournament scheduled for April 12**

ROCHELLE — The 1st Annual Brandon Dodrill Memorial Tournament will be held at Mardi Gras Lanes in DeKalb on Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m. The entry fee will be \$50 per person and there are 80 slots available. The fundraiser will include ball raffles, drink specials and a 50/50 raffle.

Funds raised from the tournament will support the Brandon Dodrill Memorial Foundation, which raises money to support the Rochelle Township High School bowling program. Bowlers will bowl four games of nine-pin notap and results will be total pin fall with handicap. All games will be capped at 300 and handicap will be based off 90% of 200, but may not exceed 50 pins per game. Handicap will be based off highest average of the 2023-24 bowling season (21 games).

If bowlers do not have 21 games, a composite average will be used. If there's no composite average for the 2023-24

season, bowlers will use a highest average from the 2022-23 season. If there is no average, men will use 170 and women will use 150. It's each bowler's responsibility to ensure the proper average verification. Tournament directors will have the final decision.

Youth are allowed to bowl. Winnings will be deposited into their SMART accounts. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a parent sign a form. Forms will be available on site.

Payout for the tournament will be a 1:5 spots paid out. The \$50 entry fee includes \$15 toward lineage, \$10 toward the foundation and \$25 toward the prize fund. A scratch division will be available for \$20 and all money collected will be paid back. Brackets and side pots will be available. There will be ball and jersey raffles. For questions or additional information, contact the foundation via email at info@brandondodrillmemorialfoundation.

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"We are very proud of all our affiliates and their

KINGS—The White Rock Cemetery will be having

a spring cleanup on April 12. Any winter grave deco-

agents for everything they were able to accomplish this past year," said Bill Scavone, president of Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. "We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and knowledgeable agents who went above and beyond to offer exceptional service to their clients."

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White Rock Cemetery Spring Cleanup is April 12

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ON THE FARM

Rural education programs getting help in comeback fight

BY PHYLLIS COULTER FARMWEEK

THE long-held idea that a four-year university education was best for everyone is now recognized as flawed by many education advocates. Today, rural schools are bringing back displaced programs, but it will take time and resources.

"Career and Technical (CTE) programs, once called vocational programs, were a significant part of the fabric of rural schools across Illinois and the nation. Several decades ago, a huge pendulum swing took place across the country that all but wiped out this valuable CTE programming,"saidPatrick Twomey, superintendent of Macomb School District 185, and a longtime rural school advocate.

"The push was that every child needs a four-year college education and in the process of addressing that belief, vocational/CTE courses were eliminated one by one. As they say, hindsight is 20-20, and looking back, we all know that was a monumental mistake," Twomey said.

John Dunlap always saw the value of technical education. Directly after high school, he worked as an ag equipment technician and earned his certification, which eventually led him to the position of director of the AGCO Service Technician Program at Parkland Community College.

"Earn-while-you-learn programsareaperfectoption for somebody who has to pay for their education. Most of the time they are guaranteed a job placement," Dunlap said. "Business and industry have jobs they need to fill,

and schools have a pool of students to draw from," he said of the model that has worked so well for him and his students.

comeback.

John Glasgow, AIRSS program director, is spear-Career and Technical Education Project, a joint effort between the Illinois State Board of Education and AIRSS, founded in 2023, to revive and advance career and tech education for Illinois students.

were once viewed as something for "kids who have nothing better to do." Attitudes are changing. "College is only one route to success today,"Glasgow said, noting that college grads often earn less today than those in "the trades."

first year of the Rural Illinois CTE mostly on research. Their study quickly revealed a priority: the need for direct and specific support for rural CTE programs. Glasgow and his colleagues created a web-based portal to share resources including webinars, newsletters and materials. Now, the site, airssedu.org/ cte is live and provides centralized information from a respected source for rural districts, Glasgow said.

"We're slowly playing

However, rural schools struggle to gather resources to bring CTE programming back. "They lack the financial resources as well as the human capital necessary to tackle this issue and yet we all agree it is paramount that we find a way," said Twomev, who is on the executive board of the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools (AIRSS), one of the organizations leading the

heading the Rural Illinois High school tech classes

He and the team spent the



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(From left) John Glasgow, Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools program director; Duane Price, Bureau Valley High School principal; and Jeff Harris, who heads the cooperative program at the school, discuss career training options for students.

catch up but there is still really a long way to go," said Glasglow of the team's effort to get more resources and funding for CTE.

Among other things, the Illinois Rural CTE Project is looking for ways to improve options for regional career and tech schools, which have long been underfunded.

In 2024, the IL Rural CTE Project team identified the highest-need rural school districts, noting their challenges and strengths. The biggest pocket of highneeds schools is in the south including Jefferson, Clinton, Marion, and Franklin counties. Other areas are scattered throughout the state including LaSalle and Bureau counties in the north and parts of Champaign and Vermilion in the east.

The next step is to create pilot projects.

Some new pilot projects will come from adapting innovations in urban centers. One such idea is a pharmacy tech program that allows students to work in a hospital pharmacy. It is offered by a high school in Elgin, in a school district of more than 33,000 students in Kane County. "It offers a foundational knowledge base for every student wanting to go into a medical area. In rural areas that kind of medical experience may be hard to get," Glasgow said.

Glasgow is already working with schools in Tazewell and Peoria counties in central Illinois to see how they could use Elgin's idea as a model to get a pathway for medical careers in their rural schools.

In southern Illinois, Brooke May, co-director of the Southern Illinois Future Teachers Coalition (SIFTC) and Leslie Bradley, director of student career services and co-director of SIFTC at Vienna High School District in Johnson County are leading a 25-school network of more than 400 high school students in technical programs.

CTE pathways have traditionally been seen as lacking in value, especially when compared to academic pathways that lead to perceived higher wages and benefits, said May, also a member of the AIRSS Rural CTE Advisory Council.

"It is challenging to showcase the value of high schoolCTEpathwayswhen funding for required equipment is limited, an insufficient instructor pool exists and inequities in the access to programs is a hurdle that many students are unable to

overcome," May said.

Yet, even with the glaring challenges, groups such as SIFTC has at its helm two qualified CTE instructors, dual credit education programs in 14 of their schools, and a large budget to support high school students who wish to enter the CTE field of education, which continues to face a shortage," May said.

As the Illinois CTE Project and other efforts enter a new year, Glasgow said he hopes that all these actions will "help all rural districts enrich and grow their programming.

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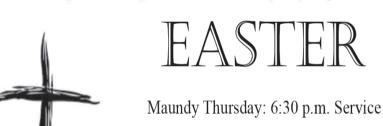
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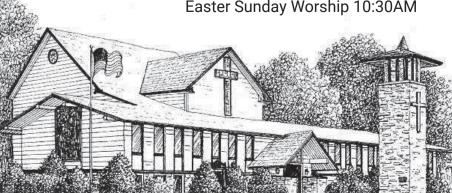
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UTISM, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children and 1 in 45 adults in the United States today.

Autism looks different for everyone, and each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. Some autistic people can speak, while others are nonverbal or minimally verbal and communicate in other ways. Some have intellectual disabilities, while some do not. Some require significant support in their daily lives, while others need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently.

On average, autism is diagnosed around age 5 in the U.S., with signs appearing by age 2 or 3. Current diagnostic guidelines in the DSM-5-TR break down the ASD diagnosis into three levels based on the amount of support a person might need: level 1, level 2, and level 3.

Anybody can be autistic, regardless of sex, age, race or ethnicity. However, research from the CDC says that boys get diagnosed with autism four times more often than girls. According to the DSM-5-TR, the diagnostic manual for ASD, autism may look different in girls and boys. Girls may have more subtle presentation of symptoms, fewer social and communication challenges, and fewer repetitive behaviors. Their symptoms may go unrecognized by doctors, often leading to underdiagnosis or misdiagnosis. Getting a diagnosis is also harder for autistic adults, who often learn to "mask", or hide, their autism symptoms.

Autism is a lifelong condition, and an autistic person's needs, strengths and challenges may change over time. As they transition through life stages, they may need different types of support and accommodations. Early intervention and the rapies can make a big difference in a person's skills and outcomes later in life.

Age of autism diagnosis and early signs of autism can vary widely from child to child. Some children show early signs of autism within the first 12 months of life. In others, autism signs may not show up until 24 months of age or later. Importantly, some children with ASD gain new skills and meet developmental milestones untilaround 18 to 24 months of age, and then they stop gaining new skills or lose the skills they once had.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the leading pediatric health organization in the United States, recommends that all children be screened for autism at ages 18 months and 24 months, in addition to undergoing developmental and behavioral screenings during their regular wellchild visits at 9 months, 18 months and 30 months. Research shows that by age 2, an ASD diagnosis by an experienced professional can be considered reliable.

One in 45 adults in the U.S. are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). While society is much more aware of autism today than ever before thanks to improved public health outreach and increased screening, advocacy and awareness efforts, there are likely many adults with autism who never received a diagnosis or were misdiagnosed.

You may have spent your entire life not recognizing the signs of autism or not realizing that some of the issues and feelings you have dealt with were related to autism. If you suspect you may be autistic or you know an adult who may be on the spectrum, learning about the common signs of autism is the first step to understanding whether you or your loved one may have undiagnosed ASD.

The hallmarks of autism are challenges with social communication skills and restricted and repetitive behaviors—and this is no different in adults. Below, you can find a list of some signs and symptoms of autism in adults.

As you age, you may experience changes in your behavior and interests. Additionally, a major life change, including transition in and out of college, job switches or change in family status (marriage/divorce, birth of children, loss of parent), can result in a change in these symptoms. The existence of co-occurring conditions like anxiety and ADHD might also affect the manifestation of your autism.

Many autistic adults choose to mask, or camouflage, their autism symptoms. Research shows that autistic people may engage in masking because they want to fit in, be accepted and avoid drawing attention to themselves in social situations. Others resort to masking as a means to avoid bullying, maintain friendships and succeed at

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Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication.

work and school.

It's possible to mask your autism without even realizing it. For some people, masking looks like adopting more "subtle" stimming behaviors, like using a fidget spinner instead of flapping their hands. Some might adopt a whole different persona, imitating the speech and body language of others during social interactions. Some force themselves to make eye contact or be more expressive with their facial expressions, even if doing so feels uncomfortable or unnatural.

While masking may help some autistic adults navigate social situations, jobs and relationships, research shows it can have negative effects on mental health. Some people find masking draining and exhausting, while others report feeling isolated and misunderstood as a result of their efforts to mask their autism.

Because their autism

symptoms tend to be more subtle, women and girls without intellectual disability (ID) or language delays often struggle to get an autism diagnosis, receive a diagnosis later in life, or get misdiagnosed. According to the CDC, girls are 4 times less likely to be diagnosed with autism than boys. On average, they also receive a diagnosis almost a year later than boys—at age 5.6 for girls versus 4.8 for boys. Those who do receive a diagnosis are more likely to have co-occurring ID, epilepsy and anxiety.

Research shows that women and girls are more likely to mask, or hide, their autism symptoms in order to fit in. This often happens when they are in spaces where they do not feel welcome or safe, or where they have not disclosed their diagnosis (like work or school).

Research shows that masking may be harmful to

mental health and well-being, causing anxiety, depression, stress and even suicidality. Masking can also lead to delayed diagnosis, preventing autistic people from getting the support they need until later in life.

There are many causes of autism. Research suggests that autism spectrum disorder (ASD) develops from a combination of: Genetic influences and Environmental influences, including social determinants. These factors appear to increase the risk of autism and shape the type of autism that a child will develop. However, it's important to keep in mind that increased risk is not the same as a cause. For example, some gene changes associated with autism can also be found in people who don't have the disorder. Similarly, not everyone exposed to an environmental risk factor for autism will develop the disorder. In fact, most will not.

Most appear to affect

crucial aspects of early brain development. Many autism risk genes influence other networks of genes, increasing or decreasing their expression. Some appear to affect how brain nerve cells, or neurons, communicate with each other. Others appear to affect how entire regions of the brain communicate with each other. Research continues to explore these differences with an eye to developing interventions and supports that can improve quality of life.

If you or your child has ASD, we recommend that you explore genetic testing. Genetic testing could show you the genetic cause of you or your child's autism and reveal any genetic mutations that might be linked to serious co-occurring conditions like epilepsy. Genetic testing can give doctors useful information so they can provide better, more personalized interventions.

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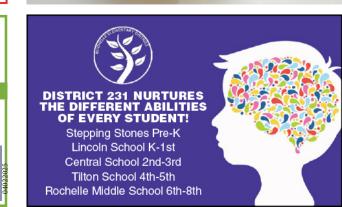




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SPORTS .



EAU CLAIRE BOUND

RTHS senior Grant Gensler will be playing football at UW-Eau Claire next year.

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RTHS Boys Tennis

Hub netters earn medalist honors Winters takes second at No. 2 singles to lead Rochelle at Rock Island Invitational

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCK ISLAND -

Rochelle Hub netters combined for eight match victories during the Rock Island Invitational on Saturday afternoon, when the varsity tennis team landed a total of six medalists and finished tied for second place out of eight competing schools with 19 points.

Junior Philip Winters earned the highest medal honors for the Hubs, taking second place at No. 2 singles with two wins over three matches. Winters, who advanced to the tournament finals in his division, opened the meet with a hard-fought win over Geneseo's Dru Curcuru, taking the third set and the match 3-6, 6-3, 10-7. Winters pushed through another three-set match in the semifinals, overcoming a secondset loss to beat Moline's Brady Woodward 6-1, 3-6, 10-4.

"Everyone there was really good at their returns," Winters said. "Their hits weren't very strong, but they were consistent, so I played consistent with them. I was pretty confident to start so my confidence level hasn't changed



The Rochelle Hub tennis team tied for second place with 19 points during the Rock Island Invitational on Saturday. Medalists included David Eckardt, Caleb Mortensen, Amor Lara, Parker Slattengren, Mark Green and Philip Winters (left to right).

the ball hard, but I'm learning now that hitting angles and being consistent is a lot more important."

Winters faced Rock Island's Nathaniel Cruz-Oliveros for the No. 2 singles title, splitting the first two sets before falling just short in the super tiebreaker to concede the match 6-1, 3-6, 7-10. Despite losing in the

fidence boost for Winters, one of only a few returning varsity starters for the Rochelle Hub tennis team this spring.

"We lost a lot of seniors on the varsity team from last year, but this year, I think we'll still be pretty strong and we'll be even stronger next year," Winters said. "We have a lot

them will be to unlock their own unique play style. I want the team to do better in the conference this season and I'd personally like to go to state."

Junior Mark Green medaled in fifth place at No. 1 singles, bouncing back from a first-round loss to win consecutive matches. Green battled Rock Ising 1-6, 0-6 before taking down Moline's Grant Dahlstrom 6-1, 6-4 in his next match. Green clinched fifth place with a 6-1, 7-5 victory against East Moline United's Mahmoud Yahya.

Junior Caleb Mortensen and freshman David Eckardt teamed up for a fifthplace medalist performance at No. 1 doubles on much... Last year, I would final round, the runner-up of good players who are land's Lucien Tarrow in Saturday. Mortensen and hit the ball hard just to hit finish was a significant concentration consistent and the key for the opening round, fall-

three matches, recovering from an opening-round loss against East Moline United's Shwe Le and Gurlal Singh. The Hub duo defeated Harlem's Dom Coleta and Matt McElyea 6-2, 6-0 before cruising over Sterling Newman's Max Willar and James Stitt 6-1, 6-1 to seal a fifth-place finish.

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RTHS Softball

Rochelle wins two games during spring tournament Metzger hits for cycle as Lady Hubs compete at High School Jamboree in Jacksonville

BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSONVILLE Sophomore Camryn Metzger achieved a rare feat as the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team opened its spring break tournament in Jacksonville, Illinois on Friday.

with three runs and five RBIs while hitting for the cycle as the Lady Hubs scored a 13-10 victory over Lexington/ Ridgeview in the first of three tournament games over the weekend. Rochelle went 2-1 over three games, falling 17-6 against Hampshire in their second game on Friday before concluding the spring trip with a 16-9 victory over Pearl City on Saturday. The Lady Hubs moved to

Ridgeview

The Lady Hubs rewin over Lexington/Rid-

Metzger went 4 for 4

2-2 on the season. **Lexington-**

corded 18 hits in their geview on Friday. Trailing 1-0, Rochelle turned in a two-out rally in the bottom of the first inning, tying the game on an RBI single from freshman Audrina Rodriguez. Freshman Mya Martinez followed with an RBI double to left field and sophomore Camryn



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Lady Hub softball team traveled south for the High School Jamboree in Jacksonville, Illinois on Friday and Saturday. Rochelle defeated Lexington-Ridgeview 13-10 before beating Pearl City 16-9 to improve to 2-2 on the season.

Metzger reached on an RBI single to the secondbase side.

Rochelle tallied two more runs in the bottom of the third inning, where Metzger belted an RBI triple into center field to achieve half of her cycle. Freshman Cheyenne Somers kept the Lady Hub offense rolling, slapping an RBI single to left field in the team's next at-bat to put Rochelle ahead 5-1. Lexington/ Ridgeview answered with a two-run single in the top of the fifth inning.

Metzger bashed her first home run of the season

in the bottom of the fifth inning, sending a ball into deep right field to help Rochelle take a 6-3 lead over the Mustangs. Despite two runs for Lexington/ Ridgeview in the top of the sixth inning, the Lady Hubs exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, where Martinez and Camryn Metzger smacked back-to-back run-scoring doubles and sophomore Briel Metzger added an RBI single to second base.

five hits in the top of the

seventh inning, but the

Lexington/Ridgeview rallied for five runs on

Lady Hubs held a large enough lead to preserve the victory. Somers went 4 for 4 with four singles, while the freshmen Martinez and Rodriguez combined for four hits and five runs in the win.

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Rochelle Township High School senior Grant Gensler will be continuing his academics and his football career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire next year. Gensler finished his high school career as a two-time IHSFCA All-State honoree.

Gensler commits to play football at UW-Eau Claire

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Grant Gensler concluded his high school football career at Rochelle as one of the top players in the state, totaling over 2,000 all-purpose yards during his senior season. A three-time All-Conference and two-time IHSFCAAll-State honoree, Gensler has committed to continuing his academics and his football career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

"I chose Eau Claire because I felt it was a good fit," Gensler said. "The campus is really nice and their football coaches really care about every recruit they have. At the collegiate level, I'm looking forward to having another opportunity to showcase my skills. Football is a huge part of my life so being given the opportunity to continue to play after high school is super exciting."

Gensler earned All-State recognition during his senior season, when he rushed for 1,504 yards and 25 touchdowns at tailback while adding 37 total tackles, two interceptions and one fumble recovery at free safety. A three-year varsity starter for the Hubs, Gensler took over at free safety during his sophomore season, when he played alongside his older brother Garrett, a Northern Illinois University recruit and Rochelle's all-time career record holder for rushing touchdowns.

"Playing for the Rochelle football team and coach [Kyle] Kissack taught me to work hard and trust the process, two things that I think will translate really well to playing football at UW-Eau Claire," Gensler said. "Next year, I will be playing running back. I'm looking forward to learning a new offense. Hopefully, I can give the guys a good look in practices and play in games."

Gensler took on a bigger role offensively as his career progressed, becoming a two-way starter during his junior season, when he took home an All-State Honorable Mention after rushing for 1,085 yards and 12 touchdowns. Gensler, who recorded 39 total tackles and one interception as a junior, helped the Hubs reach the postseason in each of his three years with the varsity team.

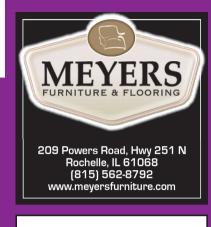
"My biggest strength as a player is having a natural instinct for the game," Gensler said. "I feel I am very coachable and I try to take in all information to make me a better player. One of my goals for next year is to get faster and stronger so I can be better while playing in college."

Gensler, who intends to study business at Eau Claire, led Rochelle to a 10-2 record, the team's first 10-win season since 2003, and a trip to the IHSA state quarterfinals in 2024. In addition to an outstanding football career, Gensler also shined on the wrestling mat, where he was an IHSA state qualifier three times and a fifth-place IHSA state medalist this season. Gensler compiled a 49-7 record during his senior wrestling season, setting a school record for wins in a season with teammate Kaiden Morris, who will be wrestling and studying physical education at Eau Claire.

"Grant has been a foundational piece for our program's success over the last few years," RTHS head football coach Kyle Kissack said. "Grant was always steady and reliable and delivering on a consistent basis. Guys like Grant sustain our athletic programs at RTHS. I had a blast working with him and I am excited for the next step in his journey."

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Grant Gensler





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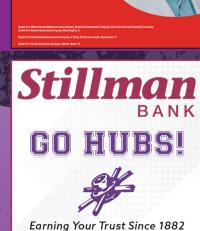
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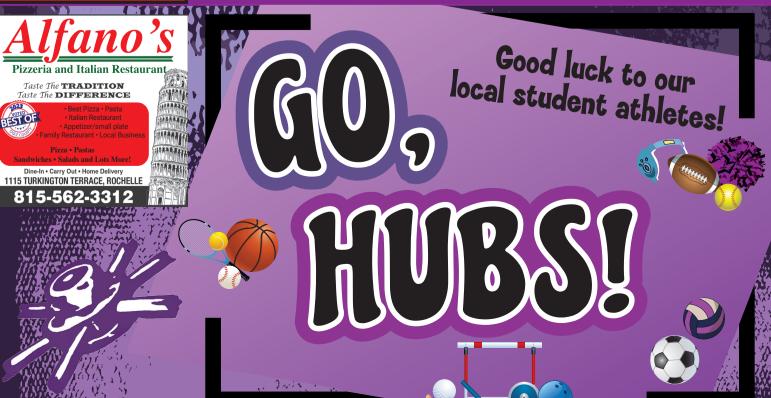








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SPORTS

RTHS Track & Field

Tilton leads RTHS athletes at Illinois Top Times Indoor State Meet

Hub senior places eighth in high jump, four RTHS athletes compete over the weekend

SPORTS EDITOR

BLOOMINGTON –

Jack Tilton brought home a state medal for the first time in his track and field career this past weekend, when the Rochelle Township High School senior finished eighth in Class 2A during the high jump competition at the 2025 Illinois Top Times Indoor State Meet.

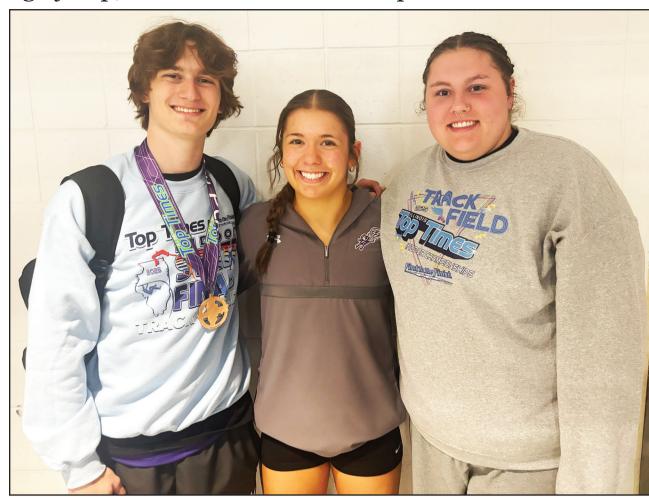
Tilton cleared 1.87 meters (6 feet 1 ½ inches) and was the only RTHS track and field athlete to earn a medal at the indoor state meet this season. Tilton, who qualified for the indoor state meet with a personal best of 1.94 meters (6 feet 4 ½ inches) during the Warrior Invitational in Sterling, was one of four RTHS student-athletes who qualified to compete at indoor state this season.

"It was a great experience and the atmosphere was awesome," said Tilton. "It was nice to see a track that I will probably see in college... It was a very fun experience and it means a lot to win a medal because I've put a lot of work in over these last four years. Knowing that I could've done better and I still won a medal is very encouraging for the rest of the season. I feel great knowing that I'm about to reach my peak and I think I have a few more inches in the tank. I'm excited to see what I can do."

Tilton, who has three high jump victories under his belt already this season, will look to carry his momentum over to the outdoor season, where he said his goals include qualifying for the IHSA State Championship. Tilton was one of two boys representing RTHS at the indoor state meet. Junior Andrew Nuyen qualified in the pole vault, but did not record a height in the competition.

"I'd like to go to the outdoor state meet," Tilton said. "I'd like to medal there and maybe give myself a chance to win it. I want to keep improving, stay confident and do everything I can."

Seniors Erin Murphy and Dempsey Atkinson also competed at the indoor state meet, with Murphy taking ninth in the Class 2A shot put competition



Seniors Jack Tilton, Dempsey Atkinson and Erin Murphy (left to right) each represented the Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub track and field teams during the 2025 Illinois Top Times Indoor State Meet on Friday and Saturday. Not pictured is junior Andrew Nuyen.

and Atkinson finishing 16th in the Class 2A high jump competition. Murphy recorded a heave of 10.63 meters (34 feet 10 ½ inches), while Atkinson

cleared 1.47 meters (4 feet 9 ³/₄ inches). The indoor state meet, which was held at the Shirk Center in Bloomington, was Rochelle's final indoor meet of the season.

SOFTBALL: Lady Hubs record wins over Lexington-Ridgeview, Pearl City

From page 1

Senior Lauren Dyer and sophomore Emma Heller each went 2 for 5, with Dyer scoring two runs. Dyer pitched the first five innings, striking out five batters and allowing two earned runs.

Hampshire

Rochelle held a 1-0 advantage over the Whip-Purs after sophomore Jaclynn Lira delivered an RBI single to score freshman Mya Martinez in the top of the second inning. But the Hampshire offense exploded for 10 runs in the bottom of the second inning, where the Whip-Purs totaled four hits and capitalized on five Rochelle fielding errors to take a nine-run lead in the

game.

The Lady Hubs responded with two runs in the top of the third inning to make the score 10-3. Senior Lauren Dyer lined an RBI single to center and sophomore Camryn Metzger brought Dyer home with an RBI groundout three batters later. Three singles and two hit batters resulted in three more runs for the Whip-Purs in the bottom of the third inning. Trailing 13-3, Rochelle earned a run back on an RBI groundout from junior Madigan Williams in the top of the fourth.

Hampshire's Lily Sippel belted a solo shot to center to spark a four-run surge for the Whip-Purs in the bottom of the fourth inning, where three more hits and another Rochelle error put the Lady Hubs behind 17-4. Freshman

Mya Martinez ripped a double to spark a two-run rally in the top of the fifth inning, where freshman Cheyenne Somers and Lira each delivered RBI knocks, but the 11-run deficit ended the game in the fifth inning. Martinez went 2 for 2 and Lira went 3 for 3 to lead the Lady Hubs, who finished with seven hits.

Pearl City

The Lady Hubs started strong in their tournament finale against Pearl City, tallying three runs in the top of the first inning, where senior Lauren Dyer opened the scoring with an RBI single to left field and sophomore Camryn Metzger delivered a two-RBI single to center three batters later. The Wolves,

who earned one run back in the bottom of the first inning, took a 4-3 lead over Rochelle after Natalie Lotz pounded a three-run homer to left in the bottom of the third inning.

The Lady Hubs tied

the game in the top of the fourth inning, scoring after sophomore Briel Metzger reached on a Pearl City fielding error. An error on Rochelle led to a run for the Wolves, who held a brief lead before the Lady Hubs broke the game open with five runs in the top of the fifth inning, where Dyer belted a solo homer to center that evened the score at 5-5. Four straight walks, including a basesloaded walk to freshmen Cheyenne Somers, put Rochelle up 6-5.

Sophomore Jaclynn Lira

came through with a clutch at-bat for the Lady Hubs, lacing a two-RBI double into left field to keep the Rochelle offense rolling. Junior Madigan Williams capped off the five-run frame, sending an RBI single into left field to give the Lady Hubs a 9-5 advantage.

A two-run double for Anna Dampman and a runscoring double from Kylie Campbell brought Pearl City back within one after five innings of softball. The Wolves were unable to slow down the Lady Hub bats, however, with freshman Audrina Rodriguez bashing an inside-the-park home run to spark a three-run frame for Rochelle in the top of the sixth. Sophomore Briel Metzger delivered a clutch at-bat, slapping a run-scoring double to left field with two outs.

Leading 12-8, Rochelle shut the Pearl City offense down in the sixth inning before adding four more runs on offense in the top of the seventh inning. Freshman Mya Martinez drove home Dyer with an RBI groundout and Camryn Metzger followed with an RBI single to center in the next at-bat. Somers reached on an error and Lira smacked an RBI triple to give the Lady Hubs an eight-run lead. Pearl City scratched one run on a double in the bottom of

the seventh inning. Dyer went 3 for 5 with three runs and two RBIs, while Camryn Metzger and Jaclynn Lira combined for four hits and six RBIs. Dyer pitched all seven innings and struck out five batters.

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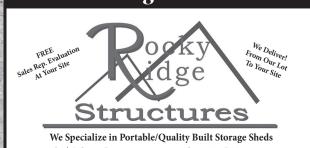
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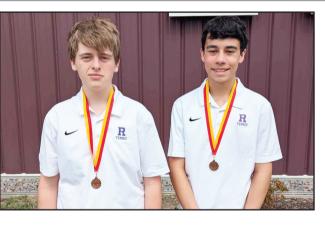


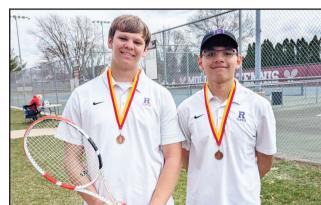


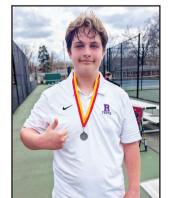


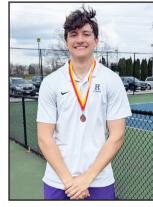
Rochelle Lady Hubs record shutout win over Sterling in nonconference action Thursday evening

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team scored a 4-0 win over Sterling in nonconference action on Thursday evening. Senior midfielder Makayla Lara scored all four goals for the Lady Hubs (2-2, 0-0 Interstate 8), while sophomore goalkeeper Yana Bartkiv recorded four saves in the shutout win. Above, senior Emma Kennay (left) battles for possession and freshman Morgan DeLille (right) dribbles the ball up the field. Below, freshman Paige Harris (left) holds off a Sterling defender and senior Yasmin Bahena (right) attacks the ball.









(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The Rochelle Hub tennis team finished with six medalists during the Rock Island Invitational on Saturday. Junior Caleb Mortensen and freshman David Eckardt (far left) medaled in fifth at No. 1 doubles, while junior Parker Slattengren and sophomore Amor Lara (middle left) medaled in fifth at No. 2 doubles. Juniors Philip Winters (middle right) and Mark Green (far right) medaled in second and fifth at No. 2 singles and No. 1 singles, respectively.

TENNIS: Rochelle netters tie for second at Rock Island Invitational

From page 1

Junior Parker Slattengren and sophomore Amor

Lara united for a fifth-place medalist finish at No. 2 doubles. Slattengren and Lara bounced back

against Moline's Jackson Smith and Henry Pottebaum, winning consecu-

fifth place. The RTHS duo outlasted Harlem's Riley Carlson and Chase

from a first-round loss tive matches to finish in Liney 3-6, 6-4, 10-8 before clinching fifth place with a 6-3, 6-3 victory against Galesburg's Vincent Ikra-

Rochelle will face Streator on the road Thursday at 4:30 p.m.



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Belvidere	Away
Princeton (DH)	Home
Marmion	Home
Auburn	Home

Streator (DH)	Away
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Ottawa Dixon (DH)

Harvard DeKalb

Junior Varsity

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Auburn
Streator (DH)
Guilford

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Belvidere	Away	4:30 p.m.
Sycamore	Home	4:30 p.m.
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Kaneland	Away	4:30 p.m.
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Morris	Home	4:30 p.m.
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Opponent

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Belvidere	Home	4:30 p.m.
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Kingdom (DH)	Home	10/12 p.m.
Sycamore	Home	4:30 p.m.
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LaSalle-Peru	Away	4:30 p.m.
LaSalle-Peru	Away	4:30 p.m.
LaSalle-Peru	Home	4:30 p.m.
Dakota	Away	10 a.m.
Ottawa	Home	4:30 p.m.
Ottawa	Away	4:30 p.m.

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Opponent

Marmion	Home	4:30 p.m.
Auburn	Home	4:30 p.m.
Streator (DH)	Home	10/12 p.m
Guilford	Away	12 p.m.
Forreston	Away	4:30 p.m.

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April 3	Mendota	Away	4:30 p.m.	April 3	Mendota	Away	6 p.m.
April 4	Belvidere	Away	4:30 p.m.	April 4	Belvidere	Away	5:30 p.m.
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April 12	Boylan	Home	10 a.m.	April 11	DeKalb	Away	4:30 p.m.
April 14	Sycamore	Home	4:30 p.m.	April 14	Sycamore	Home	4:30 p.m.
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May 13	Forreston	Away	4:30 p.m.	May 13	Forreston	Away	6 p.m.
May 14	Ottawa	Away	4:30 p.m.	May 14	Ottawa	Away	4:30 p.m.
May 17	AFC (DH)	Away	10/12 p.m.				
May 20	Dixon	Away	4:30 p.m.	May 20	Dixon	Away	4:30 p.m.
May 22	Plano	Away	4:30 p.m.	May 22	Plano	Away	4:30 p.m.



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- Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation

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Wed, Apr 2 vs **Minnesota Detroit** Fri, Apr 4 @ Sat, Apr 5 **Detroit** @ Sun, Apr 6 **Detroit** @ Tue, Apr 8 @ Cleveland Cleveland Wed, Apr 9 @ Cleveland Thu, Apr 10 Fri, Apr 11 **Boston Boston** Sat, Apr 12 VS Sun, Apr 13 **Boston** VS **Athletics** Tue, Apr 15 Wed, Apr 16 **Athletics Athletics** Thu, Apr 17 VS **Boston** Fri, Apr 18 **Boston** Sat, Apr 19 Sun, Apr 20 **Boston** Mon, Apr 21 **Boston** Tue, Apr 22 **Minnesota** Wed, Apr 23 **Minnesota** Thu, Apr 24 Minnesota @ **Athletics** Fri, Apr 25 @ Sat, Apr 26 **Athletics** @ **Athletics** Sun, Apr 27 Tue, Apr 29 Milwaukee Wed, Apr 30 vs Milwaukee Thu, May 1 Milwaukee Fri, May 2 Houston Sat, May 3 Houston vs Sun, May 4 VS **Houston** Mon, May 5 **Kansas City** @ **Kansas City** Tue, May 6 Wed, May 7 **Kansas City** @ Thu, May 8 **Kansas City** Miami Fri, May 9 VS Sat, May 10 Miami Sun, May 11 Miami Cincinnati Tue, May 13 Wed, May 14 @ Cincinnati Cincinnati Thu, May 15 @ Fri, May 16 Chi Cubs Chi Cubs Sat, May 17 Chi Cubs Sun, May 18 @ Seattle Mon, May 19 vs Tue, May 20 vs Seattle Wed, May 21 vs Seattle Texas Fri, May 23 Sat, May 24 Texas Sun, May 25 vs **Texas** Mon, May 26 @ **NY Mets** Tue, May 27 **NY Mets** Wed, May 28 @ **NY Mets** Fri, May 30 @ **Baltimore** Sat, May 31 **Baltimore** @ Sun, Jun 1 **Baltimore** @ **Detroit** Mon, Jun 2 **Detroit** Tue, Jun 3 VS Wed, Jun 4 VS **Detroit Detroit** Thu, Jun 5 Fri, Jun 6 VS **Kansas City** Sat, Jun 7 **Kansas City** VS Sun, Jun 8 **Kansas City** VS Tue, Jun 10 @ **Houston** Wed, Jun 11 **Houston** @ Thu, Jun 12 @ **Houston** Fri, Jun 13 **Texas** @ Sat, Jun 14 **Texas** @ Sun, Jun 15 @ Texas Tue, Jun 17 St. Louis Wed, Jun 18 St. Louis Thu, Jun 19 St. Louis Fri, Jun 20 **Toronto** Sat, Jun 21 **Toronto** Sun, Jun 22 **Toronto** @ Mon, Jun 23 **Arizona**

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Date: March 14, 2025 City of Rochelle, Illinois John Bearrows, Mayor No. 0321 (March 19, 26 and April

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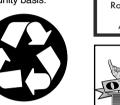
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