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School boards see new members

City council, park board to remain constant

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE—During the April 1 Consolidated Election, five community members ran for four open board member positions on the Rochelle Township High School District Board of Education.

Earning board member seats were Robert Chadwick (961 votes, 23.65 percent), Trisha Vaughn (887 votes, 21.83 percent), Joel Thompson (812 votes, 19.98 percent) and Janet Kacvinsky (741 votes, 18.23 percent). Falling short was Bill Ravnaas (663 votes, 16.31 percent). Thompson, Chadwick and Ravnaas were incumbents. Vaughn and Kacvinsky will be new to the board. Vaughn previously served on the Rochelle Elementary School District Board of Education.

For the Rochelle Elementary School District Board of Education, four community members and write-in spots ran for four open four-year terms as board members. Elected from the unincorporated area was Stephanie White (666 votes, 27.57 percent) and a write-in candidate that will be determined



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

During the April 1 Consolidated Election, five community members ran for four open board member positions on the Rochelle Township High School District Board of Education.

when election results are official. Elected from the incorporated area were Evan Tracy (599 votes, 24.79 percent) and Ashley Jackson (579 votes, 23.97 percent). Sara Harley (572 votes, 23.68 percent) fell short in the incorporated area. Based on existing board membership, no more than two candidates could be elected from the incorporated area.

Tracy and the eventual write-in candidate will be new to the board. Jackson and White were incumbents. Trisha Vaughn and Dave Casey were longtime elementary school board members that did not seek reelection.

The Rochelle City Council will not see any change following the Consolidated Election, as incumbents Dan McDermott (446 votes), Rosaelia Arteaga (444 votes) and Kate Shaw Dickey (445 votes) ran unopposed Tuesday.

The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District Board of Commissioners will also remain constant, with incumbents Tim Hayden (633 votes), Dale Wells (681 votes) and BT Carmichael (676 votes) running unopposed Tuesday.

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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

At its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Creston Village Board of Trustees heard a presentation from Tim Hayden of Hayden Real Estate on progress regarding the building of new homes that has been taking place in the Creston Commons subdivision.

Hayden makes presentation on subdivision progress

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

CRESTON — At its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Creston Village Board of Trustees heard a presentation from Tim Hayden of Hayden Real Estate on progress regarding the building of new homes that has been taking place in the Creston Commons subdivision.

Hayden provided trustees with information on plans for new home locations along with navigating and fixing water service issues for the new homes. Seven new home permits were recently submitted for the subdivision,

six of which will be built by Hayden. Two of the lots have been sold to other private owners.

Hayden said a total of 14 building permits have been issued since subdivision building work has started. Five homes are currently being built. The new homes have been sized around 1,600 square feet and are priced between \$300,000-315,000.

“We are not only building, but we are thankfully having a little success in sales and pre-sales,” Hayden said. “I would say everything is going well for the most part.”

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Jan. 7 fire that injured 4 at Silgan Containers started due to employees burning isopropyl alcohol

State fire marshal report: Propane heater was not source of fire flash

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — A Jan. 7 fire flash that injured four employees at Silgan Containers at 400 N. 15th St. in Rochelle was caused by employees burning isopropyl alcohol, a Illinois State Fire Marshal report on the incident said.

The News-Leader previously reported that the incident was caused by a propane heater, which was not the case. The state fire marshal's report said that three of the injured employees fabricated that story initially.

At 3:52 a.m. on Jan. 7 the Rochelle Fire Department was dispatched to Silgan Containers for the report of a small explosion, no fire and two injuries. After arriving on scene, RFD personnel found there had been a total of four injuries. One patient suffered minor burns to their hands and opted not to be transported. Those that were transported suffered “serious, but not life-threatening” burn injuries and went to burn



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units at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, RFD Chief Dave Sawlsville said.

The fire flash took place in an enclosure in the business's parking lot that is used for smoke breaks. The tent did have a propane heater in it for warmth during winter months, but that was not the cause of the fire flash. The state fire marshal's report said that employees in the tent would burn pie plates of isopropyl alcohol for an additional heat source.

One employee took a gallon jug of isopropyl alcohol and poured it into the pie plate to keep the fire going, which caused the large fire flash.

The state fire marshal's report said the fire flash was not caused intentionally. Employees told the false propane heater story at first because of fear that they “would be in trouble,” the state fire marshal report said.

One employee suffered a broken back from falling over a railing while

realizing their clothes were on fire. Another sustained burn injuries to their face, right hand, right leg and torso. The third employee received significant facial burns, burns to both hands and neck burns.

The investigation into the incident was done by State Fire Marshal Special Agents John McGee and Darren Briggs, RFD Lt. and Investigator Tyler Carls, and Rochelle Police Department Detective Elvis Baneski.

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LOCAL NEWS

\$349 million lottery ticket sold in Cortland, winner has not come forward

CORTLAND — It's been over a week since a single Mega Millions ticket sold in Illinois won an astonishing \$349 million jackpot. Yet, the mystery remains — who is the lucky winner?

The Illinois Lottery is eagerly awaiting the winning ticket holder to step forward and claim their life-changing prize.

This historic win marks the fourth time in nearly four years that an Illinois Lottery player has won a Mega Millions jackpot. It also brings Illinois' total Mega Millions jackpot wins to 16 since the game began in 2002.

The \$349 million win-

ning ticket was purchased at Casey's General Store, located at 70 S. Somonauk Road in Cortland for the March 25 Mega Millions drawing.

"It's the talk of the town, and the store is still buzzing with excitement," said Kim Shaw, Casey's district manager. "This is the biggest jackpot-winning ticket our store has ever sold. We're thrilled for the winner, and selfishly, we hope it's one of our regular customers — keeping the winnings in the community would make it even more special."

Casey's General Store in Cortland also got a piece

of the celebration. For selling the winning ticket, the retailer will receive a cash bonus of \$500,000.

The Illinois Lottery reminds the winner that they have 12 months from the draw date to claim their prize. To ensure their winnings are protected, the Lottery has three key pieces of advice for the newly minted millionaire:

Sign the back of the ticket and keep it somewhere safe.

Seek professional financial and legal advice.

Call the Lottery Player Hotline at 1-800-252-1775 to arrange a private appointment to claim the prize.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Casey's district manager, Kim Shaw (right), takes a celebratory photo with her staff after selling a winning Mega Millions jackpot ticket worth a whopping \$349 million.

RMU honored with national award for outstanding safety practices

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2024. The utility earned a Diamond award.

"We're proud of our safety culture at RMU."

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. "This award is a testament to the safety culture we have built and the hard work that goes into ensuring that our team members have a safe work environment."

More than 200 utilities entered the annual

Safety Awards for 2024. The entrants are placed in accordance with their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2024. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-relat-

ed reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2024, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"Harnessing electricity to keep our communities powered is vital work that can be dan-

gerous, even deadly, if the proper attention isn't paid to tried-and-true safety practices," said Jon Beasley, chair of APPA's Safety Committee and vice president of Electric Cities of GA. "This award honors utilities that hold fast to these practices and — in doing so — put the

safety of their personnel and their customers above all else."

APPA has conducted the Safety Awards annually for more than 66 years. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)
Ogle County as a whole saw an 18.7 percent voter turnout, with 6,450 ballots cast out of 34,449 total voters. 4,685 ballots were cast at the polls, 602 early ballots were cast, and 1,163 vote by mail ballots were cast. The results of the April 1 consolidated election will be considered unofficial for the coming weeks until the results are certified.

ELECTION RESULTS: Over 6,000 local voters cast ballots in Ogle County

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The Flagg-Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees will remain the same, with incumbents Lanning Nicoloff (585 votes), Darci Waltrip (680 votes), and Teresa Haggstad (699 votes) running unopposed for four open four-year terms Tuesday.

For the Village of Creston Board of Trustees, Village President Tom Byro (84 votes) and Village Clerk Jennifer Payton (82 votes) ran unopposed Tuesday. For two four-year terms on the board of trustees, Justin Hibshman (64 votes) and Curt Ward (42 votes) ran unopposed Tuesday with the possible exception of a write-in candidate that could be tallied and determined later on. Hibshman would be new to the board. Incumbent Greg Hopkins (85 votes) ran unopposed

Tuesday for a two-year term on the board as well.

Patricia Garcia will be remaining on the Village of Hillcrest Board of Trustees for a four-year term after being recently appointed and running unopposed (50 votes) on Tuesday. There was no candidate for one other two-year term on the board.

The Steward Village Board saw Hugh McKiski (27 votes) retain his village president position and William Wasilewski (21 votes), Erik Maertz (20 votes) and Zach Burkhart (17 votes) ran unopposed for three trustee positions.

Eric Grendahl (144 votes) defeated John Nicholson (44 votes) for Franklin Grove village president.

Tim Henert (150 votes) defeated John Martinez (113) votes for Ashton village president.

Three candidates ran for four open spots on the Creston-Dement Public Library Board of Trustees Tuesday, with Alan Polansky (70 votes), Molly Johnson (81 votes) and Deanna Forrest (95 votes) earning spots.

For Dement Township, Amy Kerns (83 votes, 69.6 percent) defeated Angela Ward (38 votes, 31.4 percent) for the office of clerk. The rest of the positions within that township saw unopposed races, with Michelle Coglianese (111 votes) earning the supervisor seat, Mike Kerns (110 votes) earning the highway commissioner position, and Michael J. Boehle (88 votes) and Brian Sieg (83 votes) taking trustee positions.

Flagg Township saw five unopposed races. Sue Messer (805 votes) earned the supervisor office, Joanna Patrick (779 votes) earned the clerk office, Rachel Berry (754 votes) earned the assessor's office, Scott Seebach (798 votes) earned the highway commissioner office and Lance Noggle (643 votes), James C. Kenney (668 votes), Susan Hager (658 votes) and Eric Gruben (647 votes) earned trustee seats.



For Lynnville Township highway commissioner, Richard Drendel (85 votes, 47.49 percent) defeated David Mayer (53 votes, 29.61 percent) and Anthony Musselman (41 votes, 22.91 percent). The rest of that township's office races were unopposed, with Betsy Lovelady-Smith (155 votes) earning the supervisor office and Norna Seaworth (146 votes), Nicholas Leiseberg (109 votes) and Randy Beach (129 votes) earning trustee seats.

White Rock Township saw four unopposed races including Mark Hayes (89

votes) earning the office of supervisor, Faith Hayenga (87 votes) earning the office of clerk, Heath Strohmman (83 votes) earning the office of highway commissioner and Timothy Reints (72 votes), Bryan Hayenga (76 votes) and Brian Tobler (79 votes) earning trustee seats.

Lafayette Township saw unopposed races for three offices. Aubrey Quinn (36 votes) earned the office of clerk, Ryan Messer (28 votes) earned the office of highway commissioner and Rick Kennay (35 votes), Merle Meurer (33 votes), Jennifer Cissna (32 votes) and Edward Fahs (34 votes) earned trustee spots. The office of Lafayette Township supervisor was available for write-in votes and that race won't be official until the election results are certified in coming weeks.

For the Ashton-Franklin Center School District, four candidates ran for

three four-year terms with Lea Henert (517 votes, 30.32 percent), Cullen Searing (516 votes, 30.26 percent), and Tiffany Willstead (442 votes, 25.92 percent) prevailing over Aaron D. Baker (230 votes, 13.49 percent).

For the Kings School District Board of Education, three candidates ran unopposed for three four-year terms. Earning seats on the board Tuesday were Logan Teut (90 votes), Todd Schabacker (112 votes) and Callie Johnson (95 votes).

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LOCAL NEWS

CRESTON: New library now open, grand opening event is May 10

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“We’ve had a little bit of interest from Creston, a little bit of interest from the area, and a little bit of interest from outside the area. It’s all ages. We’re not overrunning the school, but we’re seeing a little bit of family interest.”

Hayden Real Estate closed on the ownership of the subdivision at the end of December 2023. The village has hoped in recent years to see clean up, new homes and a new agreement with the subdivision’s ownership.

“I think everybody here is really happy with what’s going on out there,” Byro said. “It’s nice to see something finally going on out there. Hopefully people are buying these houses.”

Hayden said boring work has been done for water services to new homes and more of that work is planned. Work will also soon be done on parks in the area, including fencing for a potential dog park, a Jack Kerns Community Garden, playgrounds, and trees and landscaping, Hayden said.

Library

Village officials said Wednesday that the new

Creston-Dement Public Library is now open and a grand opening will be held Saturday, May 10. Village Building Inspector Aaron Moore said during the meeting that he recently did a final inspection of the building and provided feedback on small items and would be going back for a final reinspection on Friday.

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

Storm sewer

Village Building Inspector Kevin Bunge said during the meeting that Creston will likely approve a bid for a planned storm sewer project in Creston at its May meeting.

The project will consist of 36-inch storm sewer pipe being put in to replace broken drain tile and im-

prove drainage in Creston. The storm sewer work will consist of adding pipe on both sides of the railroad tracks, but the current phase of it will not go under the tracks. The work was suggested due to issues with stormwater overflow.

The work will likely begin in the late spring or summer of 2025. Bunge has estimated in the past that the project could roughly cost \$180,000-200,000. The project would take around six weeks.

The preliminary storm sewer project work involved securing easements from property owners in the area of it.

Water issues

Bunge provided an update during the meeting on a project that will see Creston’s water tower cleaned and inspected in an effort to try to alleviate rust issues in the village. Bunge said that after it was originally expected that the project would be started as soon as weather allowed, the contractor recently provided a start date of Aug. 20.

Bunge said he’d be going back to the contractor to attempt to get the project started as soon as possi-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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ble. Back in December, the board unanimously approved a proposal from KLM Engineering for \$16,836 to complete the work by July 1.

In other efforts to alleviate rust issues in Creston’s water, the village recently had some locating work done on water service lines near homes that have seen rust issues to find each of them and their source.

Bunge said all service lines were located with the exception of two and he would soon be doing analysis work to determine

what work the village should do to improve its system to alleviate rust issues.

Bunge recently created a map showing areas seeing the worst rust issues in Creston, and he said he believes those areas coincide with bellies, low spots and old four-inch water mains in the village’s water system.

Election

Village officials discussed unofficial results of the April 1 Consolidated Election that took place

Tuesday. Byro (84 votes) and Village Clerk Jennifer Payton (82 votes) ran unopposed for reelection Tuesday. For two four-year terms on the board of trustees, Justin Hibshman (64 votes) and Curt Ward (42 votes) ran unopposed Tuesday with the possible exception of a write-in candidate that could be tallied and determined later on. Hibshman would be new to the board. Incumbent Greg Hopkins (85 votes) ran unopposed Tuesday for a two-year term on the board as well.

Stillman Bank promotes Reeverts to agricultural loan officer

ROCKFORD—Thomas R. Hughes, president & CEO of Stillman Banc-Corp N.A., along with the Board of Directors, has moved to promote the following bank officer: Ryan H. Reeverts, agricultural loan officer.

Ryan joined Stillman Bank in 2023. Born and raised in Ogle County, he is a fifth-generation farmer on his family’s grain

& livestock farm. Ryan graduated from Byron High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness Economics from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Ryan currently serves as an Ogle County board member and is treasurer of the Ogle County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Additionally, he is the

Young Leader Committee chairman. He also serves on the Illinois FFA Foundation Board of Directors and enjoys volunteering with the Illinois FFA organization and local FFA chapters.

In his role as agricultural loan officer, Ryan is responsible for partnering with agricultural clients to meet their banking needs.

“We would like to

congratulate Ryan who has demonstrated a strong commitment towards his responsibilities and overall excellence,” Hughes said. “As we continue to grow in our local communities, we recognize how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated individual serving the bank and our customers.”

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Stillman Bank is an independently owned community bank founded in 1882. The bank has approximately \$595 million in assets and operates full-service banking offices in Byron, Oregon, Rochelle, Rockford, Roscoe/Rockton, and Stillman Valley.



Ryan H. Reeverts

Spherion’s Sandy Mazur Scholarship accepting submissions

ATLANTA—Spherion Staffing and Recruiting (Spherion) is now accepting applications for its Sandy Mazur Excellence in Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship is open to high school graduates of any age with a track record of leadership, academic excellence, and a passion for serving others. Spherion, whose franchise community funds up to \$5,000 for each award, invites aspiring and current higher education students to apply online now through April 30, 2025.

The scholarship honors former Spherion President Sandy Mazur for her 18 years of dedicated service and commitment to excellence in driving careers and growing businesses.

Established by the Spherion franchise community, it aims to support students who reflect Mazur’s values of leadership, dedication and community impact. Her legacy continues to inspire Spherion teams nationwide to make a positive difference in the communities they serve.

This year’s application is open to individuals enrolling in college, technical school or skilled training programs. Eligible applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate a commitment to community service by sharing how they plan to ‘pay it forward’ in their future endeavors. Financial need will also be taken into consideration.

“Being part of a schol-

arship program that has helped students pursue their dreams for the past six years is truly an honor,” said Mazur. “Giving back is a core pillar of Spherion, and this scholarship is a great opportunity to recognize inspiring students who share those values. Best of luck to all who apply this year!”

Since launching the scholarship in 2020, Spherion has awarded more than \$33,000 to 12 students demonstrating excellence in academic leadership and community involvement. The 2024 Sandy Mazur Scholarship awarded two students \$5,000, the largest scholarship to date. These prizes were made

possible by the Spherion franchise community, who hosted an online and live auction fundraiser to raise additional funds. Spherion’s scholarship committee selected the winners based on their embodiment of the characteristics of leadership, excellence, and passion that distinguished Mazur’s legacy at Spherion.

“Supporting the next generation as they prepare to enter the workforce is key to strengthening businesses and communities, and I am honored to lead an organization that values both the leaders of today and those of tomorrow,” said Kathy George, president of Spherion. “Each year, this scholarship program

allows us to celebrate and invest in outstanding students, providing them with the support and encouragement they need to pursue their goals and make a meaningful impact on their futures and their communities. I am also incredibly proud of our Spherion franchise community for their generosity and dedication in raising funds for this scholarship, demonstrating their commitment to empowering the workforce of the future.”

The Spherion franchise community, led by Beth DeLaney and Michael Chalmers, coordinates the online applications with Ohio-based nonprofit The Richland County Foundation, which disburses

grants for charitable organizations. The application asks candidates to share examples of their community service involvement and how they “pay it forward.” With names and locations removed, Spherion’s scholarship selection committee will review applications and select the winner(s) based on merit.

For more information and to apply online, visit spherion.com/scholarship.

To donate to the Sandy Mazur Scholarship, please visit richland-countyfdn.fcsuite.com/erp/donate and search Sandy Mazur/Spherion Excellence in Leadership Scholarship Fund to reach the donation page.

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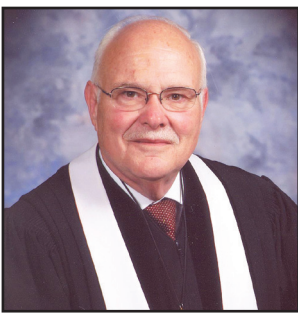
LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Delmer C. Keilman

EARLVILLE — Delmer C. “Pastor Del” Keilman, 81, of Earlville, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on April 1, 2025. He was born on Oct. 14, 1943, in Portage, Wis., son of Dale and Charlotte (Wilson) Keilman, the eldest of three siblings. Del graduated from Poynette (Wisconsin) High School in 1961 and married his high school sweetheart Mary McFarlane in 1960. He was employed at Del Monte for 41 years and after retirement, studied and entered the ministry. Following graduation in 2001, he was installed at United Presbyterian Church, Earlville, where he served for 23 years. He served on Blackhawk Presbytery and was active in choir and ecumenical services with Earlville churches. He is survived by his wife Mary; four sons, Dale (Megan Tarleton) Keilman of Shabbona,

Kerry (Elise Haendel) Keilman of Bentonville Arkansas, Cory (Linda Bell) Keilman of Rochelle and Ryan (Jennifer Lak) Keilman of Loves Park; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Delores (Mike) Mack and a brother, Gary Keilman, both of Middleton, Wis.; sisters-in-law, Marilyn McFarlane of Portage, WI; Larry (Chris) McFarlane of Portage, WI; and Pam (Rod) Stibb of Lodi, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents Charlotte and Dale Keilman and in-laws, Beulah and Leslie McFarlane, as well as brothers-in-law Eugene McFarlane and Robert and Shirley Falk. Del was a devoted family man. In his free time, he continued his father’s upholstery business for 41 years and enjoyed camping with his family at their Sky-High campsite in Portage and tandem biking with Mary on the Wisconsin bike trails.



A celebration of Del’s life with friends and family will include a visitation on Friday, April 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday April, 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. at United Presbyterian Church 602 South Ottawa ST. Earlville, IL, with a funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Sandy Smith and Pastor Laurie Walker officiating. Burial will follow in Precinct Cemetery in Earlville. Memorials may be made to the United Presbyterian Church, Earlville. Arrangements were entrusted to Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home in Earlville. For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to www.eighnerfuneralhomes.com

Mary Lou Kator

ROCHELLE — Mary Lou Kator, 81, passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at her home in Rochelle, Illinois with family by her side. Mary Lou was born on December 8, 1943 to Walter and Gertrude (Hinz) Buchman in New Castle, IN. On August 29, 1964, she married William George Kator in Indianapolis, IN. Mary Lou had many interests and stayed active over the years. Prior to becoming a minister, she was a nurse at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. After moving to Rochelle, she was the pastor at St. Jude Episcopal Church in Rochelle. She loved history and machine embroidery and was an avid reader. She played guitar and enjoyed amateur theater, participating with the Stage Coach Players. She was an active

member of the Daughters of the Revolution (DAR). As a minister, Mary Lou did more than preach—she lived her faith through action. She offered counsel, lifted spirits, and reminded people of the strength they carried within themselves. She believed in the power of kindness, in the importance of community, and in the sacredness of every soul she encountered. Mary Lou is survived by her husband of 60 years, Bill; four children: Michelle Kator, Christopher (Sharon) Kator, Jerome Kator, and Martin (Chandra) Kator; seven grandchildren: Vanessa (Justin) Isaacs, Luci and Susan Schmidt, Autumn, Nathan and Jerome Kator and Jade Hubler; two great grandchildren: Henry Isaacs and Nolan Wilson and two sisters: Joanne Dye and Kris Laverdure.



The visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:00 A.M., Friday, April 4, 2025 at the First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. The funeral will follow at 11:00 A.M. with Pastors Rev. Dr. George Koch and Rev. Dr. Doug Forsberg officiating. Cremation rites will follow after the service. Burial will be at the Holy Cross and St. Joseph Cemetery in Indianapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Right to Life. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

ROCHELLE POLICE REPORT

ROCHELLE — On April 1 at 3:15 p.m. a 17-year-old juvenile of Rochelle was cited for speeding 65 in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 25 Rochelle court date. On April 1 at 8:33 a.m. Leenah A. Saadeh, 19, of Rochelle was cited for speeding. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 25 Rochelle court date. On March 31 at 9:03 p.m. Mustafa A. Osman, 29, of Aurora was cited for expired registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given

an April 25 Rochelle court date. On April 1 at 10:53 p.m. Osbel Garcia Milanes, 29, of Aurora was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 25 Rochelle court date. On April 2 at 11:40 a.m. Juan Arriaga, 36, of Rochelle was arrested on an Ogle County warrant and transferred. On April 2 at 11:41 a.m. Adam Farve, 39, of Rochelle was cited for disregarding a stop sign. He signed a promise to comply and was given

an April 25 Rochelle court date. On April 2 at 8:43 p.m. Ceczar Spann, 30, of West Chicago was arrested on a Lee County warrant. He paid \$50 and was released with an April 17 Lee County court date. On April 4 at 12:36 a.m. Yuris Yorkis Suarez, 50, of Rockford was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 25 Rochelle court date. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On March 29 at approximately 6:53 a.m. deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident near the intersection of Judson Road and Union Road in rural Polo. An initial investigation revealed a vehicle traveling southbound on Union Road disobeyed the stop sign at Judson Road. The vehicle then continued southbound where it lost control and entered the east ditch, overturning multiple times. The driver, Logan Linker, 21, of Byron, was pronounced deceased on the scene. The incident is still under investigation. Deputies were assisted by Polo Police and Polo Fire/EMS. On March 29 at approximately 4:01 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Clay Street, just east of South Fourth Street in Oregon. As a result, deputies arrested Lachandra L. Stokes, 42, of Rockford, for driving with no valid license. Stokes was additionally issued citations for expired registration, operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended/mandatory insurance, and unlawful possession of cannabis/driver. Deputies also cited passenger, Shamus L. French, 41, of Rockford, for unlawful possession of cannabis/passenger, and illegal transportation/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger. Stokes was released on a notice to appear with a future court date. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Oregon Police Department. On March 30 at approximately 4:31 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After an initial investigation, deputies placed Devin Thevenot, 30, of Ashton, under arrest for no valid driver’s license. Thevenot was also cited for speeding 35+ miles per hour over the posted limit. Thevenot was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear bond with a future court date. On March 30 at approximately 7:04 p.m. deputies responded to an address in the 100 block of River Road, Hillcrest, for a disturbance. After an investigation, Chris W. Wolfert, 66, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for aggravated assault. Wolfert was additionally charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm, reckless discharge of a firearm, possession of firearm without FOID and possession of ammunition without FOID. Wolfert was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge. On March 30 at approximately 9:30 p.m. deputies responded to an address in the 6,000 block of West Wagner Road for a disturbance. After further investigation, Erik Peterson, 47, of German Valley, was

placed under arrest for domestic battery. Peterson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge. On March 30 at 4:30 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for a lane violation. After an investigation, Dominic Archer, 24, of Chana, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Archer was also cited for improper lane usage. Archer was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released with a future court date. On March 30 at approximately 1:01 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near East Illinois Route 64 and Interstate 39. After investigation, deputies arrested Alejandro Ortega-Sanchez, 49, of Malta, on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Ortega-Sanchez was also cited for no insurance. Ortega-Sanchez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. On March 31 at approximately 4 p.m. deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Illinois Route 52 and Freeport Road. After an investigation it was determined that a black Ford Explorer being driven by Kenneth Vandermolen, 55, of Caroga Lake, New York, was northbound on Freeport Road and failed to yield the right of way to a red Jeep Wrangler traveling west on Illinois Route 52. The Jeep was being driven by Dennis White, 72, of Dubuque, Iowa. White was transported to St. Katharine Hospital in Dixon for injuries sustained in the accident where he was treated and released. Vandermolen and his passenger were uninjured and refused medical attention at the scene. Vandermolen was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way at an intersection and is due to appear in Ogle County court. On March 31 at 11:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on North Walnut Avenue at North Baileyville Road in Forreston for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Chad Sparby, 34, of Dixon was arrested for an in-state warrant for failure to appear for possession of meth. Sparby was additionally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting and obstructing a peace officer. Sparby was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear for the new charges, but held on the warrant for failure to appear. On April 1 at 6:34 p.m. deputies were dispatched to an address in the 500 block of East 3rd Street in Leaf River for a reported domestic. After an investigation, Justin C. Craycraft, 33, of Huntley was arrested for domestic battery. Craycraft was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. On April 1 at approximately 9 p.m. deputies along with Mt. Morris Fire/EMS responded to the 1,200 block of North Ridge Road for a single-vehicle

rollover crash. After further investigation, it was determined that a black Mercedes-Benz sedan being driven by Abdelhalim Khoga, 37, of Oregon, was traveling southbound and failed to negotiate the curve, entering the west ditch of the roadway and striking a ditch embankment and metal culvert, becoming airborne and overturning colliding with a fence and telephone pole. Khoga was transported to OSF St. Katherine in Dixon for his injuries. Khoga was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Khoga was also issued citations for failure to reduce speed, improper lane usage and no insurance. Khoga was released on a notice to appear with a future court date. On April 2 at approximately 10:16 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 38 and Interstate 39. After an investigation, deputies arrested Alfonso Perez, 31, of Rochelle, for driving while his license was revoked and an active warrant out of Ogle County. Perez was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he is being held pending his court date for the outstanding warrant. Perez was given a notice to appear for his citation for driving while his license revoked. On April 2 at approximately 5:14 p.m. deputies responded to an address in the 4,000 block of South Prairie Road in reference to a disturbance. After an investigation, Mark Wright, 59, of Chana, was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct. Wright was released on a notice to appear bond. All subjects are presumed innocent. On April 3 at approximately 1:05 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,200 block of West Blackhawk Drive, Byron. After an investigation, deputies placed Jose Hernandez-Hernandez, 24, of Rock Island, under arrest for no valid license. Hernandez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released on a notice to appear with a future court date. On April 3 at approximately 3:58 p.m. deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of North Illinois Route 251 and Rolling Meadows Road. After an investigation it was determined that a blue Ford Focus being driven by Brenda Obil Quiala, 48, of Davis Junction, was southbound on North Illinois Route 251 and failed to yield the right of way to a black Ford Focus traveling northbound on North Illinois Route 251. The blue Ford Focus turned eastbound in front of the black Ford Focus. The black Ford was driven by Thomas Kennedy, 27, of Loves Park. Obil Quiala was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for injuries sustained in the accident by Lynn-Scott-Rock EMS. Obil Quiala’s juvenile passenger was uninjured. Kennedy was treated for minor injuries on scene and refused further treatment. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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LOCAL NEWS



RPD presents awards to Anaya, Knight and Olszewski

The Rochelle Police Department recently presented 2024 awards to two officers and a dispatcher. The 2024 Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer Pedro Anaya. The 2024 DUI Enforcement Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer Noah Knight. Dispatcher Robin Olszewski received the Dispatcher of the Year Award. (Courtesy photos)

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ashton Bible Church, corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website www.ashtonbible.org. Sunday School for all ages 9:00-10:00am, Morning Worship 10:15am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm.

Calvary Lighthouse Church, Assemblies of God, Senior Pastor, Dr. James Horvath. 14409 Hemstock Rd., Rochelle. Sunday Morning: Sunday Worship & Children's Church 10:00 A.M., Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. – Adult Teaching, Missionettes & Royal Rangers Childrens Classes, Nursery available for all services. HE-Brews Cafe is open before and after services. For further information, please call the CLC office at 815-562-7701, or email us at staff@calvalrylighthouse.com

Rochelle Church of Christ, Keeping Christ at the center in the Hub City. We meet Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study and 10:00am for worship. We also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm. 206 Erickson Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068. You can call us at (815) 562-6572 or visit us on the web at rochellechurch.com. We also have a radio program Sundays just after 8am on WRHL 1060AM. Minister Dominic Venuso.

Creston United Methodist Church and Steward United Methodist Church - Rev. Ilhan You, Creston: 126 West South Street, P.O. Box 209, Creston, Illinois 60113. Sunday morning worship 9:00am. Coffee fellowship at 10:15am. Steward: 507 Main Street, P.O. Box 80, Steward, IL 60553. Adult Sunday School, 10:00am. Sunday morning worship and Children's Sunday School 11:00am. Contact the church office at 847-730-4370 for more information. facebook.com/crestonumcil facebook.com/stewardilumc

Elim Reformed Church, 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-6811. Email goelimchurch@gmail.com Website www.goelimchurch.org Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 Rev. Marv Jacobs

Faith Lutheran Church – (14206 E. Flag Rd.) – “Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith.” In-person worship is available each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or online at “Faith Lutheran Social” on YouTube. Worship resources are also available on our Facebook page - ‘Faith Lutheran Church ELCA.’ You may also e-mail Pastor Joy Alsop at Pastor@faithlchrochelle.org for more information. All are welcome to join us!

First General Baptist Church, 500 S. 12th St, Rochelle. Phone: 815-562-5221. Email: fgbcrochelle@gmail.com. Website: www.fgbcrochelle.org. Facebook: www.facebook.com/fgbcrochelle. Pastor: Rev. Angelo Bonacquisti. **Sunday worship services:** 8:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm. **Sunday school:** 10:00 am. We'd be honored to have you join us as we worship JESUS and continue to grow in truth and love for God and each other. A nursery, children's church, youth group and small groups are available. If you need a ride please contact our church bus driver, John, at (815) 262-4275 by 8:30 am on Sunday. “For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

First Presbyterian Church – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgrace.com. Sunday morning worship 9:00am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgrace.com/ www.facebook.com/placeforgrace

Harvest Baptist Church 241 Scott Ave. (Hillcrest). Rev. Duane Boehm, pastor. Email duane712@hotmail.com, cell 815-757-3427. Visit us on Facebook! Service times: Sunday morning worship with Children's Church at 10 am. Wednesday night worship at 7 pm.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049. Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock. Church Phone 393-4500. Church Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christian Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

St. Patrick Catholic Church Rev. Jesus Dominguez; Deacon Fermin Garcia; Deacon George Schramm; 244 Kelley Dr. (Corner of Kelley & Caron Rd.), PO Box 329, Rochelle, IL 61068. **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM- 4PM Monday-Thursday, Phone: 815-562-2370. **Mass times:** 8:00 AM Monday-Thursday, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM English, 7PM Spanish, Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM in English and 11:00 AM in Spanish. **Confessions:** Monday 8:30AM & 6:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM, Saturday 8:30am & 4:00-4:45 PM Or by appointment. **Religious Education:** Deacon George Schramm, Director of Religious Education. 903 Caron Road, Rochelle, IL 61068, 815-561-0079; Website: stpatricksrochelle.com Email: stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle

St. Paul Lutheran Church “Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!” Steven Hall, Principal, Parish Nurse-Marcia Schnorr. 1415 Tenth Ave., Rochelle. Church Office-562-2744. Worship times: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Our service is broadcast over WRHL 1060AM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School 10:15-11:15 a.m. Call 562-6323 for more information about the school.



COMMUNITY



95th birthday celebration held for King on March 28

Darlene King of Creston celebrated her 95th birthday on March 28. Darlene was born and raised in Fort Frances, Ontario Canada. She completed nurses training at Saint Boniface Hospital through the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. After nurses training she moved to Rochelle and worked as a RN at Rochelle Community Hospital. She married Louis King in 1956 and they have eight children, 17 grandkids, and 14 great grandkids. (Courtesy photos)



- Mar. 11 - John Conley, Waterman, \$25
- Mar. 12 - Deanne Ponto, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 13 - RMTD, \$25
- Mar. 14 - Larry Hageman, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 15 - Mariah Coffey, Dixon, \$25
- Mar. 16 - Rick McConaghie, Rochelle, \$50
- Mar. 17 - Jan Thompson, Rochelle, \$250
- Mar. 18 - Dale Galland, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 19 - Jeffrey J. Musselman, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 20 - Rick McBride, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 21 - Priscilla Escutia, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 22 - Connie Fallon, Rockton, \$25
- Mar. 23 - Jeff Bresson, Compton, \$50
- Mar. 24 - Dana LaTour, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 25 - Janeth Vazquez, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 26 - David Atkinson, Oregon, \$25
- Mar. 27 - Josh Carney, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 28 - Brice Hintzche, Franklin Grove, \$25
- Mar. 29 - Kyle C. Bridgeman, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 30 - Zach Prewett, Rochelle, \$50
- Mar. 31 - Chris Haas, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 1 - Lorita Bertrand, Champaign, \$25
- Apr. 2 - Barbra Weist, Sycamore, \$25
- Apr. 3 - Edward Jones, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 4 - Melissa Liebe, Dixon, \$25
- Apr. 5 - Jay Mulholland, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 6 - Lillian Andrew, Rochelle, \$50

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- April 6

Stephen Avila
Eddie Villalobos
Josh & Sarah
Kulwicki
(anniversary)
- April 7

Arianna Grana
Anjelique Grana
Beckham Stockton
- April 8

Jodi Prosser
Trevor Komadina
Timothy Avila
- April 10

Johnny Gonzales
- April 11

Bev Wiginton
Jan Kissick
Christine Doering
Chris & Christine
Doering
(anniversary)
- April 12

Charles Peterman
- April 16

Marissa Seldal
James Doering
- April 18

Millie Danekas
- April 19

Pastor Angelo
Bonacquisti
- April 21

Emma Waters
- April 24

Jose Tlapa
Lainie Arnold
- April 26

Evan Jones
- April 30

Nora Bridgeman
Oakley Gonzales
- May 1

Jamey King

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



Coffee Break

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E R E C N I S U O V R E N A P
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U M L A C S N N Q Y P H N M K
J H F E E V I T A E R C C B Z

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: EASILY FRIGHTENED

- Anxious

Calm

Cheerful

Conscientious
- Creative

Humble

Lively

Modest
- Nervous

Nice

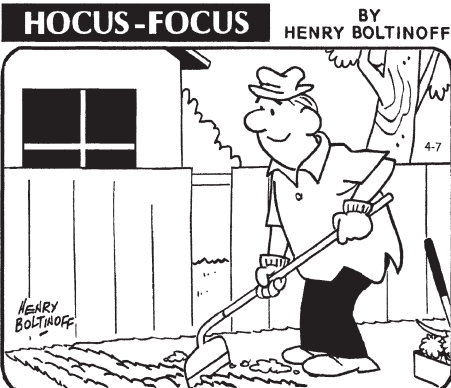
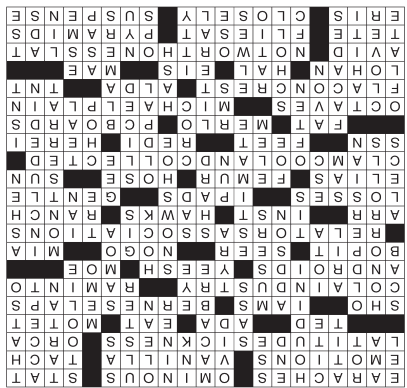
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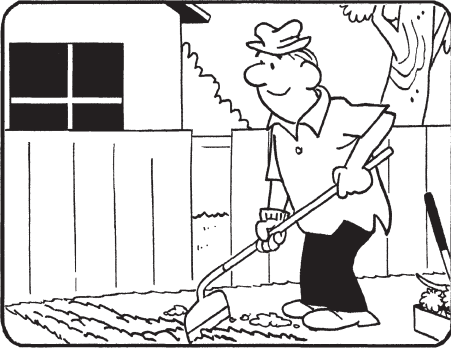
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree is moved. 2. Hat is reversed. 3. Window is thinner. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Fence is shorter. 6. Man is moved.

Super Crossword

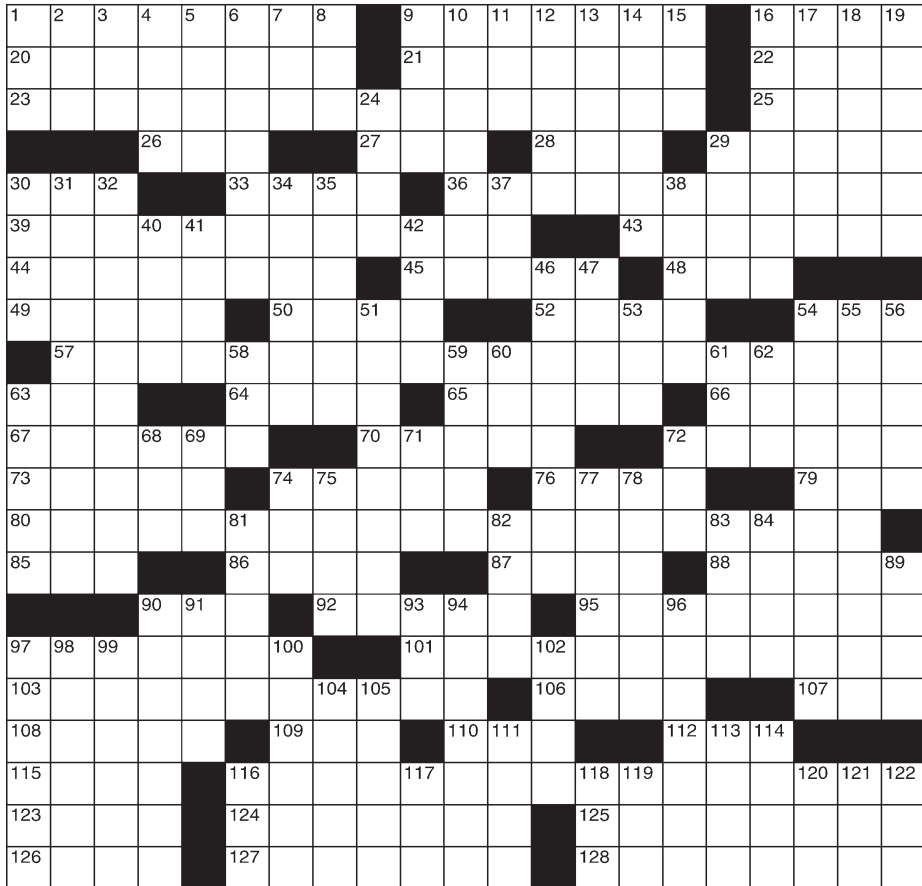
FROM ALABAMA
TO LOUISIANA

ACROSS

- 1 Complaints to otologists
- 9 Foreboding
- 16 ESPN datum
- 20 Feelings
- 21 Alternative to chocolate
- 22 Rev gauge
- 23 Ailment suffered from being given too much leeway?
- 25 Bicolor whale
- 26 Poet Hughes
- 27 Tooth doctors' org.
- 28 Scarf down
- 29 Cantata's kin
- 30 "The Chi" airer, in brief
- 33 Alpo alternative
- 36 Things people run on racetracks in Switzerland's capital?
- 39 Coke and Pepsi's business?
- 43 Collide with
- 44 Robots in human form
- 45 "Fer cryin' out loud!"
- 48 Barkeeper on "The Simpsons"
- 49 Audio game from Hasbro
- 50 Soothsayer
- 52 Off-limits
- 54 Farrow of film
- 57 Storytellers' leagues?
- 63 The "A" of ETA: Abbr.
- 64 Tech sch.
- 65 Some raptors
- 66 Vinaigrette alternative
- 67 Team letdowns
- 70 Apple tablets
- 72 Mild
- 73 Actor Koteas
- 74 Thighbone
- 76 Watering tube
- 79 Earth's star
- 80 Bivalve mollusk that's neither anxious nor perturbed?
- 85 1040 ID
- 86 Sock fillers
- 87 Instant, in some brand names
- 88 "— come to save the day!"
- 90 Blubber
- 92 Suburb of Buenos Aires
- 95 Etched computer components
- 97 Eight-note spans
- 101 Monty Python member wearing no jewelry or fancy clothes?
- 103 Topmost point on a perfume bottle?
- 106 Alan of "Tower Heist"
- 107 Blast source
- 108 Lindsay of "Machete"
- 109 Barney Miller player Linden
- 110 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
- 112 Sallie —
- 115 Gung-ho
- 116 Like a shutter so shabby there's no point in putting in a new louver?
- 123 Head, in Nice
- 124 Attacks like a bird
- 125 Tombs for pharaohs
- 126 Greek strife goddess
- 127 In a very similar way
- 128 Cliffhanger feeling

DOWN

- 1 Conger, e.g.
- 2 Docs' org.
- 3 Decompose
- 4 Working hard
- 5 Quote
- 6 Magician Harry
- 7 Call a halt to
- 8 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.
- 9 Exiled Roman poet
- 10 Gruesome
- 11 Ballpoint fluid
- 12 S.F. NFLer
- 13 City in southwest New York
- 14 Long, loose overcoat
- 15 Airline to Sweden
- 16 Snitching sort
- 17 Kilt pattern
- 18 Say "yes" to
- 19 "No kiddin'?"
- 24 Lip off to
- 29 Interoffice note
- 30 Wound cover
- 31 Academic A-lists
- 32 Ancient cuneiform language
- 34 Attaches
- 35 Deep thinkers
- 37 Retina locale
- 38 Home of Pago Pago
- 40 Seed case
- 41 Wee amount
- 42 TV host
- 43 Banks
- 46 Arctic boot attachment
- 47 Pawn
- 51 Approximate
- 53 U.S. soldiers
- 54 One of the Leeward Islands
- 55 Contained as a part of
- 56 Very pale
- 58 "— a pity"
- 59 Pottery piece
- 60 Downcast
- 61 Uno + due
- 62 Spy novelist Fleming
- 63 Smart — (wise guys)
- 68 Actor Elliott
- 69 PC key abbr.
- 71 "Pick up the Czech," e.g.
- 72 "Well, I'll be!"
- 74 Antagonist
- 75 Grades K-6: Abbr.
- 77 Longtime bud
- 78 Like cut bread
- 81 Many times
- 82 Gator's kin
- 83 Karate blow
- 84 Blue-green
- 89 Has no life
- 90 False appearances
- 91 Maker of Skin So Soft
- 93 Apt. units
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LOCAL NEWS

NIU Steelband Concert at Burpee Museum is April 17

ROCKFORD — The Northern Illinois University (NIU) Rockford Alumni Club and the NIU Alumni Association announce the first-ever NIU Steelband concert at the Burpee Museum of Natural History, in Rockford, on April 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Proceeds from this unique concert will go to the NIU

Rockford Alumni Club's newly established fund to support expenses related NIU Rockford students' pursuit of their education at NIU.

The band, led by nationally acclaimed NIU Steelpan Director Liam Teague, will entertain guests with musical selections including classical and light-hearted island

tunes. "The Steelband is spirited and talented, making for a fun evening of entertainment," says John Frana, local NIU graduate and host for the evening. "Proceeds from the fundraiser support Rockford-area students attending NIU. While scholarship programs typically cover tuition and fees, they

rarely cover incidentals. Sometimes travel and housing and books present a financial strain that make staying in school challenging." Proceeds from this event will be one way the local club and other supporters help close that gap.

"We are grateful to John and his family for suggesting this event

to support local students," says Michelle Gorham, local alumni club co-president. "One of our goals is supporting local students who can earn a degree and then return to the area to use their skills and abilities to build Rockford and the region. We are excited to work toward closing the gap for current and future

Huskies." Register for the concert at https://www.myniu.com/store.html?event_id=2722. Cost is \$5 and additional donations will be welcome onsite. Heavy appetizers will be provided. For more information, email alumnievents@niu.edu or call 815-753-2586.

Unmatched field knowledge is gained at Illinois Extension youth crop competition

URBANA — For youth looking towards a career in agriculture, specifically within the agronomy sector, the Youth Crop Scouting Competition with University of Illinois Extension is a perfect stop along the way. Not only can competition experience be added to a resume, but it is a unique opportunity for high school students interested in agriculture to work as a team to explore and help solve today's crop-related issues. The competition is a platform for students to demonstrate their expertise, skills, and knowledge towards becoming future

agriculture professionals. On Aug. 4, teams of high school students will rotate through various crop testing stations set up in corn and soybean fields to test their knowledge on topics including weeds, insects, disease identification, corn and soybean growth stages, abiotic disorders, pesticide application, and integrated pest management.

"It's exciting when youth and teams return year after year wanting to place higher or earn more points at a certain station," says Meagan Diss, competition coordinator and commercial ag specialist with Illinois Ex-

tension. "That truly shows the impact of the event and dedication the youth have to keep growing."

Understanding what is happening in today's farm fields strengthens relationships with growers and provides the advantage of strategically making the best management decisions to maximize yield and profit. Students are helping push the future of agriculture forward by participating in competitions through Extension's Illinois 4-H and Illinois Association FFA.

University staff will judge the teams to determine results, and the top

four teams will win cash prizes sponsored by industry and university partners. Cash prizes awarded to the top four teams include \$500, \$300, \$200, and \$100. The top two teams will also advance to represent Illinois at the regional competition hosted this year in Iowa.

"University researchers and Extension experts always look forward to the annual event for the conversations and questions youth bring with them," says Diss. "It's truly an unmatched experience for networking, educational opportunity, and personal growth while

having fun."

The competition field rotations begin at 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Crop Sciences Research and Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Champaign. Team check-in starts at 8 a.m.

The competition is open to high school students completing grades 9-12 in the spring of 2025. Official teams include two to five students, and an adult coach must lead all teams. Teams are encouraged to sign up prior to the end of the current school year, as space is limited to 10 total teams.

For event details or to register teams by July 3, visit go.illinois.edu/Crop-Scouting. New this year, all teams will be required to provide completed release forms, by physical or digital copies, turned in prior to the competition, or the team will not be allowed to participate.

For questions or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact Meagan Diss at mcdis@illinois.edu or 217-300-5386. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.

Womanspace Fine Arts Scholarship applications open

ROCKFORD — Womanspace is looking to further the creative ambitions of one high school student by offering a \$1,000 college scholarship. The application criteria are as follows:

Must be a senior at a Winnebago, Boone or Ogle County public or private high school. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0. Must have a chosen academic field of study in fine arts (includes: visual arts,

such as drawing, sculpting, painting, music, dance, theater, or architecture). Applications without an identified major will not be considered.

The deadline for this scholarship is April 15 with the awardee notified no later than April 30. A full

application can be found online at www.womanspace-rockford.org/scholarship. Application materials must be submitted to krisilizie@mac.com or mailed to: Womanspace Scholarship 2025, 3720 Highcrest Road, Rockford, IL 61107.

Womanspace is a not-for-profit organization offering programs for women, men and children to enhance body, mind and spirit, with a focus on the creative arts, holistic health, interfaith exploration and environmental stewardship. Situated on

seven wooded acres in Rockford, Illinois, the Womanspace campus boasts multi-media art studios, galleries, a gift shop, beautiful gardens and a much-celebrated labyrinth. More information can be found at www.womanspace-rockford.org.

4-H Day of Dabbling took place March 22 in Ogle County

OREGON — More than 40 youth participated in the 2025 4-H Day of Dabbling on March 22. This was an opportunity for them to explore numerous areas of 4-H project work hands-on. Eighteen workshops were offered; each participant chose three. Project

areas included visual arts, food and nutrition, fishing, crocheting, geology, Cloverbud projects, science, photo editing, sewing, and bracelet making. As a result of the workshop, participants took home creations ranging from a Macramé Ring, potholders, a clay fish, and explosion books.

4-H volunteers and youth conducted the workshops. Presenters included: Lisa Hinrichs, Oregon; Bethany Kennedy, Davis Junction; Katie and Lydia Sherburne, Byron; Allissa Martin, Oregon; Immanuel Arellano, Mt. Morris; Harmony Coy, Mt. Morris; Phil Bratta, Davis Junction;

Marcia Heuer, Oregon; Vickie Smith, Forreston; Amanda Harbaugh, Chana; Laura Zimmerman, Mt. Morris; Bethany Akins, Polo; Frank Sladek, IDNR; Kathy Dombek, 4-H program coordinator, Katie Williamson, 4-H program coordinator, and Johnna Jennings, University of

Illinois Extension educator. Andrew and Jacob Hickman, Byron; Raiden Zimmerman, Mt. Morris; Josh Snow, Oregon; and Mallory King, Davis Junction, assisted in various ways. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and energy to make this event possible.

4-H is a program of the University of Illinois Extension. For more information about 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension Office, 421 W. Pines Road, Suite 10, Oregon, IL 61061, by calling (815) 732-2191 or visit us online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

Arellano Jr. announces local fire department grants

SPRINGFIELD — State Sen. Li Arellano, Jr. (R-Dixon) and the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal are pleased to announce five Small Equipment

Grants awarded to fire departments across the 37th District. "These grants are critical for our rural emergency services," said Senator Arellano, Jr.

"Many of these departments operate on tight budgets and depend on community fundraising just to stay afloat. This funding ensures they have the resources nec-

essary to protect and serve their communities effectively." The following fire departments in the 37th District received grants: Dunlap Community

Fire Protection District \$21,985; Erie Fire Protection District \$23,919; Lee Community Fire Protection District \$25,000; Malta Fire Protection District \$11,997; Min-

eral Gold Fire Protection District \$24,991. The OSFM received 347 applications requesting a total of \$7.7 million in funding during this grant period.

Ogle County Sheriff's Office recognizes Distracted Driving Awareness Month

OREGON — The Ogle County Sheriff's Office announced April 3 it is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement

efforts across the state in recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month. "Distracted driving is dangerous, claiming 58 lives in Illinois in 2023. We need everyone's support in making our roads safer, which includes

staying focused behind the wheel," said Sheriff Brian VanVickle. "We're excited to support IDOT's efforts in educating all road users about the importance of putting your phone away, setting your navigation before your trip begins and driving

distraction-free." "It has become all too common to see people driving down the road while looking at their phones," said Sheriff VanVickle. "People know texting and driving is both dangerous and illegal, but they do it anyway, putting

themselves and others at risk. During April, you will see increased law enforcement efforts as officers stop and ticket anyone who violates distracted driving and other Illinois motor vehicle laws."

In Illinois, using your phone in anything other than hands-free mode is not only dangerous, but also illegal. Put the phone away or pay. The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.

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LOCAL NEWS



Rochelle VFW donates to BraveHearts in Poplar Grove
On March 29, Floyd J. Tilton VFW Post #3878 Commander Dennis Orlikowski presented a donation check to BraveHearts at their Poplar Grove facility. This donation is from the proceeds of the most recent Queen of Hearts drawing. Pictured (left to right) are Veteran Tim Gilbertson, Hank, Equine Administrative VIP Laura Stieglitz, Commander Dennis Orlikowski, Veteran Relations Coordinator Bill Mercurio, Quartermaster Joe Drought, Willy, and Veteran Josh Kasper. (Courtesy photo)



Rochelle VFW donates to Hub City Senior Center
Floyd J. Tilton VFW Post 3878 recently made a \$4,000 donation to the Hub City Senior Center with a portion of the proceeds from its recent Queen of Hearts game. "It's people like you who help us provide a place for our seniors. We appreciate you for always being there for us and for your continued support," a Hub City Senior Center Facebook post said. Pictured is Post Commander Dennis Orlikowski and Senior Center Executive Director Diana King. (Courtesy photo)



Rochelle VFW donates to Rochelle Lions Club
On April 1, Floyd J. Tilton VFW Post #3878 Commander Dennis Orlikowski presented a donation check to the Rochelle Lions Club. This donation is from the proceeds of the most recent Queen of Hearts drawing. If you would like to learn more about the Rochelle Lions Club's programs or to make a personal donation, please visit the club's Facebook page. Pictured (left to right) are Past Treasurer Doyle Curtis, Vice President Rick Cogswell, Orlikowski, President Kevin Zilm, and Secretary Marjorie Kuehl. (Courtesy photo)



Rochelle VFW donates to Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center
On April 1 Floyd J. Tilton VFW Post #3878 Commander Dennis Orlikowski presented a donation check to Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center. This donation is from the proceeds of the most recent Queen of Hearts drawing. Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center offers services to survivors of child abuse through identification, offender accountability, advocacy, counseling, and education. Pictured (left to right) are Rochelle Police Department Officer Andrew Herring, Orlikowski, Ashley Patrick, Executive Director Jessica Cash and RPD Officer Pedro Anaya. (Courtesy photo)



Rochelle VFW donates to Foundation for Focus House
Rochelle VFW Post 3878 recently made a \$9,500 donation to Foundation for Focus House with a portion of the proceeds from its recent Queen of Hearts game. "Your continued support for our youth and our programming is appreciated so much," a Foundation for Focus House Facebook post said. Pictured: Dennis Orlikowski (post commander), Jeni Hardin (foundation executive director), and Lance Charnock (foundation vice chairman). (Courtesy photo)



Rochelle VFW donates to HOPE of Ogle County
On April 1, Floyd J. Tilton VFW Post #3878 Commander Dennis Orlikowski presented a donation check to HOPE of Ogle County. This donation is from the proceeds of the most recent Queen of Hearts drawing. HOPE of Ogle County offers free and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence. Pictured (left to right) are Orlikowski and Executive Director Rebecca Laudati. Learn more at hopedv.org. (Courtesy photo)



Rochelle VFW donates to Rochelle Rotary Club
Rochelle VFW Post 3878 recently made a \$5,000 donation to the Rochelle Rotary Club with a portion of its proceeds from its recently Queen of Hearts game. "This money will go a long way to help us continue to do amazing things in our community," a Rotary Facebook post said. Pictured: Dennis Orlikowski - VFW commander, Lance Charnock - Rochelle Rotary president, and Jeni Hardin - Rochelle Rotary public image chair. (Courtesy photo)

Community Foundation of Northern Illinois

ROCKFORD — As of April 1, The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CF-NIL) will now accept applications for the Neighborhood Grants Program on a rolling basis. This program is open to neighborhood-based groups and nonprofit organizations operating in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. A unique feature of this

grant program is that while the groups applying should be organized for a charitable purpose, they do not need to be registered 501c3s. CF-NIL has operated a neighborhood grants program since 1995, distributing over \$1 million to build better neighborhoods in Rockford and beyond. The Neighborhood Grants Program funds neighborhood-focused

and resident-led projects, including but not limited to beautification, crime prevention, surveys, clean ups, newsletters, organizing, reforestation, and resident-focused education. The maximum award per project is \$2,500. Applications will be reviewed as received throughout the year and available funds awarded until depleted. Applicants may

Neighborhood Grant applications available

not receive more than one award per calendar year. CFNIL staff will host an informational webinar to learn more about this grant program and answer questions from attendees on Thursday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. The webinar will be provided live via Zoom. Please RSVP via the link found at <https://cfnil.org/grants/neighborhood> to confirm your attendance

and receive the webinar link. Applications must be submitted through CFNIL's online grants application portal. To learn more about the program, view grant guidelines, and start your application, visit: <https://cfnil.org/grants/neighborhood>. About the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois: The mission of

the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is to inspire endowment and promote philanthropy for the current and future needs of the people of Northern Illinois. Since its founding in 1953 CFNIL has granted more than \$90 million for charitable purposes. Learn more about CF-NIL's commitment to grantmaking at www.cfnil.org.

EASTER Worship & Celebrations

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April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:00 p.m.

April 18 Good Friday Tenebrae Worship 6:00 p.m.

April 20 Easter Sunrise Worship 6:30 a.m.

"He Is Risen" Easter Breakfast between 6:30 a.m. & 9 a.m. Services includes Breakfast Casserole, Fruit Cup, Sweet Dessert & Beverage (no advance tickets needed)

April 20 Easter Celebration Worship 9:00 a.m.

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April 13

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Saturday, April 12

Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm in Spanish

Sunday Masses April 13 at 7:30 am,

9:00 am, 11:00 am in Spanish

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

April 17 (No Daily Mass)

Church Offices Closed

Bilingual Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord

at 7:00 pm

Adoration in the Parish Center from

8:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Good Friday

April 18 (No Daily Mass)

Church Offices Closed

Liturgy of the Word, Communion and

Veneration of the Cross at 2:00 pm

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and live stations

of the cross around our parking lot.

7:00 pm Spanish Rosario de Pésame.

Holy Saturday

April 19

Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm Bilingual

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025

9:00 am

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7pm - Good Friday Service

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9am - Easter Worship with Holy Communion

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SPORTS



GIRLS BEAT STREATOR

The Rochelle Lady Hub soccer team won 4-2 over Streator on Tuesday evening.

See page 3 for more details

RTHS Softball

Heller dazzles in loss to Guilford

Sophomore righty strikes out 17 batters during complete-game outing Monday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Sophomore Emma Heller dazzled in the pitcher’s circle Monday evening, when the Rochelle Lady Hub softball team returned home for a varsity matchup against Guilford.

Heller took control of the circle, overcoming a trio of earned runs to fire a complete game while striking out a season-high 17 batters and allowing only one walk. Despite Heller’s dazzling display in the circle, Rochelle was unable to deliver timely hits in the late innings, scoring one run in the fourth inning but falling short in a 4-1 loss to the Vikings. Rochelle (2-3, 0-0 Interstate 8) hit the road for a nonconference game against Mendota on Thursday evening.

“I thought Emma did a really good job of mixing up her pitches,” head coach Deanna Jacobs said. “We’ve been working really hard with coach [Bella] Lodico and she’s been calling the pitches and really challenging our pitchers, which has been huge. I thought Emma jumped out of her comfort zone and trusted us to let us call the pitches and she was hitting her spots.”

Heller struck out six batters over the first two innings, but Guilford took a 2-0 lead in the top of the

second inning, where third baseman Mary Bielefeldt ripped an RBI double to center field before scoring on a passed ball later in the frame. The Vikings tallied two more runs in the top of the third inning, taking a 4-0 lead after pitcher Malia Welch belted an RBI triple to deep right and catcher Georgia Eklund brought her home on an RBI groundout to the second-base side.

The Lady Hubs threatened in the bottom of the third inning, putting two runners on base after sophomore Jaclynn Lira singled to center and junior Madigan Williams reached on an error. Although two strikeouts and a flyout ended the threat, Rochelle broke through in the bottom of the fourth inning, where senior Lauren Dyer smacked a lead-off double before coming home on an RBI single from sophomore Camryn Metzger, who sent a grounder through the right side.

“Cam’s confidence level between last year and this year is a night and day difference,” Jacobs said. “She’s a lot more confident in her abilities and she’s able to pick herself up a lot more. She’s able to take a breath and go get the next ball and she’s really been able to push herself.”

Trailing 4-1, Rochelle loaded the bases in the fourth inning, with fresh-



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Emma Heller threw a complete game for the Rochelle Lady Hub softball team on Monday, striking out 17 batters and allowing only one walk and three earned runs. Rochelle fell to Guilford 4-1.

man Cheyenne Somers sending a single to right field and Williams drawing a two-out walk to move Metzger over to third base. But a groundout to the second-base side quashed a promising frame for the Lady Hubs, who finished with seven hits in the game. Dyer singled in the

bottom of the fifth inning and Metzger singled in the bottom of the sixth inning, but the Lady Hubs were unable to score.

“Looking past this game, I think our hits have been really timely and that’s been huge for us,” Jacobs said. “We’ve been able to bond as a team and gain

that chemistry and talk a ton, which has been big for us. That was lacking today and that was reflected in our score.”

Sophomore Briel Metzger attempted to spark a late rally in the bottom of the seventh, belting a one-out triple into deep right field. Rochelle couldn’t

capitalize, however, as Welch struck out consecutive batters to strand Metzger at third base and seal Guilford’s win. Welch also pitched a complete game, striking out 11 batters with only one walk. Dyer and Camryn Metzger each went 2 for 3 to lead the Rochelle offense.

RTHS Girls Soccer

Flores signs to play soccer at Rock Valley College

Senior defender was named All-Interstate 8 honoree for Rochelle last season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — It was a “no-brainer” for Rochelle Township High School senior Betty Flores to commit to continuing her academics and her soccer career at Rock Valley College. Flores has several connections to the school, as some of her former club teammates currently play for the Golden Eagles and her older brother Atl once played for the school’s men’s soccer program.

“A lot of my past club players are there and they recommended the coach to me on several occasions,” Flores said. “It’s close to home too and I can commute. It’s a great environment and I like how the coaches are involved in not only improving your skills, but also academically. It opens up more opportunities and if I want to continue playing soccer, I can go to bigger schools with bigger programs. They have a great community there and it’s a great environment.”

Flores, who plays club soccer with Shadow Premiere FC in Belvidere, has been with the varsity soc-

cer program at RTHS over each of the last four years. Flores rotated between midfield and defense as a freshman before becoming a starting defender during her sophomore season, when she earned All-Interstate 8 honors and helped lead the Lady Hubs to seven victories.

“Some of my friends are over there and it’ll be really nice to see them and play with them again,” Flores said. “It’s very competitive there and I feel like that’s one way I can push myself to be a better player and person. I can’t wait to play with other people and I’m really excited to be with people who share the same ambition as I do. Playing tougher teams will improve me overall.”

Flores became a two-time All-Interstate 8 honoree during her junior season, when she returned to a starting defensive role at center back and added two goals with one assist. Now a senior, Flores is one of three team captains for the Lady Hubs, who are off to a 3-2 start this season and who’ve already tied their season total for wins from last season, when Rochelle went 3-20.

“Our first game was rough, but we needed that so the girls could see what it’s going to be like,” Flores said. “I’m really glad that they all stayed because a lot of them are new and it was a bit discouraging at first, but seeing how they play and how they look up to me, Makayla [Lara] and Emma [Kennay] shows that we can lead and we can be an example for them. Even though a lot of girls are new and half of them haven’t played competitively, I’m glad that they didn’t give up and they’re very passionate. They aren’t easily discouraged and they’re giving it their all.”

Flores, who’s considering nursing and intends to pursue a career in the medical field after high school, has earned Rochelle’s Defensive Player of the Year Award over each of the last two seasons. Her experience in the back row has been a tremendous asset to the Lady Hubs, who’ve shut out two of their five opponents this season. Flores said that her ability to adapt and adjust during her four years at RTHS have helped prepare her for a chance to play collegiately.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Betty Flores will be continuing her academics and her soccer career at Rock Valley College next year. Flores aims to pursue a career in the medical field.

“I told coach [Kevan] Watkins that I’m a soccer player and wherever I play, I can adapt,” Flores said. “As long as I’m on

the pitch and I’m playing, that’s all that matters to me. I’m never going to change the way I am on and off the pitch. I’m very vocal and

I hope to continue playing with confidence... I know to trust in my abilities and play the way I’ve always been playing.”



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**Dayton
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Year: Freshman

Sport: Baseball

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

A: 12 years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Being competitive and winning.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Conditioning because I get to work out during school.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Trevor Bauer because he always worked hard and did what others thought he couldn't

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My mom because she always encourages me to succeed.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To make the MLB so I could keep playing baseball.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Japan so I could try the food.

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

A: Being with my friends.



**John
Williams**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Baseball

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

A: 12 years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: The teamwork.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because of the work I have to do.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Frank Nazar because of his work ethic.

Q: Who is your biggest role

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SPORTS

RTHS Girls Soccer

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Rochelle Lady Hubs score road win over Streator in nonconference action Tuesday evening

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team went on the road and scored a 4-2 win over Streator in nonconference play Tuesday evening. Senior Makayla Lara turned in a hat trick with three goals, while freshman Paige Harris added one goal for the Lady Hubs (3-2, 0-0 Interstate 8), who will begin Interstate 8 competition against Sycamore this coming week. Above, freshman Abigail Dougherty (left) battles with Streator's Elsa Sorensen and freshman Paige Harris (right) celebrates her goal. Below, freshman Martha Landa (left) boots a right-footer and freshman Natalie Foster (right) kicks the ball with her left foot.

1st Annual Brandon Dodrill Memorial Tournament set for April 12

Brandon Dodrill Memorial Foundation supports RTHS boys, girls bowling teams

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 no-tap 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

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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.org.

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F 4/25	6:00 PM	Sterling HS	Away - Sterling HS
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W 4/30	4:30 PM	Morris Comm HS	Home - Rochelle Twp. HS
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2025 RTHS Lady Hubs Softball Team



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SPORTS

NIU Football

Huskies open spring practice with new energy

NIU football team takes the field Thursday, March 26 for first of 15 workouts

DEKALB—The Northern Illinois University football team opens 2025 spring practices with a new energy fueled by six new assistant coaches, 19 new players, including 16 transfers, and after the departure of 18 starters from a year ago, new opportunities for players to step up and step into key roles.

NIU head coach Thomas Hammock begins his seventh season leading his alma mater after becoming the first head coach to lead the Huskies to two (FBS) bowl wins as NIU closed out the 2024 season with a 28-20 double overtime victory over Fresno State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

“We have a lot of new faces, a lot of new coaches and to me it’s a great thing,” Hammock said. “I couldn’t be more excited about the coaches we brought in the building. We have a bunch of hungry guys that are unafraid to prove themselves; a bunch of hungry coaches who are excited to enhance and elevate our program for next season. I think our players feel that energy.”

In addition to coordinators Rob Harley (defense/safeties) and Quinn Sanders (offense/quarterbacks), the Huskies added Cory Connolly (special teams coordinator/linebackers), Justin Robinson (defensive tackles) and Kai Ross (nickels) to the defensive coaching staff. Ty Boles, who made an impact on the Huskie staff in a graduate assistant role over the past two seasons, will work with the running backs. Boles came to NIU in 2023 after one season at Tennessee State and was a four-year letterwinner at Samford University at running back.

Connolly joined the Huskies after 10 seasons at Ball State, where he moved up from graduate assistant to linebackers coach and for the last three seasons, special teams coordinator and outside linebackers coach. He helped the Cardinals to the 2020 MAC Championship and to the program’s first bowl win. Connolly played defensive end at Quincy University in Quincy, Illinois where he was a four-year starter and

three-time team captain.

Robinson was named the 2023 NAIA Assistant Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) while coaching at Marian University in Indianapolis, where he served as associate head coach and defensive coordinator, helping the to a 17-4 record, a 2023 NAIA playoff appearance and back-to-back conference championships.

Like Boles, Ross was on the Huskie staff in 2024 as a graduate assistant where he helped tutor the NIU safeties. He spent the 2023 season on staff at McKendree University and also coached at Saddleback College in California, where he was a CCCAA All-American defensive back in 2019. He closed out his playing career at Lindenwood University where he was a first team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference DB in 2021 and a two-time CSC Academic All-American.

“Our staff has done a phenomenal job getting prepared, getting up to speed, making sure we’re

all on the same page from a scheme standpoint, from an evaluation standpoint, from a competitive standpoint,” Hammock said. “With the new coaches, the great thing is, there is an unbiased perspective. How you compete and how you move forward will be evaluated by someone who comes in with no preconceived judgement.”

In terms of the players, Hammock said the Huskies have put in the work in the weight room and the classroom to prepare for the spring and the new players have made an almost seamless transition to NIU.

“I like where our guys are mentally and physically,” Hammock said. “We have a mentally strong group. We are excited to get on the field and have a chance to work with them. The great thing I’ve seen is you can’t tell who’s new and who’s not. That’s a testament to the culture in a building and to our older players. The [newcomers] have come in here and worked and put themselves in position to help our team. We’ve filled some

needs from a depth standpoint, from a competitive standpoint. We look at production over potential. We want guys who have played, who know what it’s like to be out there in competitive environments. I’m excited to watch them compete.”

All four of the January transfers on the offensive side of the ball are wide receivers, while eight of the 16 players new to NIU this spring are defensive players, including five defensive backs. NIU also added four specialists, an area Hammock said must and will, improve.

Opportunities for the transfers, for the 34 players that spent a redshirt season in 2024 and for the 31 returning letterwinners, are plentiful. NIU returns just four players – two on offense and two on defense – who started six or more games a year ago. However, the group of returning letterwinners features a list of people with significant playing experience, including some in a starting role.

A new season full of

new opportunities begins Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at NIU. The Huskies will practice on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Saturdays at Noon with the annual Spring Showcase set for Saturday, April 26 at Huskie Stadium.

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RTHS Boys Tennis

Doubles sweep leads to road win over Streator

Two doubles duos record shutout victories as Rochelle takes down Bulldogs 4-1

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

STREATOR — The Rochelle Hub tennis team took all three doubles points during its season opening nonconference varsity match against the Streator Bulldogs on Thursday evening.

Behind a pair of shutout victories, Rochelle won its first dual match of the season, taking down the Bulldogs 4-1 on the road. The Hubs (1-0, 0-0 Interstate 8) took the first two points of the match, with sophomore Noah McKinney and freshman David Eckardt shutting

down Streator’s Tyler Barbee and Lucas Gutierrez 6-0, 6-0 at the No. 2 court while sophomores Derek Swartz and Owen Carmichael cruised over Quinn Baron and Jacob Wang 6-0, 6-0 at the No. 3 court.

Rochelle clinched its match victory at the No.

1 doubles court, where junior Caleb Mortensen and sophomore Sam Sergeant engaged in a tough first-set battle against Clayton Lehman and Devin Thompson. After taking the final game in a tiebreaker, Mortensen and Sergeant controlled the second set to take the

match 7-6(10), 6-2 and seal the decisive third match point. The Hubs will return to action with a home match against Belvidere North at 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

Rochelle and Streator split the two singles points on Thursday. Junior Philip Winters fought

for a three-set victory at No. 2 singles, overcoming a close first-set loss to defeat Brad Minick 6-7(10), 6-2, 10-5. Junior Mark Green also played a three-set match for the Hubs, falling just short in a 7-6(2), 2-6, 6-10 loss against Streator’s Ryan Beck.



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Notice is given of the death of GARY L. CLARK, of Chana, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 20, 2025, to RYAN L. CLARK, whose address is 3269 S. Rocky Hollow Rd., Chana, IL 61015, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than September 30, 2025, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days

after it has been filed. FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for RYAN L. CLARK, Executor of the Estate of GARY L. CLARK, deceased
No. 0343
(Mar. 30, Apr. 6 and 13, 2025)

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

113 FINANCIAL

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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

Furman's Lawn Care & Tree Service. 26 Years of Experience. Fully Insured. Weekly Mowing, Spring Clean Up & More. Call Jeremy 815-761-9619 (RNL04162025)

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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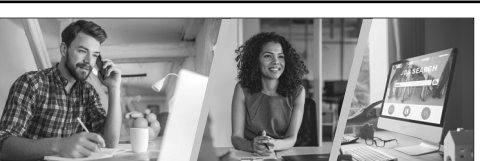
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The daytime deliveries would be two or three days per week (including weekends) and consist of approximately 4-5 hours per shift depending on the route usually 10-15 hours per week.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and a safe driving record. Drivers will use company vehicles when delivering, and will be trained on the respective routes.

Candidates must be able to load, unload and carry multiple bundles of 5 to 10 pounds each. Driver applicants must be reliable, personable and have a general knowledge of area streets and roads.

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Interested individuals must fill out an application in person at the Rochelle News-Leader office at 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle.
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03-26-2023

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Every Friday during Lent

(Multiple dishes, Baked Cod, Pollock, Perch, homemade hush-puppies, shrimp fried rice, cheesy potatoes, soup and salad bar, vegetables and more! *Fish will vary each week)

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\$17 Perch/\$15 Cod
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ROCHELLE, IL

2025 Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

St. Patrick Parish Center 236 Kelley Drive

Fish Dinner

ADULT (11YRS+) \$15.50
SENIOR CITIZEN (65+) \$14.50
CHILDREN (4-10YRS) \$10.50

Includes 2-3 pieces of baked or hand breaded fried cod and everything on the menu excluding pizza

Pizza Dinner

ADULT (11YRS+) \$13.50
SENIOR CITIZEN (65+) \$12.50
CHILDREN (4-10YRS) \$8.50

Includes 2 slices of pizza (1 slice for children's dinner) and everything on the menu excluding fish

FAMILY RATE - \$50

Parent(s) and children 18-under - DINE IN ONLY
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50/50 RAFFLE - HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE - CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

Friday's Dates

MARCH 14, 21, 28
APRIL 4, 11
5:00-7:00 PM

MENU

Baked & Hand Breaded
Deep Fried Cod
Tartar Sauce & Lemon Slices
Alfano's Cheese Pizza
Macaroni & Cheese
French Fries
Potatoes w/Parsley
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Dessert & Beverages

Dinner proceeds support St. Patrick Cursillo Ministry.
A special thank you to our Parishioners for their support of our ministry!

Friday 5pm-9pm



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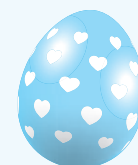
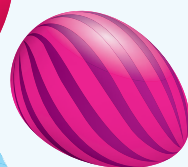
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ROCHELLE News-Leader



Easter Ham

GIVEAWAY!



RULES

1. No purchase necessary, enter at as many participating businesses as you wish.
2. One winner per family only.
3. Official entry blanks and copies of official entry blanks only.
4. All entries must be received by 9 am on Thursday, April 10.

Winners will be notified by the participating businesses and also listed in the Rochelle News-Leader on Sunday, April 13.

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