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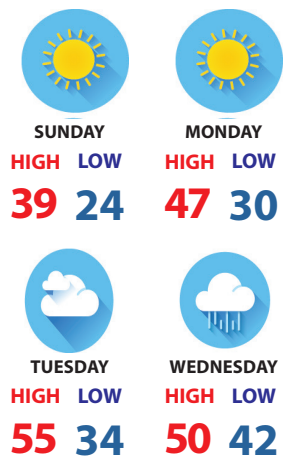
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Moose holds chili cook-off contest

The Rochelle Moose held its 2023 Chili Cook-off competition on Sunday, March 12. **Page 2**

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Facilities update presented

District parent survey results discussed Tuesday

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Rochelle Elementary District Board of Education heard an update from administration on the state of its facilities. An ad-hoc committee including Board President Dave Casey and Board Member Trisha Vaughn was established to provide direction on facilities going forward.

District Business Manager Kevin Dale talked about upgrades that are needed at Tilton School, which was built in 1949, that include window repairs, replacing the HVAC system that still includes the original 1949 boiler, and replacing the flat portion of the roof.

“The estimated cost for those things and technology at Tilton is \$4-5 million,” Dale said. “We also need to address security and safety updates. We had surveys done and hope to get results by next month for all the buildings. To effectively do those changes, we’re asking the board to create an ad-hoc committee to help



Rochelle Superintendent Jason Harper recognized outgoing District 231 board member Eric Van Hise, who has served on the board for eight years.

give the administration guidance and direction on where they’d like to go with this so we can start that process.”

District Assistant Superintendent Tony Doyle said the district’s maintenance shop on Cherry Avenue is in “bad, bad shape” and is a safety issue for employees and equipment. He said repairs to the building would be in the six-figure range and relocating to a different building would be in the

seven-figure range. He asked the committee to provide direction on that as well.

The drop-off, pick up and parking situation at Tilton School also needs to be looked at for improvement, Doyle said.

“That’s been the case at a lot of our elementary schools,” Doyle said. “At Tilton for our buses, parents and kids walking, it needs to be addressed and we’ll have to come up with a plan to do something

there.”

The district is looking at its facilities as they age. Central School was built in 1939 and May School was built in 1959.

“It is what it is,” Superintendent Jason Harpers said. “Buildings were built in a different way back then. We will work through the committee model and continue to be focused on this issue, as it’s a big concern.

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Tom Demmer

Demmer speaks at Rotary Club

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Former State Rep. Tom Demmer was the presenter at the March 14 meeting of the Rochelle Rotary Club. Demmer is now the Lee County Industrial Development Association’s executive director.

Demmer spoke about LCIDA and how it factors in what’s happening in Rochelle, how the region can work together to attract industry, the enterprise zone in and south of Rochelle that’s attractive for development, housing and House Bill 4412.

The Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone includes 1,000 acres in an area that runs south from the city’s industrial park into Lee County.

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From the Heart presents first round of checks

\$10,000 donations: ‘This is the greatest part of the whole thing’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At Tuesday’s weekly meeting of the Rochelle Rotary Club, From the Heart President/Founder Dave Eckhardt and Rotary President Adam Heal presented \$10,000 checks to four area nonprofits from proceeds from the 2023 From the Heart gala.

Representatives from the Hub City Senior Center, Foundation for Focus House, Rochelle Area Community Foundation and HOPE of Ogle County received checks Tuesday. Four more checks will be presented at Rotary’s March 21 meeting to Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Pegasus Special Riders, Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center and CASA. The 2023 gala raised \$80,000 this year, hitting its goal to give each nonprofit \$10,000.

“This is my favorite part of From the Heart, giving out the checks,” Eckhardt said. “This is the greatest part of the whole thing. This is my 15th year of doing this, and it never gets

old. Everyone is getting \$10,000 each today.”

HCSC Executive Director Diana King was the first to accept a check on Tuesday. The senior center provides activities, transportation and nutrition for older adults. King said its transportation initiatives are “extremely busy” and did 8,000 rides last year.

“We have a lot of new activities within the senior center, including line dancing classes, computer classes, chair yoga and exercises, crafting, bingo, birthday parties and more,” King said. “We’re really busy. If you haven’t been there in a while, please stop by. Before Connie left, she made a lot of changes, so it looks beautiful there. We just welcome you to come in and have a cup of coffee and say hello.”

Foundation for Focus House Executive Director Jeni Hardin was the next to accept a check from From the Heart. Focus House is a residential and outpatient facility for youth that are going through the court system. It also has an alternative to suspension program where students that



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have been suspended from middle school and high school go to the facility and meet with counselors and do schoolwork.

“We also do outpatient, which is one of our biggest programs,” Hardin said. “We go to Tilton School, Chana School and our counselors spend time with the kids that may need a little extra help. Maybe they’re not in trouble with the law yet, but maybe a teacher or counselor sees them going in that direc-

tion. Our counselors go out there and meet with them usually once or twice a week.”

Focus House residents are in school structure during normal school hours and their other hours at the facility are spent in counseling and doing different activities to build social and community skills.

“If anyone has any volunteer work for the kids in the community, please call us,” Hardin said. “A

lot of our students have community service hours to fulfill or just like to get out for a couple of hours and do some good in the community.”

RACF Executive Director Emily Anaya accepted a \$10,000 check from From the Heart Tuesday and described her organization’s mission. RACF provides support to area nonprofits through a competitive grant process yearly.

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Community Growth & Development

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LOCAL NEWS



Winners celebrated during Rochelle Moose 2023 Chili Cook-off on Sunday, March 12

For over 20 years the Rochelle Moose has had a Chili Cook-Off for its members. This year saw six new participants in the contest on March 12. First place winner: Clark Baum, second place winner: Julie Laws and third place winner: Bobbie Arjes. Runner ups were: Joe Peeling, Josh Arjes and Leah Miller. Also two members, John Gruben and Marisol Luxton, served as judges for the first time. After the judges were done and the winners were announced it was time for the membership to enjoy some delicious chili, and none was left at the end of the day.

Foundation for Focus House 2023 Scholarship Program now open

ROCHELLE — The Foundation for Focus House 2023 Scholarship Program is now open. The LaVerne & Margaret Franklin Adams Scholarship Fund was established in May of 2002 following Mr. Adam's death. A longtime resident of Ogle County, Mr. Adams sat on the Ogle County Board from 1972 until 2002. At the time Focus House was established in 1975, Mr. Adams was appointed and served as the chairperson of the county committee that oversaw the operation

of the program. Mrs. Margaret Franklin Adams was also very dedicated to our community and the youth at Focus House. Their family added to the scholarship in LaVerne's name when Margaret passed away in 2020, to honor her great commitment to the youth of Ogle County and the Focus House program.

The F. Lawrence Lenz Scholarship Fund was established in April of 2003 by his family following his death. As an Ogle County Circuit Judge, Judge Lenz elected to be the juvenile

court judge. In this capacity he was one of the instrumental supporters of the opening of Focus House in 1975. From the bench he believed in the value of having community based programs and was an advocate of Focus House until his death.

Two scholarships will be awarded. One honoring LaVerne and Margaret Franklin Adams in the amount of \$1,000 and one honoring Judge Lenz in the amount of \$1,000. Each will be awarded to recipients selected by

the Foundation for Focus House Scholarship Committee.

Applicants must be an Ogle County resident or past/current Focus House resident from any county. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or already enrolled in a post-secondary institution in the year of the award. All vocational programs will be considered. Applicants must demonstrate a positive change they have caused in themselves or their community.

Applicant must submit

the following items: Completed application form. You must type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you. Include two letters of recommendation from your choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers or other individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement. If you have any questions about the application, please email Jeni Hardin, jhardin@oglecountyil.gov or call (815) 562-5881 ext

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Deadline for the application is April 14, 2023. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. Please mail to: Foundation for Focus House Scholarship Program

Attn: Jeni Hardin 3279 Hwy 251 Rochelle, IL 61068

You may also send the application and other materials via email to jhardin@oglecountyil.gov

E-mailed applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. April 14, 2023.

FTH: First round of checks presented at Rotary Club meeting Tuesday

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It also works with donors from every walk of life from small donations to big donations and everything in between.

This year, RACF will reach \$1 million in support for local nonprofits since its inception. It is also preparing to announce its 2023 community grants.

"We like to work with our nonprofit partners to help promote them," Anaya said. "I like to say that what the chamber of commerce is to our businesses, we are to our nonprofits and partners.

We use the From the Heart funds for RACF itself. It helps to keep the lights on, pay all the utilities and to do things like hiring a new administrative assistant. We

are truly grateful to From the Heart for helping us to be able to grow the foundation. Thank you so much."

HOPE of Ogle County Executive Director Ruth Carter accepted the final check of Tuesday's round of donations. HOPE is the domestic violence agency and shelter that services Ogle County and northeast Lee County. It offers emer-

gency shelter services.

"We shelter on a case-by-case basis, which really means that everybody's situation is just a little bit different," Carter said. "Some people just need a couple of days in a shelter just to be safe and others need some extra time to get back on their feet and build resources like childcare, employment and education.

We help them with all of those things."

HOPE also offers counseling services including individual counseling for children, teens and adults. It has multiple locations in Ogle County to provide convenient locations for those in need of services. It also has a court advocacy program for Ogle County that includes two court ad-

vocates to help people who are interested in or would like an order of protection.

"They educate people about the process and guide people and support them through the entire order of protection process in court," Carter said. "It is impressive to see how much support they can give a survivor and at the same time navigate the court system."

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LOCAL NEWS

SCHOOL: District board discusses recent parent survey

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“We want to make sure that our facilities are able to appropriately provide great teaching and learning experiences for our students and staff.”

Survey

Doyle updated the board on results from a recent district parent survey. The survey saw 124 respondents, including equal representation for each building, he said.

“Overall, parents indicated a high level of satisfaction,” Doyle said. “The satisfaction rating was 85 percent rating us in the two top levels of satisfaction. That made us feel good. People had the chance to put in comments. In those, topics included increased communication, what’s happening on a day-to-day basis in the classroom, how parents can improve on supporting the students’ learning at home and more education on standards-based grading and what to expect from it.”

Doyle said the feedback will go through the administration and eventually to building and individual meetings. He said the feedback will be used to improve systems, especially with the amount of change education has seen in recent years. The results of the survey can be found on the district’s website.

Casey remarked during the meeting that he’s glad communication will be among improvement priorities from the survey.

“I think communica-

tion is always something that can be improved on,” Casey said. “That’s where 90 percent of our problems come from is miscommunication. I’m glad that’s on your radar to get taken care of.”

Mental health

Doyle also provided an update to the board on student mental health supports. The district is in its second year of having an additional counselor and the ability to have at least one in each building.

“That helps to support students and families,” Doyle said. “We know through society that social emotional learning concerns are up and our counselors and staff are working hard every day to meet the needs of our students. We also try to keep in mind the needs of our families. Counselors are working on different trainings for families. They do a monthly newsletter to try to target those in need.”

Schools have worked to provide social activities for students including monthly family assemblies and staff give daily support through classroom morning meetings with individuals or small groups. Sinnissippi recently started to come back to Rochelle Middle School after it was heavily involved before the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Overall in the district I really like that we’re trying as hard as we can, either formally or informally, for every kid to feel like they have at



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Assistant Superintendent Tony Doyle updated the board on results from a recent district parent survey. The survey saw 124 respondents, including equal representation for each building, he said.

least one person to go to that they can count on,” Doyle said. “Because not everybody has that. And we’re also always talking about the social emotional needs of adults as well, because that’s a real factor.”

PLC

The board voted unanimously to add five additional early release days in 2023-2024 to allow for a different model of professional learning communities (PLCs) for staff. Harper said PLCs are used widely in education and staff collaboration correlates to student and school success.

The shortage of substitute teachers has caused

the district to have to change its model to allow for staff time for PLCs.

“Getting that number of subs again is not a reality,” Harper said. “What we’ve settled on for next year is a model that calls for five more early release days. We already have five of those in our schedule and we’d like to strategically place five more. We’ll continue to work on this and improve our implementation plan. We know we need some more professional development to leverage this time and maximize it. We may have more modifications in the future.”

Employment

Following meeting in executive session,

the board accepted retirement letters and approved retirement contracts for both Doyle (after 2026-2027 school year) and Dale (after 2027-2028 school year).

The board also unanimously approved employment changes including rehiring first, second, third and fourth-year teachers for 2023-2024.

Easement

The board unanimously approved a permanent easement for the City of Rochelle to place utility equipment on the northwest side of the Tilton School property. Rochelle Municipal Utilities will place two pieces of equipment on

the easement, which will not pose any danger or create any disruptive noises. The easement will not inhibit any future parking lot addition at the school should the district pursue that.

Van Hise

Harper recognized outgoing Board Member Eric Van Hise, who has served on the board for eight years.

“On behalf of the board, district, administration, staff and students, we’d like to say thank you for your service and we very much appreciate it,” Harper said. “We wish you the best of luck in all that you do and whatever ways you find to continue serving the community.”

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

David Michael Lepperd

ROCHELLE — David Michael Lepperd, born March 4, 1955, Rochelle, passed away at his home March 12 after a courageous battle with renal cancer. David lived in Rochelle his entire life, graduating from Rochelle Township High School in 1973.

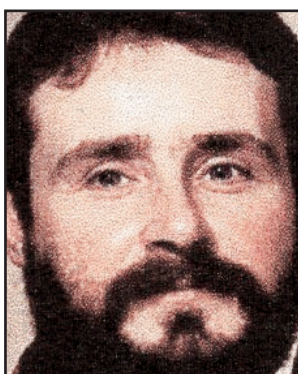
He retired from the Illinois Toll Highway Authority in 2006 after 28 years of service. Following retirement he operated Lepperd Wildlife Service until 2022. David was an avid outdoorsman and motorcycle enthusiast. He trapped the waterways of Ogle County and the surrounding area for over 50 years, developing many friendships with local

farmers. He loved building and riding motorcycles, and all sports.

He traveled extensively to watch his son, Nicholas, play college football, and his grandson, Xavier, play baseball. David married his best friend, Darla Ann (Field) Lepperd Aug. 9, 1985.

He is survived by his spouse, Darla, children, Nicholas (Samantha Wells) Lepperd, Gabrielle Lepperd, grandchildren Xavier Lepperd, Ryatt Lepperd and Remi Lepperd, siblings Thomas E. Lepperd II, Jerome Lepperd and Anne (Joe) Scriven.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Edwin and Re-



gina Cecco Lepperd. A private celebration of life for family and friends will be held later in spring 2023. The family asks that if so inclined donations be made in David's memory to the Nachusa Grasslands, 2075 Lowden Road, Franklin Grove, IL 61031 www.nachusagrasslands.org

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies respond to single-vehicle accident

OREGON—On March 14 at approximately 1:20 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Dutch Road. After an investigation, deputies cited Terry Rosenbaum for no valid driver's license. Rosenbaum was given an I-bond for his citation and given a future court date.

On March 14 at approximately 7:41 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 105. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Troy L. Neal, 34, of Rockford, for driving while his license was revoked. Neal was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Neal was additionally given a written warning for an inoperable registration light.

On March 14 at approximately 12:28 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 14,000 block of West Illinois Route 72. After investigation, deputies placed Wesley Short, 28, of Forreston, under arrest for driving while license suspended, possession of cannabis over 30 grams to 100 grams and improper container of cannabis/driver. Short was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle and illegal window tint. Short was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On March 15 at approximately 12:44 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 9,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Jose Valdivia-Sotelo, 21, of Spencer, Iowa, for no valid driver's license. Valdivia-Sotelo was issued additional citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and an equipment violation. Valdivia-Sotelo was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month.



and released on scene.

On March 15 at 5:53 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Fidel Navarro-Labato of Rochelle for driving without a license. Navarro-Labato was released on a \$2,500 individual bond. Navarro-Labato was also issued citations for speeding and improper lane usage.

On March 15 at approximately 6:32 a.m. deputies and Oregon EMS responded to the 6,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for a reported single-vehicle accident. During the investigation, deputies discovered that an eastbound vehicle, operated by Heather L. Schiller, 29, of DeKalb, struck a deer in the roadway. Schiller was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for minor injuries. No citations were issued.

On March 15 at 9:32 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. As a result, Ashley A Martinez, 28, of Oregon was arrested on an Ogle County warrant for driving under the influence. Martinez was additionally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Martinez was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

On March 15 at approx-

imately 7:12 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of South Lowell Park Road. After further investigation Steven D Baldwin, 60, of Dixon, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Baldwin was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Baldwin was also cited for illegal transportation of alcohol and speeding.

On March 15 at 1:45 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Junction Way and Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Matthew Hart of Chana, for driving without a valid license. Hart was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Hart was also issued citations for disregard stop sign and operate uninsured vehicle.

On March 16 at 10:26 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the Shell Gas Station in Grand Detour (8120 South Illinois Route 2) for a suspicious vehicle. After an investigation, Brice Reynoldson, 44, of Regina, Saskatchewan was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Reynoldson was also issued a citation for open alcohol container/driver. Reynoldson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



Stillman Bank donates casual day funds to HOPE of Ogle County

Stillman Bank recently hosted an employee Casual Day where employees were encouraged to make a monetary donation in exchange for casual dress. All the money raised went directly to support HOPE of Ogle County, an organization chosen by our Rochelle office. Pictured here are Stillman Bank Retail Office Manager Ryan Spradlin (second from right) and Stillman Bank Tellers Colleen R. (left) and Paige D. (right) presenting HOPE of Ogle County Executive Director Ruth Carter (second from left) our donation check totaling almost \$300.

Salinas named to the dean's list at Palmer College of Chiropractic

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Britney Salinas of Lindenwood has been named to the fall 2022 dean's list at Palmer College of Chi-

ropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

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ROCHELLE — Fairways Golf Course in Rochelle will officially open for the season on Tuesday, March 21. The first tee time begins at 10 a.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

ROTARY: Former State Rep. Demmer speaks at Tuesday meeting

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City, county, state and federal investment has yielded \$75 million worth of infrastructure to attract industrial growth. Demmer said Tuesday that the area is “ripe for development” in the future. It has access to rail and streets and sewer, water, gas and electrical capacity. Over the past few weeks, Demmer and City of Rochelle Economic Development Director Jason Anderson have been working with Intersect Illinois, a statewide economic development organization that works on high-profile projects including drawing businesses to make large investments in the state. That organization has launched a new initiative to compile

a catalog to use to refer developers to “mega site opportunities.” “Of the first sites across the state that they’ve identified, on the list of 13 sites is the dual-rail megasite in the City of Rochelle and Lee County,” Demmer said. “It’s number two on the list that they’re promoting. There are so few of these 1,000-acre sites with all of the infrastructure and resources and people are desperate for those. We’re able to give them a great opportunity here given the proximity to rail lines, interstates and infrastructure.” Demmer said that this week, local representatives will be submitting a request for information response back to Intersect Illinois. “I have to say, it’s been

pretty satisfying to say how many things we have in place that they’re asking for,” Demmer said. “Given the size and capacity of this site, it’s one of the most attractive sites in the entire state of Illinois for development.” Anderson spoke at the Rotary meeting as well and said he and Demmer are working on the idea of the area presenting itself as more of a “regional effort” in economic development. He believes now that LCI-DA has a full-time executive director, the time has come to “generate a true partnership.” One current factor that could stand to impact the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone is House Bill 4412, which removed local control for approval of solar and wind development. Anderson

has said in the past that he has fear that the enterprise zone will attract solar and wind developments that could be approved by the state, rendering it unusable for its planned industrial growth purposes. “House Bill 4412 is the antithesis of economic development,” Anderson said. “Tom was in the legislature when it passed and opposed it. He’s very knowledgeable of the inner workings of Springfield and we’re working behind the scenes to overcome that legislation.” Another issue facing local industry is workforce, which Demmer called “one of the scarcest resources today.” He said improving that situation locally is a priority of his. “If we saw a project that wanted to come in with



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)
Tom Demmer speaks during the recent Rochelle Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday, March 14.

200 new jobs, it would cause a little heartburn because you have to think about where those people are going to come from,” Demmer said. “Is it just going to be pulling from the existing pool we have? We have to think of ways to bring in new people to move to the area drawn in by the good job opportunities that will become contributing and active parts of our communities and economies.”

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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

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

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Grace Fellowship Church — Pastor Jeff Ardissonne, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

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Living Water Community Church 405 N. Main St, Downtown Rochelle. Phone 815-561-6249, Website: www.lwccr.com, Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor, Brent Braski- Administrative Pastor, Adrian Daugherty- Lead Worshipper, Joe Mortimer- Youth Director, Amanda Barnes- Office Manager. 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.. 

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 invites everyone to enter into the passion of Jesus. Our Bible Study and worship series will be focused on the last week of Jesus’ life through Lent.

As we enter the story of Jesus’ passion, we come to it with our own eyes, our own humanity, our own experience. That gets all wrapped up in our interpretation.... that is how faith works! That is how we makes sense of things, and how we come to greater awareness, understanding, insight and compassion for our own stories and for those of others. So this Lent, this time of preparation for Easter, we will enter the passion of Jesus. Let us freeze frame a moment, so that we might dwell.... and become not just story tellers, but story dwellers. (Adapted from a poem by Marcia McFee.) **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday** services are at 7:00 pm. The church will be open from noon-3 on Good Friday for the public to walk the Stations of the Cross. Devotional guide provided – come and go at your convenience. Everyone is always welcome to all of our services.

Sunday worship is at 9:00 am with Sunday School for children after the Children’s Message. 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. Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley, Pastor. 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. admin@rochelleumc.com. Everyone is welcome and loved!

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Quick: We need to restore trust in news media

AMERICANS are politically polarized, cynical about long-respected institutions and disappointed with elected leaders at the local, state and national levels. What's driving these trends? I believe a sweeping lack of trust is a significant factor.

Trust is an essential element to strong personal, professional and societal relationships. Without it, relationships break down, often with unfortunate consequences. Research bears this out. The 2022 Edelman Trust Barometer found that nearly six in 10 respondents automatically distrust something until they encounter evidence of its credibility. And nearly two-thirds said we can no longer have constructive, civil discourse about important issues. The researchers noted, "when distrust is the default — we lack the ability to debate or collaborate."

The public's wariness

is understandable, and misinformation is a major factor. In the 2020 Northwestern University Medill Trust in U.S. News Media study, 82% of those surveyed expressed concern about discerning fact-based information from falsehoods. Three-quarters of respondents in the Edelman study worried about misinformation being used as a weapon.

News organizations and journalists are the focus of much cynicism. Trust in news fell in half the countries surveyed for the 2022 Reuters Institute Digital News Survey, with the U.S. at the bottom with just 26 percent of respondents trusting the news. And 46 percent of Edelman respondents found journalists credible, making them the least trusted of societal leaders in the report, barely ahead of government leaders, who gained the confidence of just 43 percent of respondents.

Once trust is gone, it's

tough to regain. But it's critical that we all work to restore it. That's because public trust and a news media industry that does its job well go hand in hand in protecting our democracy. That's why my organization, the News Literacy Project (along with The E.W. Scripps Company), is focusing on trust in newsrooms and news coverage during our fourth annual National News Literacy Week (Jan. 23-27). News literacy is the ability to identify credible news sources so you know what information

you can trust, share and act on. The acceptance of facts is central to productive discourse and the functioning of our institutions. When we can't agree on a common set of facts and credible sources, that cynicism cascades into distrust of institutions, decision-makers and governing bodies. The result is

a weaker democracy.

Then there's this: Distrust is simply bad for us. A 2021 study at the University of Bonn in Germany found that lack of trust in others is associated with chronic loneliness.

Trust is a two-way street. To repair this credibility gap between the public and the press, both members of the media and news consumers must act.

News organizations must keep the public well-informed and cover the issues that communities care about most. Newsroom leaders need to clearly identify what is opinion, analysis, or straight news and explain how their newsroom decides what stories to cover and how to cover them.

Improving newsroom diversity is imperative to better reflect the community. While nobody is perfect, being transparent and fixing

errors promptly and prominently goes a long way in maintaining credibility.

News consumers are the other half of the equation. We have responsibilities, too. Pay attention to what's happening in your community. Subscribe to a local news outlet to ensure your town doesn't become a "news desert." Hold news organizations accountable. When they make a mistake or coverage falls short, call them on it. Be civically engaged. Learn about the issues important to you and vote. Most importantly, become more news-literate.

What does it mean to be news-literate? This nonpartisan approach to media literacy teaches people *how* to think about news and other information, not *what* to think. It provides an understanding and appreciation of the First Amendment and the role of a free press in a democracy, and it emphasizes a healthy skepticism — not cynicism — about the information we

encounter.

There are easy ways to learn the skills you need to navigate the news more confidently, protect yourself — and your friends and family — from being misled, and push back against the kind of false and misleading information that eats away at the public's trust in news. You can learn how to identify credible news sources, spot red flags that often accompany misinformation, and build other news literacy skills at [NewsLiteracyWeek.org](https://www.news-literacy-project.org/).

Closing the credibility gap is crucial to the health of our democracy. Trust me on this.

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Alee Quick

Reeder: The push to redesign Illinois' state flag

ILLINOIS has the ugliest flag in the Union and state Sen. Doris Turner wants to do something about it.

The lawmaker from Springfield has introduced legislation to create a commission to develop new flag designs for the General Assembly to consider by Sept. 1.

"After more than 100 years of the same design, I think it's time to rework it," Turner said in a prepared statement. "I'd like to see us take a community approach to create a new design for the state's official state flag."

Back in 1915, the various Illinois chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution had a contest to redesign the state flag. The Rockford chapter won with a rather drab imprint of the state seal on a white background. For their effort, the state awarded the chapter \$25. Illinois paid too much.

That streamer is boring. Really boring.

But, hey, how much creativity do you expect from a group of all-white women who could trace their ancestry back to the American Revolution?

Not only is it a dull design, it's an origin story that would make anyone yawn.

Just compare it to Alaska's. Back in 1927 the Alaska territory did not have a flag and the governor thought creating one would help pave the way for statehood. So, he launched a contest among the state's school children. Benny Benson, a 13-year-old Aleut boy living in an orphanage in Seward, drew a flag that is perhaps the nation's most beautiful.

The banner's dark blue color symbolizes the Alaskan sky and the forget-me-not flowers found across its wilderness. The stars emblazoned on this

background can be seen in Alaska's pristine sky. And the North Star is an appropriate symbol for the northernmost part of the United States.

When Benny won the contest, lawmakers awarded him a watch and a \$1,000 scholarship to study diesel mechanics. It's doubtful any of the ladies who designed Illinois' emblem ended up crawling under an engine block. Complaints about the Illinois flag are nothing new. In 1969, Navy Chief Petty Officer Bruce McDaniel of Waverly, then serving in Vietnam, wrote a letter home complaining about the Illinois flag. It was one of many state flags which hung in his mess hall but its identity was always questioned, so McDaniel requested that the flag carry the state's name.

In response the word "Illinois" was added to an already homely banner.

Talk about putting lipstick on a pig.

When I was reporter in Galveston, Texas, I received a phone call from a woman angry about a photo we ran on the front page of the Lone Star flag being raised over the city after a hurricane.

"Do you see what's wrong with that photo?" she hollered.

"Um, no ma'am."

"The flag is going up the pole upside down. How could you run such an image?"

"Well, we were just reporting the news, not giving instructions on proper flag display."

I can't imagine that visceral reaction from an Illinoisan seeing their state emblem improperly exhibited. (Texas school children actually pledge allegiance daily to the state flag.)

And Texans are so proud of their flag they fly it solo

with no national emblem insight.

In 2021, Utah passed a law similar to what Sen. Turner is proposing. The task force received around 7,000 flag designs and over 44,000 public comments. Students, educators, families and more were invited to participate in the process of choosing the Utah flag.

Most of Illinois' symbols (the state tree, the state mineral, the state animal) were determined by a vote of pupils in the state's schools. Journalists aren't supposed to disclose how they vote in elections. But I'm not ashamed to say that in first grade I voted for the white oak to be the state tree and in high school I voted for the white-tailed deer to be the state animal.

My track record of voting for winners ended there.

After covering Illinois politicians for more than 30 years, I have no faith

whatsoever in their collective wisdom. None. Zip. Zilch. Nada.

Just look at this statement from Sen. Turner: "For years, Illinois was seen as fiscally irresponsible. We have turned that around and returned Illinois to the great state it is and our flag should reflect that."

While I agree the state is doing better financially, after a big tax hike and an infusion of federal dollars, we are a long way from having turned things around. The Land of Lincoln still has the worst credit rating in the nation and by far the most underfunded pension system. Given this lawmaker track record, let's take choosing a new state flag out of their hands and let the children decide.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at reeder@illinoistimes.com.

Letter: Former student in favor of Pillen for school board

DEAR Rochelle Community members,

When evaluating the candidates for the Rochelle Township High School District 212 school board, I can think of no one more qualified than Laurie Pillen. Laurie has been an active

member of the RTHS community for nearly 40 years and has been a speech coach for 36 years.

As a former student of Laurie's, I can personally attest to her commitment to continually improving RTHS and her dedication to students throughout her

many years. As a guidance counselor, she has worked closely with both students and parents to address important issues in the high school community.

And as a speech coach, she has spent many long hours outside of the regular work day to foster an

environment to challenge students and help them develop communication skills and confidence. She also pioneered the Renaissance program, an incentive-based program that rewards students for attendance and academic excellence.

Laurie has always had a strong voice and electing her to the school board will provide her with the platform she needs to continue fighting for students' needs. The combination of her extensive experience and fierce loyalty to the community makes her an

invaluable resource to the school board, which has always strived to understand and meet the needs of the school district; therefore, I strongly encourage you to vote for Laurie Pillen.

Lexy LeMar
RTHS alum

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COMMUNITY



Three RTHS FFA members headed to state contest

Rochelle Township High School FFA members interviewed recently in their various areas at District I Proficiencies including Veronica Vaughn in Grain Production SAE, Makayla Ludwig in Arts and Communication SOE, Megan Seebach in Equine Science SAE and Ricardo Rodriguez in Food Service Placement SAE. Ludwig, Seebach and Rodriguez earned first place in their areas and will represent Rochelle FFA at the state competition on March 25 in Decatur.

Focus House Spaghetti Meal Fundraiser April 12

ROCHELLE — The 22nd Annual Focus House Spaghetti Meal Fundraiser with lunch delivery and dinner drive thru will take place April 12. Lunch (pre-sale delivery only) will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner (drive-thru only, presale or pay when you arrive) will take place from 4-6:30 p.m. The event will take place at Focus House, 3279 Illinois Route 251, Rochelle, IL 61068. The menu includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, Italian bread, salad with choice of dressing and dessert for a total of \$9. To place your order or for more information, contact Jeni Hardin at jhardin@oglecountyl.gov or call 815-562-5881 ext. 3433. Sponsorship opportunities are also available by contacting Hardin. All proceeds benefit the youth receiving services at Focus House.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 19
John Overstreet

March 20
Jesse Lopez
Rachelle Phillips
Tom Sr. & Janet Grimes (anniversary)

March 22
Wakely Peterman

March 23
Kristi Gonzales

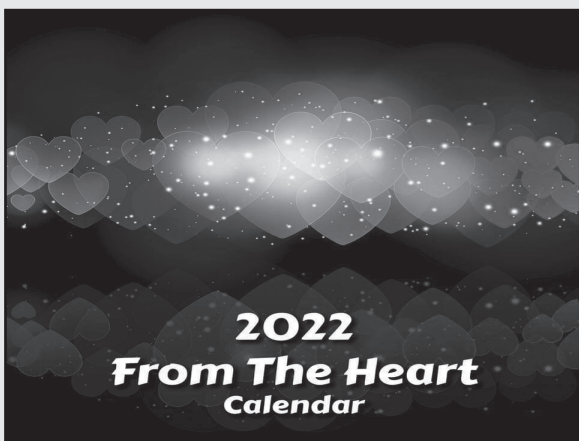
March 24
John Wooten
Lanie McPherson

March 25
Chaz & Kathy Conant (anniversary)
Liz Danekas
Shaun Rosenbach

March 26
LeeAnn Komadina
Kim Dougherty
Bernie & Anna Sexton (anniversary)

March 30
Grace Olson

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



- Feb. 21 - RACF, \$25
- Feb. 22 - From the Heart, \$25
- Feb. 23 - RACF, \$25
- Feb. 24 - Dorie Golt, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 25 - Larry Hageman, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 26 - From the Heart, \$50
- Feb. 27 - Olivia Ankney, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 28 - Zekelman Employee, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 1 - Ed Messenger, Oregon, \$25
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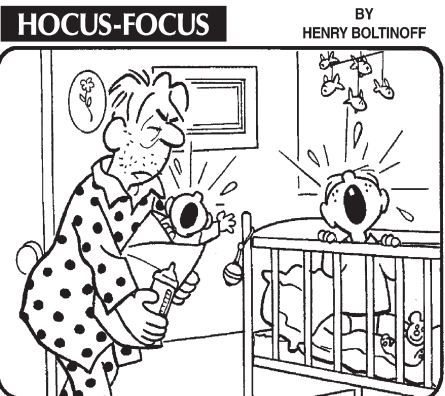
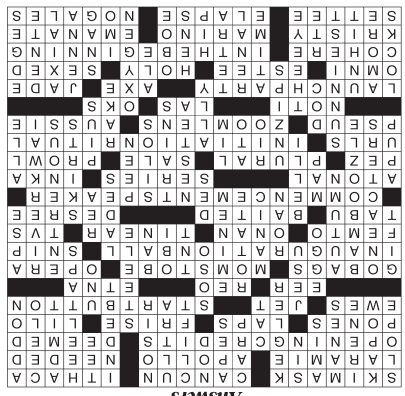
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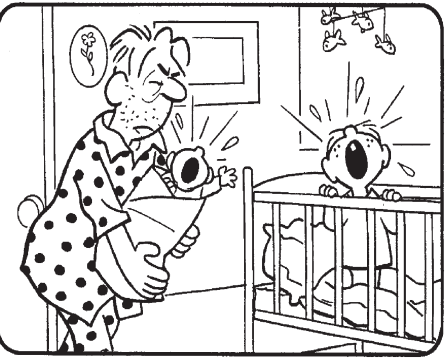
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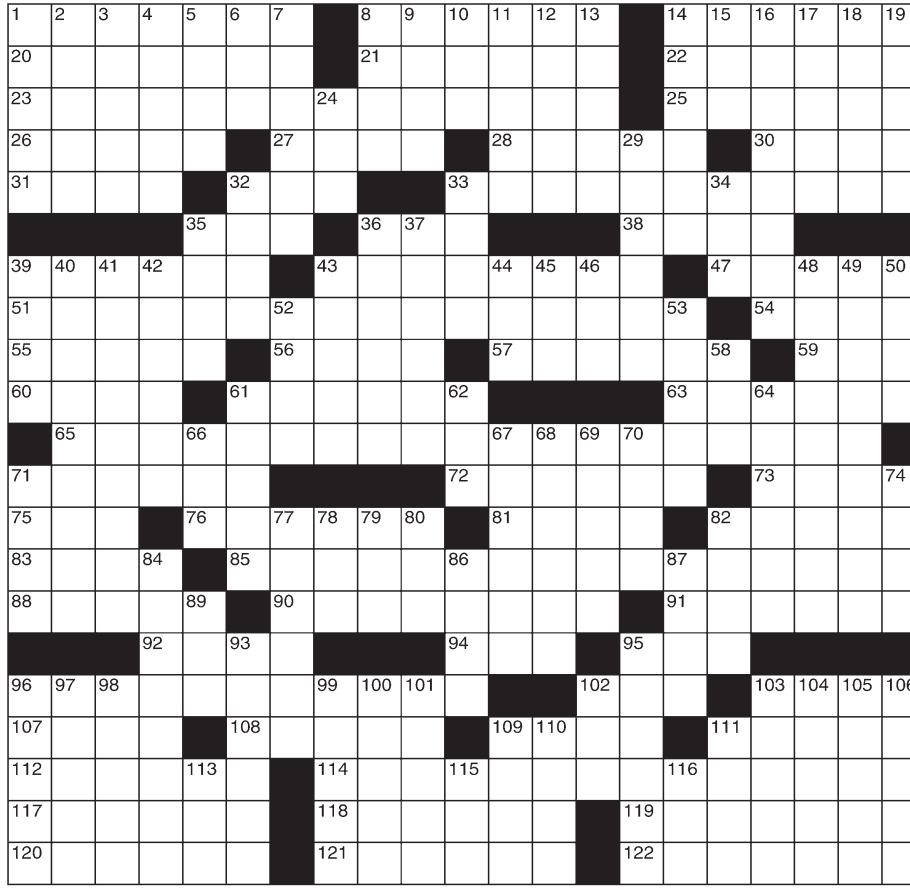


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STUDY OF GENESIS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Downhill's headwear
- 8 Mexican beach resort
- 14 Island home of Odysseus
- 20 University of Wyoming's city
- 21 Moon-landing program
- 22 Had to have
- 23 They appear before a film's first scene
- 25 Viewed to be
- 26 Cakes of cornbread
- 27 Indy units
- 28 Bichon — (white dog)
- 30 Stitch's cartoon friend
- 31 Bleating females
- 32 Speedy plane
- 33 It turns a computer on
- 35 Always, to bards
- 36 Vintage auto
- 38 Active Sicilian volcano
- 39 Holders of emergency supplies
- 43 Women with babies on the way
- 47 Puccini work
- 51 Gala after a presidential oath
- 54 Cutting noise
- 55 Quadrillionth: Prefix
- 56 — epic scale
- 57 Musical insensitivity
- 59 Sets for viewing
- 60 Perfume by Dana
- 61 Lured
- 63 "You Gotta Be" singer of 1994
- 65 Graduation address deliverer
- 71 Keyless, musically
- 72 Many a Netflix show
- 73 — "Dinka Doo" (Jimmy Durante tune)
- 75 Candy in collectible dispensers
- 76 "Mice" or "lice," but not "rice"
- 81 Blowout, e.g.
- 82 Look for prey, as a lion
- 83 Cyber-addresses
- 85 Membership ceremony
- 88 Phony: Prefix
- 90 Camera item for a long or short view
- 91 Down Under dweller
- 92 "Me? Never!"
- 94 — Cruces
- 95 Says "yes" to
- 96 Celebratory event for a rollout
- 102 Swung tool
- 103 Green gem
- 107 Prefix with directional
- 108 Cosmetician
- 109 Saintry
- 111 Birds-and-bees class
- 112 Stick together
- 114 Bible's first words (apt for this puzzle's theme)
- 117 Actress
- McNichol or Swanson
- 118 Quarterback great Dan
- 119 Flow out
- 120 Smallish sofa
- 121 Slip away
- 122 City in Arizona or Mexico
- DOWN**
- 1 Inclined land
- 2 "Bam!"
- 3 Singer Cara
- 4 Lion features
- 5 French buds
- 6 Moral failure
- 7 Bowler, informally
- 8 Koi, e.g.
- 9 Clumsy sorts
- 10 Signal "yes"
- 11 Actor
- Montgomery
- 12 Radical sort
- 13 GI's "Uh-uh!"
- 14 Owing money
- 15 PGA peg
- 16 Shoe lifts
- 17 Grant entry to
- 18 Singer/rapper
- Green
- 19 Attach
- 24 Purring pet
- 29 "Remington —"
- 32 Bach's —, Joy of Man's Desiring"
- 33 Mediocre
- 34 108-card game
- 35 Frozen waffle brand
- 36 Move in circles
- 37 "Lose Yourself" rapper
- 39 Natural ability
- 40 Many short plays
- 41 Hoodwink
- 42 One of the four seasons
- 43 Wildly excited
- 44 Blast stuff
- 45 Sapporo sash
- 46 Prohibit
- 48 Just between us
- 49 Stream in the title of 1957's Best Picture
- 50 Church area
- 52 Horse color pattern
- 53 Fills with freight
- 58 Irish actor
- Stephen
- 61 Lawyer
- Melvin called "The King of Torts"
- 62 — Moines
- 64 Minis, midis and maxis
- 66 GPS display
- 67 Tetley competitor
- 68 Bridal gown features
- 69 Grain towers
- 70 Hammer's striking end
- 71 Since Hector was —
- 74 Everybody, in Essen
- 77 Starts to remove a jacket, say
- 78 — de Janeiro
- 79 — Z (total)
- 80 Fashion designer
- Phillip —
- 82 Name shared by 12 popes
- 84 Least cloudy
- 86 Join forces
- 87 Fall lawn tool
- 89 Rx writer
- 93 A flirtatious look
- 95 Element #8
- 96 Safe securers
- 97 Love, in Italy
- 98 Not stricken
- 99 — or two (on occasion)
- 100 Kidney-related
- 101 "Neon" fish
- 102 Schooner fill
- 103 One of the Bush twins
- 104 Around a line of symmetry
- 105 AI — (a bit firm)
- 106 Knife features
- 109 Birds sitting on clutches
- 110 Conical-bore woodwind
- 111 Hosiery flaw
- 113 GPS display: Abbr.
- 115 Trendy
- 116 "It seems to me," online






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SPORTS



NATIONAL MEDALIST

RTHS alum Teagan Meyers medaled at the NJCAA Indoor Track & Field Nationals.

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RTHS Golf

Kishwaukee bound

Rochelle senior Ohlinger to compete for Kishwaukee College team next year

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Another member of the Rochelle Township High School golf program will be continuing his academics and athletics with Kishwaukee College next year. Senior Griffin Ohlinger intends to tee off for the Kougars after four successful seasons at RTHS, where he was an IHSA Sectional qualifier as a junior and an All-Conference First Team honoree in the Interstate 8 as a senior.

“I chose Kish because it was the right choice for me financially and athletically,” Ohlinger said. “I believe it will allow me to develop my academics as well as my athletics. I’m looking forward to competing at the next level because I think it will challenge me and help improve my game.

Ohlinger will reunite with senior teammate Damen Harrington, who also signed with the Kishwaukee College men’s golf program. Ohlinger spent four years with the Rochelle Hub golf program, with all four years coming at the varsity level.

The senior received consecutive All-Conference Honorable Mentions in the Interstate 8 over his sophomore and junior seasons.

“Playing golf at Rochelle has helped me tremendously because before high school, I had never played a tournament. Playing at Rochelle has given me more opportunities to compete and I’m looking forward to more of those opportunities at the next level. I believe my range off the tee has increased over the last four years and that’s given me more opportunities to succeed.”

Ohlinger averaged 41.3 strokes per nine holes during Interstate 8 Conference play this season, shooting low rounds of 39 against Kaneland, Plano and LaSalle-Peru. The senior fired a 3-over-par 73 to win the individual title in the large division at the Rocket Invitational. Ohlinger also finished fourth at the LaSalle-Peru Invitational with a 75, carding a 33 on his front nine.

Ohlingersaidheintends to begin his academics at Kishwaukee College before transferring to a four-year school, where he aims to earn a bachelor’s



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Griffin Ohlinger has committed to continuing his academics and his golf career with Kishwaukee College next year. Ohlinger intends to eventually pursue a bachelor’s degree in business.

degree in business. Ohlinger was named the Rochelle Hub golf program’s Most Improved Player as a sophomore as well as the Most Valuable Player

over his junior and senior seasons. A multi-sport athlete at RTHS, Ohlinger has played basketball and is currently competing for the Rochelle Hub track and

field team.

“My abilities on the greens have helped me cut strokes off my score,” Ohlinger said. “My length off the tee is what I believe

will help me the most at the next level because I will likely be playing longer courses, which means I will need longer shots off the tee.

RTHS Boys Track

Hubs finish sixth at Gary Egler Invitational

Rochelle teams bring home fourth-place finishes at Byron Indoor Preview

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SYCAMORE — The Rochelle Hub track and field team battled at the Gary Egler Invitational on Wednesday, with the varsity team scoring 31 points and placing sixth out of eight schools. The fresh-soph team took third out of eight schools with 59.5 points in the competition.

Varsity

Junior Landon Mickley finished second in the shot put with a personal-best throw of 12.58 meters and sophomore Jack Tilton finished second in the high jump with a clearance of 1.73 meters. Senior Ethan Bergeson took fifth in the pole vault with a clearance of 3.05 meters and freshman Caden Goodwin placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 10.34 meters.

Rochelle’s 3200-meter relay team (Thomas Koziol, Abel Huerta, Luis Hernandez and Declan McGee) took third with a time of 9:53.62. The Hubs finished fifth in the 640-meter relay (Jackson Smith, Reece Harris, Miles Hunley and Jack Tilton) with a time of 1:23.50 and seventh

in the 1600-meter relay (Thomas Koziol, Luis Hernandez, Parker Slatengren and Levi Waddle) with a time of 4:29.39. Hernandez placed fifth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:08.81.

Junior Abel Huerta took seventh in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:36.40 and senior Landon DeLille finished ninth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.44 seconds. DeLille placed sixth in the shot put with a throw of 11.29 meters and Koziol took seventh in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:37.08. Sophomore Chris Hickey finished 10th in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:04.95 and senior Emil Rodriguez was sixth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13:17.76.

F/S

Freshman Caleb Dreska finished fourth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.70 seconds and third in the long jump with a distance of 5.49 meters. Freshman Wyatt Worthington placed sixth in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 10.97 seconds and third in the triple jump with a distance of 9.89 meters.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Landon DeLille sprints to the finish line during the 55-meter dash at the Gary Egler Invitational on Wednesday. Rochelle’s varsity team took sixth out of eight teams in the meet.



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HUB SPOTLIGHT

Meyers medals at NJCAA Indoor Track Nationals

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

FORMER Lady Hub student-athlete Teagan Meyers felt that her track and field days were over. After a successful four-year career at Rochelle Township High School, where she reached the IHSA State Championship meet twice and earned All-Conference honors in the Interstate 8, Meyers was unsure about continuing her education after graduating from RTHS in 2022.

Having mentally checked out of track and field, Meyers wasn't planning on continuing with the sport until late in the summer, when she learned of an opportunity to attend Sauk Valley Community College and compete for the women's track and field team. With a chance to revive her athletic career, Meyers ultimately chose to enroll at Sauk Valley and join the program.

"We didn't know that Sauk Valley had a track and field program and when my mom found out, she contacted them toward the end of the summer," Meyers said. "School wasn't really on my mind, but they offered me a scholarship for track and field and that's what motivated me to continue competing and to pursue more education. It's been a great experience so far and it's broadened my horizons. I'm really grateful for the foundation that RTHS track and field brought."

While Meyers was admittedly nervous about her early results competing at the collegiate level, the former RTHS track and field standout grew stronger and stronger as the indoor portion of her freshman season at Sauk Valley progressed. Meyers not only tied her personal high jump record of 1.60 meters (5 feet 3 inches) from high school, but she eclipsed that mark on three separate occasions including the 2023 NJCAA Indoor Track & Field National Championship.

"The team has been really great and my coach knows a lot about track and field, so he's helped me improve in each of my events," Meyers said. "I wasn't quite sure what my performances would look like compared to high school because I had sort of checked out of track and field. But it's been really exciting and I've gained much more confidence because I didn't think I would have the success I've had so far... It's been a really exciting turn of events for me."

Meyers competed in the high jump, triple jump and 200-meter dash during the indoor season, which concluded at the national championships at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. Having qualified as the No. 8 seed in the high jump competition, Meyers achieved each of the three goals she set for herself during the meet. Not only did she clear the first bar, but she outperformed her seed and set a huge personal best, clearing 1.66 meters (5 feet 5 1/4 inches).

"I went into the competition just happy to be there," Meyers said. "I was happy being seeded in the middle because I didn't feel stressed to perform a certain way. It was a new competitive environment, but I still



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Former Rochelle student-athlete Teagan Meyers recently medaled in third place at the 2023 NJCAA Indoor Track & Field Nationals.

felt sure of myself and I looked forward to seeing what I could do. I didn't even know that I was in third until my coach told me and I was shocked because I thought there were still a lot of girls jumping. I was just focused on setting a PR and not placing at that time."

The personal-record performance resulted in a third-place medal for Meyers, who earned four first-place finishes in the high jump during the indoor season. Her best jumps included 1.65 meters (5 feet 5 inches) at the SAU Tune Up on Feb. 10 and 1.63 meters (5 feet 4 1/4 inches) at the Sol Butler Classic on Feb. 17. Meyers also set a new personal record in the triple jump, leaping 10.30 meters (33 feet 9 1/2 inches) to beat her best high school mark of 10.24 meters.

"I appreciated everything coach [Mark] Zilis did for me at RTHS," Meyers said. "Having a new coach's perspective at Sauk Valley has allowed me to fix things that I had become numb to. We've been able to dissect my technique and he's given me a lot of different drills to work on. Qualifying for nationals was mind blowing because I only had a few meets left to do it. I was frustrated during my first few meets, but clearing the qualifying height was really exciting."

Meyers is now preparing to begin her outdoor season, where she'll aim to qualify for the 2023 NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field Nationals at New Mexico Junior College. Meyers, who's currently studying for an associate's degree in applied science and marketing in hopes of running her own business, said she's currently taking her track and field career one season at a time.

"I'm not 100 percent sure how much farther I'd like to go in school, so I'm only looking toward next year right now," Meyers said. "If a four-year university or college approached me, I might take the time to consider that, but my main focus right now is on this year and next year."

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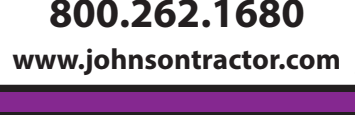
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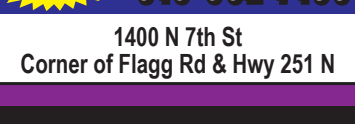
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TRACK: Rochelle teams race at Byron Indoor Preview

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Freshman Miles Hunley took fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.19 seconds and freshman Parker Slattengren was fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:41.80.

Freshman Declan McGee finished third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:23.92 and freshman Andrew Nuyen took fourth in the pole vault with a clearance of 2.30 meters.

Sophomores Jack Tarvestad and Colton Czekala placed third and fourth in the shot put with respective throws of 10.95 meters and 10.31 meters. Rochelle's 1600-meter relay (Wyatt Worthington, Jackson Smith, Declan McGee and Elijah Mayen) was second in 4:11.66.

The Hubs finished fourth in the 3200-meter relay (Parker Slattengren, Chris Castellanos, Alexavier Villatoro and Elijah Mayen) with a time of 11:35.24 and fifth in the 640-meter relay (Andrew Nuyen, Caden Goodwin, Andrew Johnson and Jorge Martinez) with a time of 1:32.36.

Byron Boys

The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub track and field teams competed in the Byron Indoor Preview on Saturday. The Hubs tied for fourth out of 11 schools with 45 points, while the Lady Hubs took fourth out of 11 schools with 60 points.

Junior Luis Hernandez set two personal records in the distance events, finishing second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10:49.08 and third in the 1600-meter run with a time

of 5:02.26. Junior Carlos Tomas took second in the shot put with a personal-record heave of 12.28 meters and sophomore Jack Tilton finished third in the high jump with a personal record of 1.72 meters.

Junior Nathan Sergeant and freshman Caden Goodwin placed second and fourth in the triple jump with distances of 11.03 meters and 10.54 meters. Senior Ethan Bergeson finished fourth in the pole vault with a clearance of 2.59 meters and sixth in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.84 seconds. Senior Landon DeLille took seventh in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.39 seconds and senior Thomas Koziol placed ninth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:36.43.

Rochelle's 800-meter relay team (Griffin Ohlinger, Jackson Smith, Nathan Sergeant and Irving Escalante) and 1600-meter relay team (Irving Escalante, Jackson Smith, Nathan Sergeant and Declan McGee) finished seventh with times of 1:47.42 and 4:15.95. Rochelle's 3200-meter relay team (Thomas Koziol, Parker Slattengren, Elijah Mayen and Declan McGee) placed fifth with a time of 9:56.70. Junior Landon Mickley took fifth in the shot put with a heave of 11.93 meters.

Byron Girls

Junior Alivia Henkel finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:01.19, second in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 10.04 seconds and second in the long jump with a distance of 4.57



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Freshman Declan McGee passes a pair of racers from Aurora Central Catholic during the 1600-meter run at the Gary Egler Invitational on Wednesday. McGee took third in the fresh-soph race, helping the Rochelle Hub fresh-soph team place third out of eight schools.

meters. Senior Samantha Sanford took fourth in the shotput with a heave of 8.14 meters and junior Macy Ramos placed third in the high jump with a clearance of 1.32 meters.

Senior Baylie Sutton finished sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 8.29 meters and freshman Savanna Wilson took seventh in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:59.78. Freshmen Rose Luxton and Annaliese Koziol placed fifth and sixth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 7:17.92 and 7:20.18.

Henkel took seventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 30.36 seconds.

Rochelle's 3200-meter relay team (Bridgett Ramirez, Rose Luxton, Brisa Zepeda and Ailyn Miranda) finished fifth with a time of 13:39.91. Rochelle's 1600-meter relay team (Zoe White, Christina Jones, Arline Villanueva and Savanna Wilson) and 800-meter relay team (Zoe White, Carmela Bright, Arline Villanueva and Rylee Jackson) each placed 10th overall.

NIU Football Hammock completes coaching staff with Eubanks, White

DEKALB — Darius Eubanks, who has spent the last six seasons as a college coach after a four-year NFL career, and Cory White, whose coaching experience includes stints as an offensive coordinator, offensive line and tight ends coach at multiple levels

of college football, have joined the Northern Illinois University football staff as assistant coaches, NIU head coach Thomas Hammock announced Friday.

Eubanks comes to NIU after spending the 2022 season as defensive backs coach at Liberty and was the

safeties coach at Georgia State in 2021. A four-year starter and two-time All-Southern Conference line-backer at Georgia Southern, he spent four seasons on the rosters of three different NFL teams. At NIU, Eubanks will coach the cornerbacks.

“We’re really excited about Darius,” Hammock said. “First of all, his experience as a player, having the ability to play in the NFL tells you the type of work ethic and the commitment he has. His jump into coaching has been impressive.”

“He’s a developer of

men, he’s a teacher, he’s a leader and he’s somebody that’s going to be an excellent role model for our student athletes. I think he’s an excellent fit for our staff and will do a great job with our corners.”

In 2022, Eubanks was part of the Liberty staff

that led the Flames to an 8-5 record, including an appearance in the Boca Raton Bowl. At Georgia State in 2021, the Panthers posted an 8-5 record that included a 51-20 win over Ball State in the Camellia Bowl.


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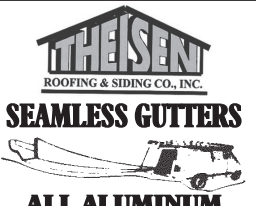
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NIU: Huskie football team hires two new assistants

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Eubanks coached a pair of All-Sun Belt defensive backs at GSU, and the Panthers intercepted 10 passes, helping them rank 30th nationally in turnovers forced.

"I'm very appreciative of Coach Hammock for giving me the opportunity to come here and be a part of the Huskie program," Eubanks said. "There is a great family feel here and the adjustment so far has been smooth. I had familiarity with [NIU defensive coordinator] Coach [Nick] Benedetto from Samford, so it made my decision more comfortable to come here and be a Huskie; I'm looking forward to the 2023 season."

A native of Thomson, Georgia, Eubanks spent the 2018-2020 campaigns

at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama where he coached the safeties in 2018 and 2019, then served as defensive backs coach and assistant special teams coordinator in 2020. Under Eubanks' tutelage, Chris Edmonds earned All-America and All-Southern Conference honors and ranked second nationally in interceptions.

He began his coaching career as the defensive line graduate assistant at Arkansas in 2017 after a four-year NFL career, beginning as a free agent with the Minnesota Vikings. He was on the rosters of the Cleveland Browns, Dallas Cowboys and Tampa Bay Buccaneers between 2013-16, spending two seasons with the Browns.

White brings 15 years of collegiate coaching experience on the offensive

side of the ball, including five total seasons at the University of San Diego where he returned to serve as offensive coordinator and running backs coach in 2022 after coaching tight ends and offensive line for the Toreros in 2018 and '19, respectively. He coached the offensive line at New Mexico State in 2020 and '21.

"Cory came highly recommended, and I was thoroughly impressed during the interview process," Hammock said. "He's been an offensive line coach and a tight ends coach, he has experience as a coordinator and he's an excellent teacher. He has run a style of offense with the personnel groupings similar to what we use. His input is going to enhance our offensive staff and make us more

dynamic, especially in how we implement the tight ends in our offense."

White served as Humboldt State's offensive line coach in 2016 and 2017 where he coached one of the top offensive lines in Division II, one that included four-time Great Northwest Athletic Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year Alex Cappa. Cappa earned All-America honors in each of White's two seasons and represented the Lumberjacks at the 2018 Reese's Senior Bowl. White's offensive line garnered seven All-GNAC awards during the 2016-17 seasons, and led the way for Ja'Quan Gardner who rushed for 2,622 yards and 39 touchdowns over a two-year span.

"I'm really excited to come back to coach at the

FBS level here at NIU," White said. "With my background in working with a similar offensive system that has used the tight end quite a bit, I think I can contribute to the success of this offense. Just being here for a few days it's very evident how hard everyone here works, and how big of a season this program is ready to have."

White began his coaching career with stops at Chapman (2008-12), San Diego Mesa (2006-07) and Whittier (2004-06) and returned to Chapman as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator in 2014, helping lead the program to its first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship, NCAA playoff appearance and a final Division III ranking of 17th in the nation.

With the addition of Eubanks and White, Hammock's 2023 coaching staff is in place with the Huskies set to open spring football practices on Wednesday, March 22. Wesley Beschoner, who will coach the NIU running backs and serve as passing game coordinator, and Adam Breske, NIU's new linebackers coach and special teams coordinator, were introduced on Jan. 31.

In addition to the newcomers, Hammock announced that offensive line coach Daryl Agpalsa will be the run game coordinator and defensive tackles coach Jordan Gigli will be the defensive run game coordinator. After working as co-defensive coordinator last year, Benedetto is the Huskies' sole defensive coordinator in 2023.

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No. 0307

(March 12 and 19, 2023)

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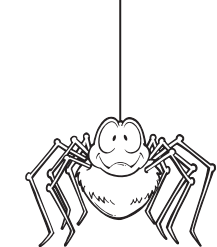
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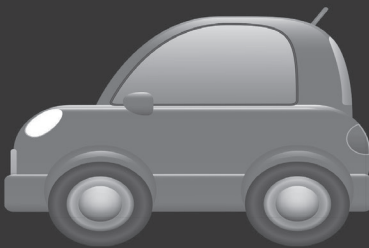
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