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City Council honors Lt. Good

Downtown property acquisition ordinance approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At Monday's meeting of the Rochelle City Council, Mayor John Bearrows and Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville presented a Good News award to RFD Lt. Jeremy Good for his actions on an EMS call that helped to save the life of an infant.

On Jan. 27, RFD and the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District were dispatched to a report of an infant not breathing and turning blue at a rural Rochelle address. Sawlsville said Ogle County Sheriff's Office Deputy Kyle White was in the area patrolling and he heard the call and was the first to respond. Upon his arrival, he found that the cause of the infant's problem was an obstructed airway. White started working to clear the airway of the child.

Sawlsville said within 2-3 minutes, RFD and OLFPD arrived on scene with paramedics led by Good.

"First responders arrived on scene and assumed care of the infant," Sawlsville said. "Working as a team within minutes, they were able to secure an airway, restore the infant's



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breathing and heartbeat and place an IV for potential medications. Upon arrival to Rochelle Community Hospital, the infant was breathing on its own and had a strong pulse. Upon hearing he was in line for this award, Lt. Good wanted to emphasize that it was strong teamwork, drawing on solid relationships from all three departments that brought about such a positive result."

Bearrows said the community can feel blessed to have its first responders.

"They do a fantastic job for this community and a lot of times you don't ever really think about it until you're the one on the other end of the phone that's calling for help," Bearrows said. "And then you realize real quickly how blessed we are to have them."

Properties

The council unanimously approved an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of properties located at 509 and 509.5 Lincoln Ave. through a good faith offer

to the owners of record, condemnation or other means.

City Attorney Dominick Lanzito said the move was a follow up on conversations held by the council in executive session on the topic. At a meeting on Sept. 26, 2022, the council previously approved an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of the properties for \$170,000 for the purposes of improving and fostering development.

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DeForest looking for his next stage

'Hearing the crowd react, stand and clap is just the best'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

DIXON — Maxwell DeForest wanted a trumpet for his seventh birthday.

Eleven years later, the Dixon teen is now applying to prestigious music schools including the likes of The Juilliard School in New York and The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He joined the Rockford Youth Symphony Orchestra at age nine and the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra when he was a freshman in high school.

"Starting to play trumpet at seven is a lot younger than most," DeForest said. "I was told, 'Ah, he'll try to play it for maybe a month or two and he'll quit.' I was young at the time when I auditioned for CYSO and many in it were juniors and seniors. Some were sophomores and there's a few freshmen in it now. But it's weird looking back now that I was once them. They're very little. I toured with CYSO around



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Dixon teen Maxwell DeForest has played trumpet since the age of seven. Now 18, he's currently applying to several prestigious music schools and is involved with four orchestras in the region, including the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Europe to Leipzig, Berlin, Prague and Vienna. I had a blast doing that."

DeForest has been a

finalist each year at the National Trumpet Competition. He's also a part of community orchestras

at Northern Illinois University, where he's taken trumpet lessons since he was eight, along with the

Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra in DeKalb.

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LOCAL NEWS

Seebach to receive Illinois FFA Degree at state convention

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School junior Megan Seebach has earned the recommendation that the Illinois FFA Degree be bestowed upon her at the upcoming state convention.

Megan's supervised agricultural experience (SAE) has three components: Equine entrepreneurship, ag processing

related to her work at the Maplehurst Farms scale house during harvest season, and finally, she keeps track of her work in the Ag classroom assisting Mrs. Page.

Through SAEs, FFA members grades 7-12 are challenged to develop critical thinking and effective decision-making skills, foster teamwork and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual



Megan Seebach

achievement. CDE and LDE events occur at the local, state and national levels.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

RTHS individuals moving on to the state speech meet include Paul Swartz, Mikayla Preston, Olive Nauman and Karma Lidren.

RTHS speech team sending four speakers to state meet

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — This past Saturday, the Rochelle Township High School speech team competed in the IHSA Sectional held at DeKalb High School. The team earned sixth place out of the 30 teams competing. Rochelle had five events that will be continuing on

to the state competition next weekend.

Individuals moving on include: Paul Swartz and Mikayla Preston (sectional champions, dramatic duet acting), Mikayla Preston (sectional champion, dramatic interpretation) Karma Lidren second place, humorous interpretation), Olive Nauman (second place, oratorical decla-

mation) and Paul Swartz (third place, informative speaking).

Individuals who were sectional finalists but aren't moving on include: Olive Nauman (fifth place, oratory) and Aiden Ramsey (sixth place, radio speaking).

The state competition will be held at the Peoria Civic Center on Feb. 17-18.

LCIDA names Demmer as executive director

DIXON — The Lee County Industrial Development Association (LCIDA) recently announced the hiring of Tom Dem-

mer as the organization's new executive director. Demmer replaces Kevin Marx, who is retiring after leading the organization since 2018.

Demmer comes to LCIDA after having served for the past 10 years as State Representative for the 90th district, which includes parts of Lee, Ogle, DeKalb and LaSalle Counties. Demmer was deputy minority leader in the House of Representatives, and was chief budget negotiator for the House Republican caucus. Demmer was the Republican nominee for Illinois State Treasurer in the 2022 election.

Demmer also previously worked at KSB Hospital, most recently as director of innovation & strategy, and contributed to the organization's strategic planning, marketing, and communications.

"As an organization we are thrilled to have someone of Tom's caliber and credibility on our team and in this role. We have been

active and progressive as an organization advancing the economic climate in Lee County and we feel Tom will be able to build off that," Chad Weigle, co-chairman of the LCIDA board of directors said. "I'm excited to work with county and city officials to support our local economy. We have a number of positive developments and projects already underway, and I look forward to joining the team of local leaders to keep that momentum going," Demmer said. "I've been blessed to call Lee County home my whole life and to serve the community in different ways. This opportunity is an exciting new chapter."

The Lee County Industrial Development Association is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote, develop, and facilitate industrial, commercial and business enterprises in Lee County. LCIDA can be found online at www.lcida.us

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LOCAL NEWS



A look at the 2023 From the Heart Gala

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The 2023 From the Heart Gala was held Saturday, Feb. 4 at Flight Deck Bar & Grill and raised \$80,000 for eight area nonprofits. The event included representatives from each area nonprofit sharing information about their cause, a live auction led by Mayor John Bearrows and a record number of attendees and tables sold. Bearrows presented a key to the city to From the Heart President and Founder Dave Eckhardt on the night of the event's 15th anniversary.

Kishwaukee College shows enrollment increase for first time in over a decade

MALTA — For the first time in more than a decade, Kishwaukee College saw an enrollment increase during the 2022-23 school year.

This spring, college enrollment is 12.4 percent higher than last spring. For the current year, college enrollment is 5.3 percent higher than the previous year.

"With all of the unprecedented circumstances over the last decade, including a budget impasse and a global pandemic, Kishwaukee College has worked incredibly hard to adjust to the challenges, providing students with an education that fit their needs, as well as the needs of the community," Dr. Laurie Borowicz, president of Kishwaukee College said. "The increase in enrollment is a positive trend for the college and the communities we serve."

Following a national trend, Kish last saw an enrollment increase in 2012. Statewide, the entire Illinois Community College System has seen lower enrollment numbers every year since 2010, according to data from the Illinois Community College Board. During this time, the college has evolved as the higher education landscape

changed. The focus during this time has been on enhanced support services and changing program and course offerings to meet the needs of students and the local workforce while at the same time adjusting to the enrollment declines.

"Resilient planning has allowed college leadership to continue its focus on providing equitable, student-centered education," Bob Johnson, chair of the board of trustees, said. "The enrollment increases we have seen this year are a positive step forward, and we will continue to adapt and innovate to our students' needs."

Kishwaukee College serves approximately 4,000 students each year, offering transfer programs, career-ready degrees and certificates, short-term training and more. For more information on Kishwaukee College, visit kish.edu.

SBO classes

Kishwaukee College will offer five classes for entrepreneurs and small business owners in February and March. Courses are designed to provide practical solutions that can be immediately implemented while networking with industry experts and other

like-minded entrepreneurs. During the program, a financial advisor will help students build a strategic growth plan for their company.

Classes are free and will be delivered in a hybrid format, with some in-person sessions at the DeKalb Public Library and some virtual via Zoom.

Sizing Up Your Company is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 in person at DeKalb Public Library. Where are you today? Focus on clarifying your mission, establishing goals and identifying core competencies.

Developing a Strategy for Growth is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 via Zoom. Assess your readiness for growth, identify growth opportunities, analyze your market and competitive positioning and evaluate exit strategies.

Financial Tools & Performance is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 via Zoom. How do we afford growth? Explore tools and techniques for forecasting and financial analysis. Understand financial ratios and how to manage the business from a financial perspective.

Seizing the Market is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 via Zoom. How do we

grow our customer base? Learn strategies and tactics to build a strong brand, analyze your market and reach target markets.

Strengthening the Product/Service & Next Steps for Success is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 in person at DeKalb Public Library. How do we improve? Define features, benefits,

competitive advantages, the product/service life cycle, intellectual property and pricing strategies. What's next? Define the next steps as you move forward with your growth strategy.

Dr. Jock Sommese, from the Small Business Development Center at Waubensee Community

College in partnership with Kishwaukee College, will guide the business development series.

For more information about the classes or to register, visit kish.edu/sbdc or contact LaCretia Konan, dean of workforce and community education, at lkonan1@kish.edu or 815-825-9791.

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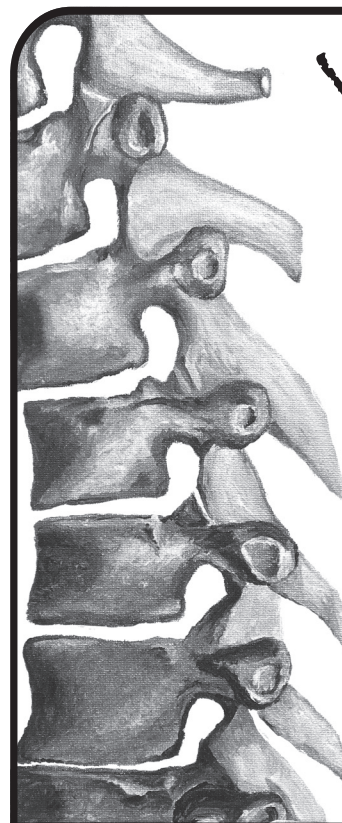
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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies conduct traffic stops

OREGON — On Feb. 10 at 5:48 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Center Road and Illinois Route 38. After an investigation, deputies arrested Marco Hernandez-Mandujano, 29, of Rochelle for no valid driver's license. Hernandez-Mandujano was released on a signature I-Bond with a future court date. Hernandez-Mandujano was also issued citations for window tint and no front registration.

On Feb. 10 at approximately 4 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Jeffery Avenue and Erickson Road in Hillcrest after investigating a driving complaint. The vehicle disobeyed audible sirens and emergency lights and continued traveling before pulling in to an address on Jefferson Avenue. After an investigation, deputies placed Dominic G. Larson, 27, of Franklin Grove, under arrest for driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance. Larson was additionally cited for fleeing to elude and speeding. Larson was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending an appearance before a judge.

On Feb. 11 at 12:03 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 251 at Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, Byadunia Malembe, 24, of Houston, Texas was arrested for no valid driver's license. Malembe was released on a signature I-Bond with a future court date. Malembe was also issued a citation for an inoperable registration light.

On Feb. 11 at approximately 6:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of

Illinois Route 64 and Hitt Street in Mt. Morris. After an investigation, Quinten J. Hayes, 23, of Mt. Morris, was arrested for no valid driver's license. Hayes was also cited for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Hayes was released from the stop on an individual bond and given a future court date.

On Feb. 11 at approximately 7:51 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of East Brayton Street in Mt. Morris. After an investigation, Michael D. Griffiths, 42, of Moline, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Griffiths was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Griffiths was released from the scene on an individual bond and provided a future court date.

On Feb. 11 at 10:52 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on North Illinois Route 251 and East Lindenwood Road. As a result, Tyler J. Bork, 28, of Sycamore was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Bork was additionally issued citations for muffler violation, improper lane usage, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Bork was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 11 at 8:28 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Rolling Meadows Road and Jasmine Lane, Davis Junction. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Jennifer Vonch, 42, of Davis Junction, for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol

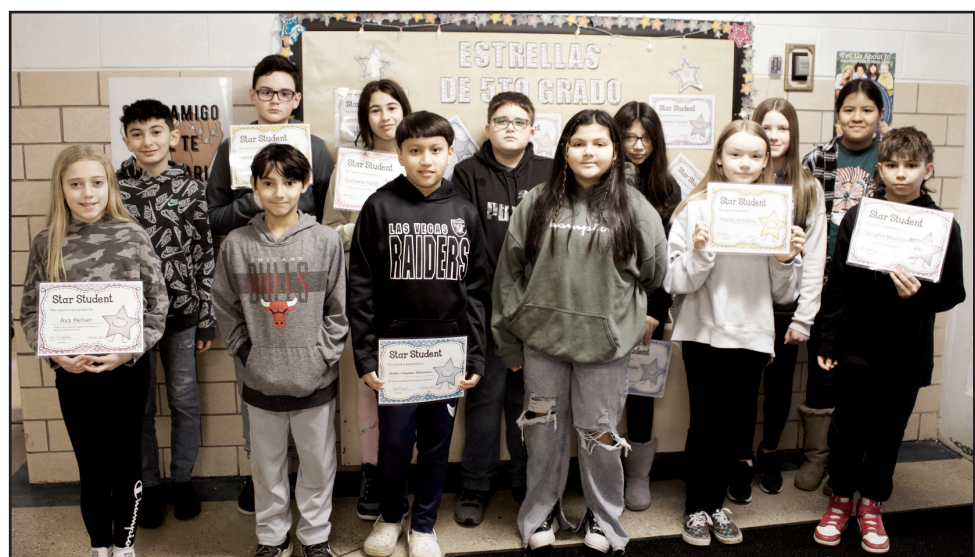
and driving while license revoked. Vonch was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, suspended registration and illegal transportation of alcohol. Vonch was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held pending court appearance in front of a judge.

On Feb. 12 at 9:44 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. As a result, Robin A. Otten, 63, of Peoria was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Otten was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine), possession of drug paraphernalia and a Bureau County warrant. Otten was additionally issued citations for suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Otten was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

On Feb. 12 at 7:31 p.m. deputies conducted a motorist assist on Illinois Route 38 near the intersection with Center Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Frederick Reisinger, 81, of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Reisinger was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a future court date. Reisinger was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On Feb. 14 at approximately 12:49 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 111. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Juan L. Lopez, 21, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Lopez was issued an additional citation for an equipment violation. Lopez was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



Rochelle School District 231 names fifth-grade students of the month

Rochelle District 231 recently named fifth graders that earned Student of the Month honors for their outstanding character. They include: Gisselle Hernandez, Jaden Gayton Montano, Reed Dougherty, Guillian Holst, Ava Helser, Vaughn Manning, Hayley Arellano, Gunner Thuestad, Daniel Garcia, Berkely Thompson, Aubrey Luna, Isabella Nunez, JoVann Vasquez and Roberto Bugarin.

Antique appraisals offered at Oregon antique show March 26

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also enjoy over 40 antique dealers exhibiting their items for sale. Don't forget to enjoy a lunch from the Ladies of Chana United Methodist Church.

The Oregon Woman's Club Antique Show and Vintage Market will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located at the Blackhawk Center, 1101 W. Jefferson St., Oregon, IL 61061, with plenty of free parking and handicapped access.

For additional information email kathew1968@yahoo.com.

City Hall/RMU Customer Service interruption Feb. 17

ROCHELLE — City Hall and the Rochelle Municipal Utilities Customer Service Office will be undergoing an internet upgrade on Friday, Feb. 17 beginning at 10 a.m.

Both facilities will be unable to process credit card payments during this period.

Rochelle Police Department

Officers make several arrests

ROCHELLE — On Feb. 10 at 5:05 p.m. Jesse J. Mohica, 22, of Rochelle was arrested on an

outstanding Lee County warrant. He paid \$100 and was released with a March 9 Lee County court date.

On Feb. 10 at 5:05 p.m. Jacob T. Myers, 29, of Rochelle was arrested for battery. He was released on an I-Bond with a March 10 Ogle County court date.

On Feb. 11 at 1:38 a.m. Alberto Milan, 30, of Rochelle was arrested for driving under the influence, driving while license revoked and obstructing and cited for disobeying a traffic control device, speeding, improper lane usage, disobeying a stop sign, failure to signal and no insurance. He was released on an I-Bond with a March 10 Ogle County court date.

On Feb. 11 at 12:04 a.m. Anna B. Erickson, 22, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance. She signed a promise to comply and was given a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 11 at 12:55 p.m. Elizabeth Costa, 53, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 73 miles per hour in a 45-miles per hour zone. She was released on an I-Bond with a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 11 at 9:32 p.m. Cailyn R. Metzger,

to access those accounts during this period. The outage is expected to last through the day.

"We apologize for any

inconvenience and appreciate your patience while we complete this important upgrade," a city press release said.

On Feb. 11 at 9:54 p.m. April R. Walker, 45, of DeKalb was arrested for possession of a stolen motor vehicle and transferred.

On Feb. 10 at 10:29 a.m. Rogelio Salas-Reyes, 39, of Montgomery was cited for improper lane usage. He signed a promise to comply and was given a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 12 at 5:27 p.m. Charlea L. Farthing, 33, of DeKalb was arrested on outstanding warrants in Ogle County and DeKalb County and transferred.

On Feb. 13 at 11:57 a.m. Demetris L. Wallace, 45, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid \$401 and was released with no court date.

On Feb. 13 at 7:29 p.m. Ray E. Allen, 57, of Rochelle was arrested for criminal trespass to property. He was released on an I-Bond with a March 17 Rochelle court date.

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LOCAL NEWS

DEFOREST: Dixon trumpeteer details future career plans

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DeForest credits his trumpet trajectory to the support of his teachers, including his first, Jim Green, who was the only one that would take him on at the young age of seven. DeForest has also learned under NIU Professor Dr. Mark Ponzo, RYSO Conductor Linc Smelser, RYSO Principal Mark Baldin and Dr. Karl Sievers, a retired Oklahoma professor who teaches him remotely.

DeForest's parents, David and Carla, own DeForest Dental in Oregon and spent time over the years driving him to lessons and performances in DeKalb, Rockford, Chicago and more. Carla put 398,000 miles on one of the family vehicles.

"The most difficult part was that Maxwell spent an extensive amount of

time in the car," Carla said. "But he enjoyed playing. It was the car rides he didn't like. He enjoys the music aspect of it, even though he might not want to get up for an early audition or recital. He comes home sometimes at 11 p.m. or midnight because the rehearsal in Chicago went to 10 p.m. This is why we do all of that, because he is auditioning at the best schools in the world and he's got a chance."

Maxwell's college application process started in July of last year with essays. He narrowed his desired music schools to a list of 12 or 13. Most of the schools request a professional recording for applications. He got a call back from each school he applied to and he'll perform for those schools in person across the country in coming weeks.

Carla called the rigor of the application process "unbelievable." Maxwell called the music craft "one of the most competitive out there." His trips will include San Francisco, Frost School of Music in Miami, Berklee College of Music and New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, The Juilliard School in New York and Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

"Everyone at my high school is talking about their college plans and committing," Maxwell said. "And I'm still auditioning. I won't know for another few months. It's a lot right now and really busy. I'm doing auditions left and right. I like the teacher the most at Juilliard. His name is Chris Martin and he's the principal trumpet of the New York Philharmonic. He played the Lincoln

solo in the movie Lincoln. That was really awesome and him being my favorite teacher makes Juilliard my favorite school. I like the professor at Curtis Institute of Music as well. Curtis is more exclusive and Juilliard and will only take less than five students this year. They take 2.2 percent of students each year."

Maxwell's career plans include securing a trumpet performance degree in school, sitting in a chair in a major orchestra and teaching at a major university to young people like him.

The chance to tour in Europe with the CYSO was Maxwell's favorite opportunity that his trumpet talent has brought.

"It was so much fun," Maxwell said. "It was such a busy schedule, but I really felt like a professional musician and I

really liked it. Sure, it was busy and tiring. But I think back and it was one of the greatest times ever."

Maxwell attends high school at Newman Central Catholic High School in Sterling. The school doesn't have a band program, so it allows him to practice trumpet three hours a day between classes as an elective. He's also performed the national anthem at Newman sporting events and plays the piano, another talent of his, at school masses.

When he's not playing music, Maxwell has spent time on Newman's cross country team and enjoys playing video games online with friends and being outdoors.

Maxwell often struggles with the question of why he chose the trumpet as his instrument. His best answer is that he enjoys making music and chal-

lenging himself. He believes he's lucky because of the fact that he can play any style, such as jazz, classical or pop.

"I don't want to be limited to a typical style," Maxwell said. "I don't want to be just a jazz player, classical player or pop player. I want to do everything. I don't want to be limited in my abilities. I want to be able to please every audience. I think that's my ultimate goal, just being able to share my music with everybody."

Carla called Maxwell's trumpet career "a family commitment." She said the rest of the family rarely sees him on Sundays because he's gone all day. She believes the opportunity to perform is what drives her son.

"I love the audience," Maxwell said. "Hearing the crowd react, stand and clap is just the best."

CITY: Feb. 18-25 proclaimed National FFA Week in Rochelle

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"This is a formal action that's required by statute for the council to make a formal offer and begin the condemnation/eminent domain if we cannot come to terms with a good faith offer," Lanzito said. "We think this puts us in the best position to acquire the property quickly through eminent domain. This is part of the plan for the redevelopment of the downtown area as part of the downtown TIF."

GREDCO

The council approved a two-year extension of an agreement with the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation regarding rail revenue by a vote of 6-1 with Councilman Bil Hayes voting against it.

The city and GREDCO have been in partnership for over 35 years in the development of the City of Rochelle Railroad. In October 2019 the city and GREDCO entered into an agreement whereby the city agreed to pay GREDCO five percent of city railroad revenues. Last year's total rail revenue from the city's railroad was \$1 million.

Hayes questioned the city giving five percent of rail revenue to a nonprofit in GREDCO.

"It has always been five percent," City Economic

Development Director Jason Anderson said. "It's the same contract, it's just extending the current terms for two more years. The contract calls for GREDCO to receive that five percent in quarterly increments the following year. There's no minimum or maximum for the amount. GREDCO has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into the advancement of the City of Rochelle Railroad."

Net metering

The council unanimously approved a resolution amending the Rochelle Municipal Utilities customer self-generation net metering policy for RMU service customers that install solar panels of their own that result in power being put back onto the city grid resulting in a credit on their bills.

RMU Superintendent of Electric Operations Blake Toliver said the state's recent energy act requires utilities like RMU to review their solar credits to customers annually and IMUA and IMEA put together a list of fair credit values for each utility to use. The 2023 credit will be set at \$.0826 per kWh. The rate will no longer vary based on whether customers have battery backup for their solar power generation.

"When we did it last year, we did a rate based on whether the custom-

ers had batteries or not," Toliver said. "We credited more for people that had battery storage to try to get more people to put that in. It became a hassle for the utility billing department to determine whether they did or didn't have batteries. We'll just have 8.26 cents across the board for anyone with solar. And we haven't had a lot of battery installations anyways. It just makes it simpler."

Truck

The council unanimously approved a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2023 Ford F-450 for the electric department at a monthly rate of \$1,361.64. The truck will be delivered mid 2023 with a lease term of 60

months. The lease agreement includes bumper-to-bumper maintenance coverage "significantly reducing" repair costs and down time. The truck will be leased through local dealership Prescott Brothers Ford.

Park easement

The council unanimously approved ordinances and agreements for a city easement along the northwestern portion of Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District property in the area of 7th Avenue and Kyte Creek.

The easement was required for plans for a 7th Avenue bridge replacement project for underground utility relocation and widening of the bridge struc-

ture for improved drainage and pedestrian crossings incorporated into the bridge design. The easement will be necessary to accommodate the regarding, shaping and erosion control stabilization of the side slopes, banks and areas adjacent to and within the Kyte Creek floodway. The park district has already approved the easement.

City Engineer Sam Tesreau said he's hopeful the bridge replacement will happen in 2023, depending on another easement the city needs.

Proclamation

Bearrows read a proclamation during Monday's

City Council meeting officially making Feb. 18-25 National FFA Week in Rochelle. The proclamation was accepted by Donna Page, leader of the Rochelle Township High School FFA program and RTHS student and FFA member Megan Seebach.

"It's amazing to see what these students do," Page said. "They do everything from supervised agricultural experience programs, which provide funding for them to attend colleges, as well as promote our local economy with the funds that they raise, and they compete in contests and attend leadership organization events."

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Peter Unger and a 200-year path to today

“There is lots of difference between business men. With some it is a mere matter of buying something and selling it for a profit. If you like what they have and have the price, well, if not, all they feel is the loss of the profit. Cold, harsh, unfriendly, hard. Not so the Ungers. These men are the typical, old-time merchants of rural America, with a trade built upon friendship and friendliness.” Thus spoke Reverend F. A. Campbell as he laid George W. Unger to rest. How does a family business survive and thrive for over 160 years? The answer is simple. It is the family.

This story begins in 1822. Peter Unger is born in the Bavarian wilderness. As he grows Peter learns the trade of wood working. As was the norm in those days Peter lived at home, learning a trade from his father and help-

ing to support the family. Peter was an avid woodsman and helped to feed the family through his skills as a hunter. Unfortunately, the best hunting was on private land. Peter was caught poaching on the land of a wealthy Bavarian nobleman. Any crime committed by a commoner against a person of noble standing was a grievous event and the punishments were severe. Peter had limited options, he fled Bavaria and made his way to Holland. After several months of working in Holland, Peter had enough money to buy a ticket to America. Landing in New York, Peter quickly began his move to the west. Peter was living in Chicago and making his living as a woodworker. In 1858, Peter and his wife Christine made the move to a little village named Lane in central Illinois. As you are aware, Lane was later renamed Rochelle.

In 1861, Peter opened a store specializing in furniture including coffins. Peter was joined in the family business by his son, George W. (Dutch) Unger in 1885. Dutch worked diligently at his trade but was probably as well known for his love of music. Dutch started Rochelle's first brass band and then helped to form bands in Malta, Creston, Lindenwood and several other small communities. It was said that there was no talent show without Dutch. Dutch took over the business upon the passing of his father. The business saw many changes under Dutch's direction. Dutch suffered from poor health and turned the reins of the business over to his sons. In 1908, Charles and George W. Unger

Jr. co-managed the business. I can only find one reference to the second George W. Unger as Jr. but to save on confusion I will stay with the Jr. reference. In 1917, the Ungers purchased their first motorized hearse. Until that time the hearses were horse drawn. A



Tom McDermott

surrey was also provided for the pall bearers. For a child's funerals a different hearse was used which was painted a light grey. The brothers grew the business and became involved in local politics. George W. Jr. served on the city council as commissioner of public safety. Charles Unger served two terms as mayor. 1936 saw a shift in the family business. George took over the furniture side of the enterprise and Charles the funeral home. Charles

married Franc Pickle in 1915 and the couple raised two daughters, Margot and Elizabeth. It was in 1937 that a new young mortician was hired to work at the funeral home. Fred F. Horner worked for Charles but something else caught his eye. Fred fell in love with Charles' daughter and in 1938 Fred and Elizabeth were married. The business continued into 1957 when Charles P. Unger passed. Fred F. Horner became the owner and he stayed true to the business model set forth in 1861. Fred and Elizabeth had three boys, Peter, Don and Fred. When Fred F. Unger passed in 1968, the ownership of the funeral home passed to his son, Don. During the first 100 years, the Unger Furniture and Undertaking business had moved through many locations, all in Rochelle. It was in 1935 that the business settled into its

current location at 400 N. 6th St. Originally the Elks Home, the building has seen many structural changes and improvements. Don Horner kept a steady hand on the business and with his wife Adah raised three boys and one daughter, Chad, Dustin, Danah and Derek. It was 2014 when Chad and Derek took over the family business. As it enters year 162 managed by the same family, one must ask.

How does a business thrive for this long? Let's go back to the words of Reverend F. A. Campbell in 1931, "There are hundreds of dollars on his books today, uncollectable dollars that are there because these boys have acted as friends and brothers to the people of this community."

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

What cars and planets have in common

MECHANICS have a saying. "Pay me now or pay me later," when it comes to following — or not following — the maintenance manuals that come with our cars. We can save some money in the short run by ignoring that advice, but in the long run, we'll pay more.

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, or IPCC, has produced something like a maintenance manual for the planet. Thousands of scientists from around the world contributed to its latest report, which came out last year. Their recommendations, like those in auto maintenance manuals, are based on research, but critics question their methods and conclusions.

Climate scientists collect information from the past and present and feed it into powerful computers. The result is a model, a picture of what can happen

under different conditions. Scientists use models to make predictions about the climate, like auto makers do about cars, regarding what will happen if we fail to take care of the planet.

The IPCC's most recent report, which came out last year, laid out five possible futures, depending on how well we do at limiting the amount of carbon and methane in the atmosphere. They run from the unpleasant to the disastrous. The most likely scenario lies between those two extremes.

Climate scientists tell us that, regardless of which of the possible futures we choose, we'll have to adapt to changes in our weather. UCAR, a climate research partnership of colleges and universities, informs us that the current warming is "unprecedented in over 2,000 years of records," and that we're already

dealing with some of its effects. The IPCC reports that we're not on track, at the present rate of progress, to limit warming to the least-bad of its five possible future outcomes. Each added level of warming will, it says, "increase the likelihood of severe and irreversible impacts."

Some people are skeptical of these predictions. You'd think, when reading the opinion pages of the Wall Street Journal, for example, that climate scientists are divided as to whether or not we have much to worry about. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Climate scientists are virtually unanimous in their agreement that the climate is warming faster than ever before in recorded history, and that human activity is the

cause. Surveys of climate scientists have shown agreement levels between 90 and 100 percent, with typical results in the upper 90s. The four authors of "Consensus Revealed," a book published by the Institute of Physics, reported 98.7 percent agreement in their survey, rising to 100 percent among scientists with the most expertise.

Other critics question the accuracy of climate models, which, after all, try to predict things that haven't happened yet. Scientists partially overcome this problem by running their models from the present backwards to see how well they match. They then correct their equations as needed, so that they do indeed reflect what happens in reality.

A research team contributed impressive addi-



Lowell Harp

tional evidence for the accuracy of climate models in the Dec. 4, 2019 issue of Geophysical Research Letters. The team compared predictions from as far back as the 1970s to what has happened since, and found that 14 out of 17 of them came true, meaning that they were "statistically indistinguishable from what actually occurred."

The big question mark doesn't reside in climate science's models, but instead in our response to its warnings and recommendations. Two surveys by the Pew Research Center are revealing. A November 2019 report disclosed that most Americans felt that the government wasn't doing enough to protect the climate and the environment. Nevertheless, a survey of voters during the 2022 election placed climate change far down the list of voter concerns. Only 38 percent said that

it was "very important," compared to 79 percent for the top issue, which was the economy. It's tempting to disregard maintenance when there are so many other demands on our time and money. The car's still running OK. Grass is still growing in our yards and the birds are singing. Maybe we should wait and see if something breaks, and then fix it if we have to.

"Don't listen to those experts. They'll tell you anything," said a used car salesman to my dad many years ago.

"Pay me now or pay me later," says the mechanic. The issue, whether it's cars or climate, is pretty much the same.

Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.

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COMMUNITY

Ballet Nueva Generación de RTHS hopes to expand

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — The Ballet Folklórico organization at Rochelle Township High School is being reintroduced as Ballet Nueva Generación de RTHS and all students are invited to join! Elizabeth Escutia Garcia, an RTHS and Ballet alumnae, is the choreographer.

Ballet Nueva Generación de RTHS would like to expand. If students want to learn more about cultural folkloric dancing, the practices are 4-5 p.m. every Monday at the south end of the first floor



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Ballet Folklórico organization at Rochelle Township High School is being reintroduced as Ballet Nueva Generación de RTHS.

A-wing (near the English Hall).
Talk with Mr. Zepeda

in the counseling center if you would like to observe practice, and get ready to

dance. Guys & girls are invited to join Ballet and learn cultural folk dancing.

Ogle County Emergency Food and Shelter Program accepting grant letters of application

OGLE COUNTY — The Ogle County Emergency Food and Shelter Program has been listed to receive federal appropriations from EFSP National Board Program in the amount of \$25,676 for phase 40. This amount is subject to change by the National EFSP National Board. The Ogle County EFSP Program is

accepting grant letters of application from agencies in Ogle County that provide emergency food and shelter.

Eligible agencies must meet the following criteria: have the capability to provide emergency food and/or shelter services; propose to use the funds to supplement or expand an existing program and ser-

vices; is a private nonprofit with a voluntary board or an agency of government; have an accounting system, and practices non-discrimination, have FEIN# and DUNNs #.

Letters of application for requested funds should be made to Ogle County EFSP and emailed to HOPE of Ogle County, Attn: Ruth

Carter, hopeogle.admin@hopedv.org

The application letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 24. The local board is to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs run by local service organizations with services in Ogle County.

Konstans named to Illinois Wesleyan University's fall 2022 dean's list

BLOOMINGTON — Baxter Konstans of Rochelle was named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2022-23

academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University. Konstans is a junior majoring in acting.

Konstans was among

757 students from 28 states and 28 countries named to the fall 2022 dean's list.

To qualify for the

dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight As.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb. 16

Larry Baker

Feb. 20

Christian Losoya

Feb. 22

Jessica South
Lucy Hazlip

Feb. 27

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Feb. 18

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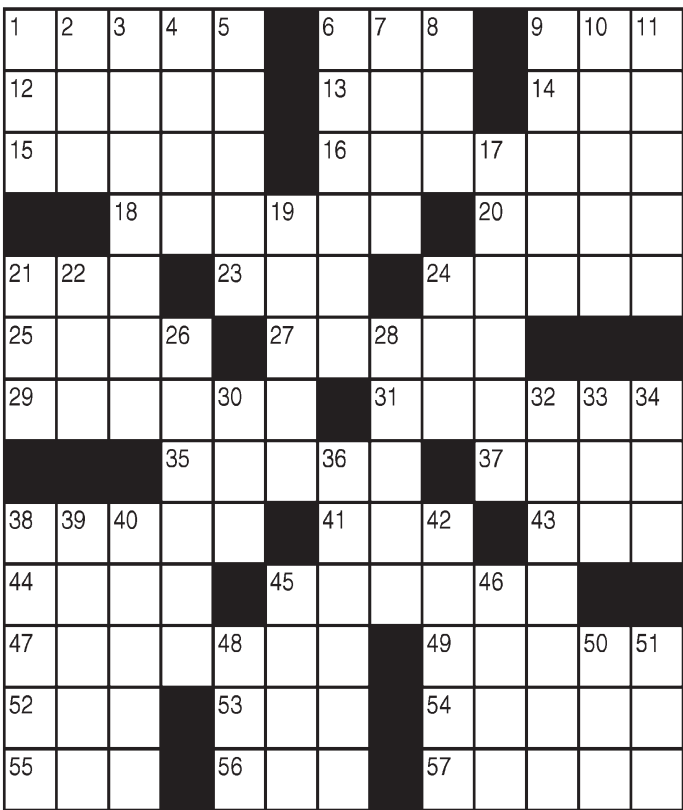


Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sailing vessel
6 Clear the deck?
9 Kitten's cry
12 A Marx brother
13 Low digit
14 "Xanadu" band
15 Baby hooter
16 Florida city
18 Handsome guy
20 Convent dwellers
21 Brooch
23 Tool set
24 March honoree, for short
25 Fed. food inspector
27 Grinding tooth
29 "At once!"
31 Attention-getting call
35 Senior member
37 Lingerie fabric
38 Houston player
41 Sports drink suffix
43 TV spots
44 Foolproof
45 Go places
47 Florida city
49 Revise
52 Tokyo, once



- 53 "Humbug!"
54 Keaton of "Annie Hall"
55 Lair
56 Bikini top
57 Old anesthetic
DOWN
1 HBO competitor
2 Attorney's field
3 Florida city
4 Pundit's piece
5 "The Chosen" author Chaim
6 Cuban rum cocktail
7 Burden
8 Zing
9 Convened
10 Justice Kagan
11 In the — way (very much)
17 Preambles
19 Spock portrayer
21 Young seal
22 Leb. neighbor
24 — Paulo
26 President Jackson
28 Carter of "Wonder Woman"
30 Overly
32 Florida city
33 Vintage
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: D equals F

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OIPO HOPEO P NUKXPYR
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Weekly SUDOKU

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RCH: CEO Olson discusses potential behavioral health services

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Of those patients, 73 were ill enough to require transfer to an appropriate facility.

"We are not a behavioral health hospital," Olson said. "They're out there in the bigger markets and that's all they do. What we have to do is get these people placed and it becomes a real challenge for us. Especially with COVID-19, that was very difficult because they wouldn't accept any COVID-19-positive patients. If they came into our emergency department and it was determined they had COVID-19, they had to sit there 10 days. And our staff is not trained to take care of all their needs that would be better taken care of in a specialty hospital. We can do basic care, but we just don't have the resources for the behavioral side of it."

Looking at a longer time period from April 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2022, behavioral health transfers were the second-highest reason to transfer patients out of the RCH ED, only behind cardiac, Olson said. There was only a 10-patient difference over the 21-month period between behavioral health and cardiac-related transfers.

"Over time, we're seeing more and more of these kinds of patients coming through our doors," Olson said. "We have to do our part in taking care of them. And that's no easy task. We work with Sinissippi very closely and they are overwhelmed. They don't have all the resources needed to take care of everybody in this area."

Olson said that RCH's current behavioral health plan for the future includes



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identifying space in the facility and hiring one or more counselors, depending on need, with master's degrees in social work. The hiring process has not started yet, but Olson said that would "probably be the next step."

The counselor(s) would assist in the emergency department, upstairs clinic, on the inpatient side and be available for confidential consultations with patients.

Aside from counseling, the other aspect of behavioral health services involves medication management, Olson said, which would require access to a psychiatrist for prescriptions. RCH would likely utilize

a psychiatrist remotely via telehealth to meet in real time with the counselor and patients. Olson said he worked with a similar model at a previous position he held in Wisconsin.

"There's a shortage of psychiatrists, especially in rural areas," Olson said. "We would have to make contact with a service that would provide us with access to a telehealth-type of arrangement. And those work just fine. That worked out well for us when I was in Wisconsin. That's what we'd like to accomplish."

As far as the location in the hospital for the services, RCH is currently in

the process of working on its master facility plan and looking at potential spaces.

Olson said behavioral health services are currently "fairly rare" at hospitals of Rochelle's size. He knows of other, similar hospitals that are working to get into that service line and some that already have in similar or different fashions to RCH's plan.

While he's unsure of specific increase numbers, Olson guessed that there's been "at least a 10 percent increase" in behavioral health patients at RCH over the past few years. RCH staff has attended meetings with local organizations

regarding the need for the services and has seen "support across the board" for new offerings.

"I know the need is becoming more profound," Olson said. "Behavioral health is something we need to do our homework on and we know there's a lot of work to be done. People say it's needed. Sinissippi has said it's overwhelmed and they'd welcome the help. It's timely. This is a problem that's being seen all over the state."

RCH recently received a grant that will help with consultant costs for the project in the \$8,000-10,000 range. Olson hopes

to see traction on behavioral health services in the next few months.

"I think it's something we need to do," Olson said. "I think it's very important. We have the support of our partners in the community. Because there just aren't enough resources and it's overwhelming. This isn't going to happen tomorrow. I would like to get it started and see traction in the next few months. I did it before and I know how it works and how successful it can be. I want to get space identified soon and renovations if needed and then the hiring process can be started."

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Sophomore Dempsey Atkinson medals in second at IHSA Geneseo Sectional.

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RTHS Wrestling

Fearsome fivesome

Five Rochelle athletes qualify for IHSA State Championship in Champaign

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Junior Tommy Tourdot was all smiles as the final seconds wound down during his match against Sycamore's Tyler Lockhart at the IHSA 2A Rochelle Sectional on Saturday.

Having lost in the semifinal round of the championship bracket, Tourdot remained one victory away from clinching his first-ever IHSA State Championship berth. Standing in the way was Lockhart, who Tourdot faced twice during the regular season, winning once and losing once.

The third encounter went Tourdot's way, with the 113-pounder scoring a first-period takedown and maintaining a 2-1 lead entering the third period. As Lockhart scrambled to score, Tourdot took advantage and threw the Sycamore wrestler to his back for a match-sealing takedown. Watching the final seconds count down at the scorer's table, Tourdot exploded with emotion, sprinting and sharing a big hug with assistant coach Nelson Baker as he won by 5-1 decision.

"It was something I had never felt before," Tourdot said. "I lost in the blood

rounds last season and my coaches and I talked about how I was never going to have that feeling again... I knew what he was going to do and we worked during practice on avoiding his fireman's carry. My main focus was staying tough on top and I knew it was going to be a close match. I'm looking forward to letting it fly at the state tournament and showing everyone what I can do."

Tourdot (19-7), who medaled in fourth place at the 113-pound weight class, was one of an RTHS-record five athletes who punched tickets to the IHSA State Championship, which will begin on Thursday at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Sophomore Xavier Villalobos (38-6) also medaled in fourth at the 120-pound weight class, clinching his state berth on a third-period takedown for a 4-0 decision over Kaneland's Kamron Scholl in the consolation semifinals. It's the second state trip for Villalobos, who finished second in Class 2A at 113 points last season.

"It feels really good to make the state tournament two years in a row," Villalobos said. "The first time wrestling at state was



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team saw nine athletes compete in the IHSA 2A Rochelle Sectional on Friday and Saturday, with five individuals qualifying for the IHSA State Championship in Champaign. Above from left to right are sectional medalists Tommy Tourdot, Joseph Nadig, Kaiden Morris, Brock Metzger and Xavier Villalobos.

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when I looked at the crowd. be a lot of fun. I need to I've been playing a lot of defense. I have to attack,

But I know I can adapt be more offensive at the

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RTHS Girls Bowling

Lady Hubs bow out at IHSA Dundee-Crown Sectional

Vincent rolls team-high 1,205 series as Rochelle finishes 12th in team score

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

CARPENTERS-VILLE — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team concluded its season at the IHSA Dundee-Crown Sectional at Liberty Lanes on Saturday, finishing 12th with 4,562 pins.

Sophomore Cassidy Vincent led the Lady Hubs (9-7, 6-4 Interstate 8) with a 1,205 series over six games, placing 20th out of well over 100 bowlers in the individual standings. Freshman Kylie McCullough rolled a 975 series, while junior Faith Adams added an 834 series on Saturday.

"Cassidy really stepped up for us," head coach Eric Widick said. "She's one of our younger players, but she understood that the other girls would go wherever she would go. She learned a lot about herself and she would've been a state qualifier in five of the six sectionals. We were placed in a tough sectional this season, but we talked about keeping her head up and as she continues to grow and learn with us, I believe she'll do even better next season."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team concluded its season at the IHSA Dundee-Crown Sectional at Liberty Lanes on Saturday. Above from left to right are Faith Adams, Makenzie Liezert, Anahi Alanis, Mackenzie Burnett, Kylie McCullough and Cassidy Vincent.

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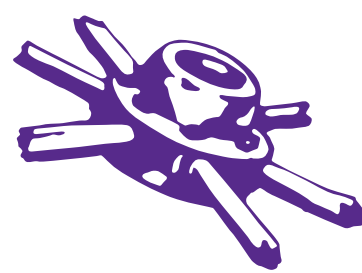
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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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The Rochelle Hub wrestling team sent three female athletes to the IHSA Geneseo Sectional on Friday and Saturday. Above from left to right are freshman Cammyla Macias, sophomore Dempsey Atkinson and senior Josey Weber.

Atkinson makes history at IHSA Geneseo Sectional

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

GENESEO—Sophomore Dempsey Atkinson made history on Saturday, becoming the first female wrestler at Rochelle Township High School to clinch a qualifying berth in the IHSA State Championship. Atkinson was one of three girls who represented the RTHS wrestling program at the IHSA Geneseo Sectional, where Atkinson medaled in second at the 145-pound division.

"It's a really cool feeling because it's being shared all around and everyone has been congratulating me," Atkinson said. "I didn't want to lose my first match and I was hoping that I could just keep winning my way through. Finishing second was all I could ask for and I thought my mentality was the key for my success. I kept reminding myself that I've wrestled tough opponents throughout the season, many of them boys, and I kept telling myself I could do it."

Atkinson (17-11) earned her way into the state tournament without having to deal with the wrestlebacks. The sophomore cruised through the opening rounds of the championship bracket, notching back-to-back falls over Geneseo's Taylor Krueger and Rock Island's Sanaa Hampton, who was the No.

2 seed in the 145-pound division. Atkinson sealed a top-2 finish and a medal in the semifinals, where she outlasted Rock Falls wrestler Elissa Russell for a 5-2 decision.

"I'm so excited to have the experience of wrestling at the state tournament," Atkinson said. "I've never been to state so I'm excited to be there and I'm hoping that I'll win some matches."

Rochelle scored 44 points to finish 17th out of 64 schools despite having only three athletes. Senior Josey Weber (18-9) nearly earned her way into the state tournament through the wrestlebacks, where she rallied off four consecutive falls over Quincy's Maggie Quinn, Kankakee's Estefany Mendez, Illinois Valley Central's Breagan Lamb and Yorkville's Brooke Coy. With her fall over Geneseo's Bella Curcuru in the first round of the championship bracket, Weber concluded the sectional with a 5-2 record over seven bouts in the 125-pound division.

Freshman Cammyla Macias (8-15) went 1-2 over three bouts in the 115-pound division, reaching the quarterfinals after a first-round bye and a fall over Reed-Custer's Madysen Meyer. The IHSA State Championship will be held at the Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington from Friday, Feb. 24 through Saturday, Feb. 25.

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SPORTS

RTHS Boys Basketball

Third-quarter surge propels Sandwich past Rochelle

Indians break off 15-4 run to seal 72-61 win over Hubs on Friday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SANDWICH — A four-point third quarter doomed the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team during Friday evening's Interstate 8 Conference matchup against the Sandwich Indians.

Trailing 40-34 at half-time, Rochelle went cold from the field during the third quarter, where Sandwich outscored the Hubs 15-4 to take a commanding lead entering the fourth quarter. Despite a late surge from Rochelle down the stretch, the Hubs were unable to claw their way out of the third-quarter hole, losing 72-61 and conceding their second defeat against the Indians this season. Rochelle (9-19, 3-10 Interstate 8) will face LaSalle-Peru on the road Tuesday.

Junior Eli Luxton finished with 11 points, eight rebounds and three assists for the Hubs, who conclude conference play on Tuesday before wrapping the regular season up with a home game against

Byron on Thursday at 7 p.m. Senior Raul Aguirre totaled 11 points and four rebounds, while sophomore Carson Lewis scored 11 points and converted three 3-pointers.

Austin Marks scored a team-high 21 points for the Indians, who dominated the painted area on Friday, outscoring Rochelle 54-24 in that area. Sandwich grabbed 15 offensive rebounds in the game and outpaced the Hubs 9-1 on second chance points. The Indians took advantage of poor ball handling from Rochelle, forcing 24 turnovers while totaling 23 points off turnovers.

Senior Colton O'Rorke dished out a team-high five assists for the Hubs, who earned the No. 9 seed in the IHSA 3A Dixon Regional. Rochelle will travel for the quarterfinal matchup against No. 7 seed and Interstate 8 rival Morris on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Hubs lost both matchups against the Redskins in the regular season, falling 78-69 at home and 74-69 on the road.



Senior Colton O'Rorke attempts a shot during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against Sandwich on Friday. O'Rorke finished with a team-high five assists as the Hubs fell to the Indians 72-61.

(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

HUBS: Five wrestlers qualify for IHSA State Championship

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Three Rochelle wrestlers won their third-place bouts at the sectional tournament, which featured nine athletes from RTHS. Sophomore Joseph Nadig (38-7) medaled in third at the 126-pound weight class, notching back-to-back falls against Rock Island's Antonio Parker and Richwoods wrestler Bernard Cox over his final two bouts. Nadig, whose older brother Caleb medaled in fourth at the state tournament last season, will be competing at state for the first time.

"It feels very good be-

cause I've improved a lot from my first year with the team," Nadig said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to place and I have the chance to prove that I'm a good wrestler now. My effort at the sectional was the key and I worked really hard on top."

Junior Brock Metzger (38-10) medaled in third at the 182-pound weight class on Saturday. After nearly upsetting Rock Island standout Steven Marquez in the championship bracket, Metzger rebounded from a tough loss, scoring a 9-2 decision over Geneseo's Landon Shoemaker before

defeating Woodstock's Zachary Canaday with a second-period fall in the third-place bout. Metzger is one of four Hubs who will be competing at the state tournament for the first time.

"It's an amazing feeling because I've been working for this all season," Metzger said. "The environment will be really great and our team is going to have a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to watching all of the matches. I think I've improved the most on my feet. My coaches nicknamed me 'Sloppy Joe' last season because I wrestled sloppy,

but I think I've improved my technique and my skills a lot. I knew what I had to do in order to qualify for state and after I lost against [Steven] Marquez, I knew the only way I would qualify for state was to win my very next match."

Rounding out the five state qualifiers for the Hubs was sophomore Kaiden Morris (37-8), who medaled in third at the 220-pound weight class. Morris, who took down and immediately pinned Geneseo's Tim Stohl in the consolation semifinals to seal his state bid, let out a roar of excitement and shared a big hug with as-

sistant coach Tyler Baker, who Morris said has been in his corner all season. Morris received a medical forfeit over Rockford East's Lee Smith for third.

"After losing in the blood rounds last season, it's been my goal to make the state tournament," Morris said. "Wrestling with coach [Nelson] Baker and coach [Alphonso] Bruno over the offseason really motivated me and even during the football season, I was looking forward to getting back to wrestling... Coach [Tyler] Baker has done so much for me over the last two years and he's the reason

I'm where I'm at right now. We've spent so much time working in practice and even after practice. We worked all year for this and the emotions came out."

Sophomore Grant Gensler (30-16) and freshman Brenden Voight (34-13) each recorded top-6 finishes at the sectional tournament, with each wrestler falling one victory short of qualifying for the state meet. Senior Jorge Driggs (9-14) and freshman Freddie Hernandez (9-11) also represented Rochelle (28-1, 7-0 Interstate 8) at the sectional tournament, going 0-2 over their two matches.

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SPORTS

RTHS Wrestling



Six Rochelle Township High School student-athletes earn IHSA Sectional wrestling medals

The Rochelle Township High School wrestling program saw six student-athletes earn medals this past weekend, when RTHS hosted the IHSA 2A Boys Wrestling Sectional and Geneseo hosted the IHSA Girls Wrestling Sectional. All six student-athletes will compete at the IHSA State Championship tournaments. Above from top left to bottom right are Kaiden Morris, Brock Metzger, Joseph Nadig, Tommy Tourdot, Xavier Villalobos and Dempsey Atkinson.

GIRLS: Rochelle rolls at IHSA Dundee-Crown Sectional

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Juniors Makenzie Liezert and Anahi Alanis fired respective series scores of 688 and 662 for the Lady Hubs, who threw team scores of 779, 761 and 754 during the morning session before closing the tournament with 753, 743 and 772 dur-

ing the afternoon session. Vincent rolled a 623 series in the morning session, notching scores of 224, 196 and 203 to spearhead the charge.

"We had a lot of good individual performances at the sectional," Widick said. "We just weren't able to stack any of those performances together. We

maintained a steady team score, but we weren't able to put it all together. Our girls worked really hard to get to this point in the season and I thought they could have. It just wasn't in the cards for us."

Vincent bowed out with a 582 afternoon series capped off by a 227 in

the sixth and final game of the day. McCullough fired her series-best 191 in the opening game of the tournament, while Adams recorded her series-best 166 in the third game before the intermission. Liezert scored a series-best 175 during the fourth game to help spark Rochelle during the afternoon session.

"I'm really excited about what our girls did this season," Widick said. "Every one of our girls improved her average by 15 to 20 pins from when the season started and we took a team to the sectional as opposed to one or two individuals. I couldn't be more proud than I am right now."



ASHTON NEWS



AFC FFA members attend Ground Zero Conference, enjoy success at Section 2 proficiency judging

AFC FFA members made AFC proud by representing at the Section 2 Proficiency Judging. 14 FFA members in 19 different areas competed with their record books at Stillman Valley High School. Of these members, seven won their areas and will moving on to districts in March. Participants (pictured at left) included: Zayne Becker (vet science); Andrea Buhrow (agribusiness, ag processing and specialty crop, moving on to districts); Brooke Burger (beef production – entrepreneurship); Jack Delhotal (turf grass management, moving on to districts); Audree Dorn (ag sales – placement); Mallory Henert (food science); Lane Koning (ag mechanics – design & fabrication, moving on to districts); Abby Milligan (equine science – entrepreneurship); Zane Murphy (ag mechanics – repair and maintenance, moving on to districts); Logan O’Brien (swine production – placement, moving on to districts); Ian Untz (beef production – placement, diversified ag, diversified crop, fiber/oil crop and grain production); Kate Viall (two-star discovery – placement, moving on to districts); Jacob Warrenfeltz (small animal care & production) and Cameryn Winterland (safety first, moving on to districts). At right, FFA members Izzy Cater, Leah Cochrane, Angeliyah Davidson, Abby Milligan, Donovan Myler and Jacob Warrenfeltz recently attended the Ground Zero Conference held at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. The Ground Zero Conference is for eighth-10th graders and FFA members interacted with state officers, section presidents and members from around the state while learning more about leadership skills and themselves.

AFC basketball teams take home victories

ASHTON — The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team battled Pearl City on Monday, Feb. 6, falling 76-70 despite 22 points from Kaleb Goldman and 18 points from Carson Rueff. Lane Koning scored 14 points and Jordan Harris added seven points for the Raiders in the loss.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team dominated Amboy on Wednesday, Feb. 8. The Raiders won 70-34, with Lane Koning scoring 16 points while Griffin Bushman and Kaleb Goldman each added 14 points. Jordan Harris and Carson Rueff both finished with seven points.

Girls

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team cruised over Indian Creek on Saturday, Feb. 11, winning 56-18 behind 23 points from Brianna Gonnerman and 13 points from Taylor Jahn. Alexis Schwarz scored 15 points to aid the Lady Raiders in the win.



Franklin Grove’s Bonnell graduates from Highland CC in fall 2022

FREEPORT — Highland Community College recently announced its 2022 fall graduates. Fifty-Eight graduates of the college were awarded associate degrees, an associate of applied science degrees or certificates.

Franklin Grove: Frank Bonnell graduated with a associate of applied science equine science, equine riding instructor certificate.

Submissions and ideas

ASHTON — Do you have a news submission or story idea pertaining to the Ashton area that you’d like to see featured on the Rochelle News-Leader’s Ashton News page?

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AFC crowns spelling bee champion

The Ashton-Franklin Center School District recently congratulated students Kate and Evelyn for being the top two spellers in its annual seventh and eighth grade spelling bee at AFC Junior Senior High School. The champion, Kate, will represent the school at the regional spelling bee in Dixon on Feb. 16.

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NIU Football

Boston College, Nebraska highlight 2023 schedule

Huskies reveal full slate including Mid-American Conference opponents

DEKALB — The Northern Illinois University football team will make non-conference trips to Boston, Massachusetts and Lincoln, Nebraska in 2023 and play a six-game home schedule beginning Saturday, Sept. 9 versus Southern Illinois, as NIU announced its 2023 non-conference slate on Thursday, along with the sites of its eight Mid-American Conference games. Dates for the MAC schedule will be announced in the future.

NIU will open the 2023 season on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Boston College in the fourth meeting all-time between the teams. The Eagles have won all three previous games, including three-point wins in 2015 in Chestnut Hill (17-14) and in 2017 in Huskie Stadium (23-20).

The Huskies welcome the Salukis to DeKalb on Sept. 9 for the first time since 2007 as the teams will play for the 44th time. NIU will face an in-state opponent during non-conference play for the 10th time in the last 17 seasons. On Saturday, Sept. 16, will make its fifth trip all-time to Memorial Stadium to face Nebraska. The Huskies memorably earned a “Boneyard Victory” over the Cornhuskers in 2017 in their only win in the series.

The Huskies close out non-conference play on Saturday, Sept. 23 when Tulsa comes to DeKalb to complete the home-and-home series that began in 2022 with the Golden



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“Every year there is great balance with the schedule,” said NIU head coach Thomas Hammock, who enters his fifth season at the helm of the Huskies’ program in 2023. “Opening the season with Boston College, an ACC opponent, gives us a great opportunity to see where we are, similar to opening at Georgia Tech a few years ago. Then we come back home to face a quality opponent in Southern Illinois, and you have Nebraska and Tulsa who are both going into this season with new coaching staffs.

“Overall, we’ll get a great gauge of where we

are as a team with the non-conference schedule. It’s a great test across the board from a physical standpoint, from a mental standpoint, from a preparation standpoint to go into conference play. We know the MAC is always going to be competitive every week. It doesn’t matter which teams you play from the East Division, every game is a battle, and we know that is true of the teams we see every year from the West.”

While NIU will face MAC East foe Ohio, along with Ball State, Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan at home. The Huskies will travel to Central Michigan and

Toledo and play crossover games at Kent State and Akron. NIU played both Ohio and Akron last year and split a pair of games with Kent State in 2021, including a 41-23 win in the MAC Championship game.

Recruits

Northern Illinois University head coach Thomas Hammock announced the addition of seven freshmen to its 2023 incoming class on Wednesday, the first day of the February signing period.

The latest group join the 18 players who signed National Letters of Intent in December and the six additions, including five

transfers, who joined the team in January on the first day of spring semester classes.

“This is a good group of players who all played well during their senior seasons,” Hammock said. “We evaluated them as seniors and feel they can help our football team. We’re happy to have them as Huskies. They help fill some needs as we look to build depth and create competition at every position. We will continue to build our roster throughout the spring and summer as we work to develop our team going into the 2023 season.”

Eight of NIU’s nine February recruits are from Illinois or a neighboring

state, including three “locals” in defensive back Ethan Tierney of DeKalb (DeKalb HS), running back Garrett Gensler from Rochelle (Rochelle Township HS) and tight end Tyler Gaines out of Rockford’s Thomas Jefferson High School.

“Adding six guys from Illinois and eight of nine from the Midwest is a big deal,” Hammock said. “We always want to take care of guys from the state, that’s an important part of our roster as is bringing in talent from this region. We’ve also got Kobe [Askew] in this group, who is coming in along with his high school teammate [December signee] Jay’shon [Thomas].”



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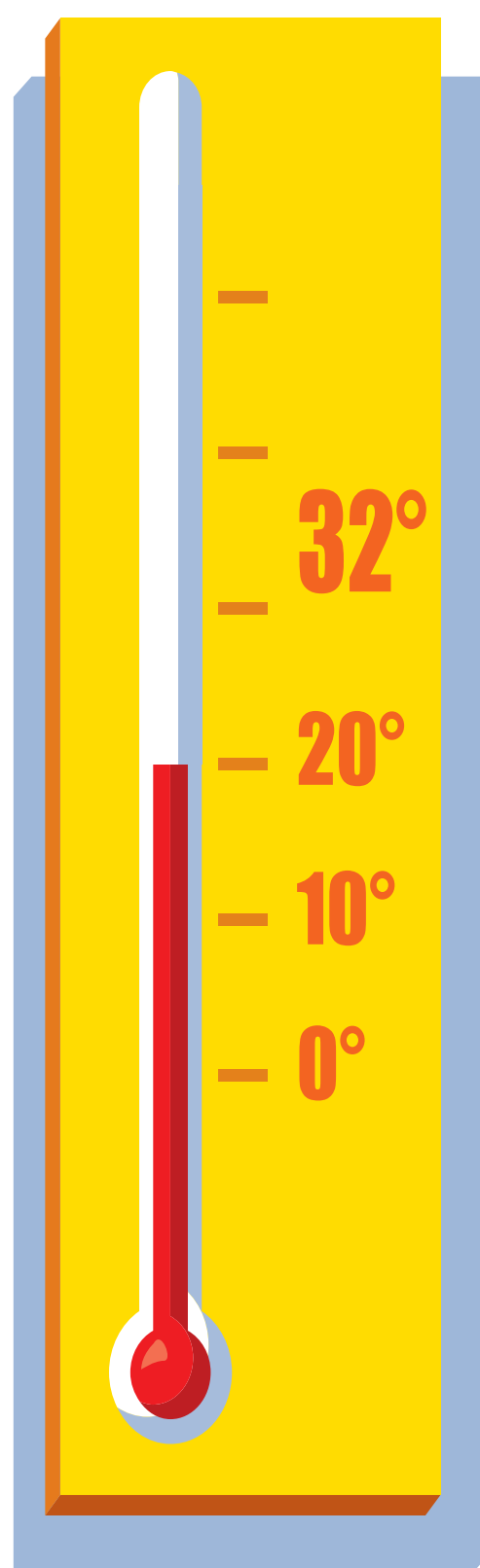
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