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RCH hosts job fairs in Peru Olson: 'We wanted to do what we could to help'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — After St. Margaret's Health Hospital in Peru closed its doors Jan. 28, Rochelle Community Hospital hosted a job fair in Peru Jan. 30 aimed at those who lost positions at that facility. RCH will host another job fair Feb. 13 in Peru from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church at 2000 Luther Drive, Peru, IL 61354.

RCH Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson said Feb. 7 called the situation with the Peru hospital "very tragic" for the community just short of an hour south of Rochelle. The St. Margaret's Health hospital attributed the outcome to a healthcare climate "plagued by economic concerns," COVID-19, a cyber-attack that impacted billing and payment, and severe staff shortages.

"I hate to see anything like this happen to a community," Olson said "After hearing that, we felt terrible for the community and we feel sad for the employees that I'm sure were very dedicated people that are



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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now potentially displaced. We wanted to do what we could to help. We obviously have some needs with open positions. We thought maybe a job fair would be in order to coincide with that closing. And it did."

RCH currently has about 40 open positions amid a years-long, nationwide staffing shortage. 15 of those positions are full-time, 11 are part-time and 14 are PRN, which is a

shift or so a month, Olson said. Not all of RCH's employment needs are due to workforce shortage, Olson said. Some of the need is due to services growing at the hospital.

Several other area health systems held job fairs in Peru like RCH did and will. Olson said "lower numbers" were seen at RCH's first Peru job fair, but it has already yielded two hires, including an infection

control preventionist and a respiratory therapist.

"Out of that small group that we were able to talk to, we have two quality people," Olson said. "And we think there's more that came to see us that we're following up with. We're getting what we need in hard-to-fill positions and these people are getting options for career decisions."

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Solar zoning ordinance tabled

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

HILLCREST — At its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Hillcrest Village Board tabled a potential new zoning ordinance for residential and commercial solar panels in the village.

In December, Village Building Inspector Casper Manheim presented the village with information on solar permit fee structures used by other municipalities in the region. A fee structure would allow the village to charge permit fees for residents that install solar along with a large commercial solar development planned for the future within village limits.

A first reading was held Wednesday and the village has worked off of fee structures used by other municipalities that Manheim has worked with.

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Creston board: Water system issues impacted service Engineering update given on multiple projects during Tuesday meeting

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

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Repairs were being made Jan. 11 to a water main at the corner of Grove and Cederholm Streets and water at the site could not be turned off. That required the water tower to be shut down, which affected the entire village. After water was restored, a different water main in the area needed repair and water was shut down village-wide again Jan. 13. Water was restored the same day and a boil order was in effect until Jan. 15.

"It ended up being a \$20,000 week," Byro said. "We spent \$5,500 in parts and Queens Construction was there for three days. We ended up with a real mess. We thought we had



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it Wednesday and worked there all day and had to shut the water down for the whole town. We came back Thursday morning and had a big leak. Queens came back to help us and it was two days before

they got it back together. We ended up putting three new valves in down there. It was quite a project. We probably spent \$20,000 on that corner and unfortunately there's a lot more corners like that that will

be coming up."

Byro said he would like the village to install more valves in its water system to shut portions of the village off without having to shut down the entirety of Creston. Village Trustee

Curt Ward said the early January water losses were two separate incidents and an attempt was made to isolate part of the system, but a valve failed.

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Tri-County Opportunities Council announces 2023 scholarships

ROCK FALLS — At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income-eligible students residing in the agency's service area. The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition:

The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household. The applicants must attend an Illinois-accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2023. Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark or Whiteside County in Illinois.

Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to

qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition. However, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

The application deadline is March 24, 2023.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800/323-5434, extension 710, or on the website at www.tcohelps.org.



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Back row from left to right: Deanna Forrest, April Bold, Arlene Sangmeister, Linda Graber and Jennifer Bakener. Front row left to right: Barb Diehl, director of Loaves and Fish of Mr. Morris, Lori Wolff, volunteer coordinator of Loaves and Fish and Jan Francis, founder and director of Loaves and Fish.

100 Women Who Care of Ogle County donates to Loaves and Fish Food Pantry

MT. MORRIS — The winter quarter donation from 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County was awarded to the Loaves and Fish Food Pantry of Mt. Morris. Loaves and Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren at 409 W. Brayton Road and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30-6:00 p.m. and on the second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m.

Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. No referral or proof of income or residen-

cy is required. The pantry is a 501c3 organization that depends on community donations to feed our neighbors. They are totally volunteer-run and a member agency of the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

100 Women Who Care has a current membership of 67 members from all ends of Ogle County. There are only four meetings per year, one meeting in each season. Members nominate charities for the award and a representative must make a presentation concerning what they will use the money for.

The members then vote on the charity they feel is the most deserving. Each member donates a \$100 check made out to the winning charity, and 100 percent of the money goes directly to the charity.

100 WWC of Ogle County has only been in existence for three years, and in that time they have donated \$35,400 to local charities in Ogle County.

If you would like more information about this organization contact Deanna Forrest at forrestdede5@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page.

County hosting residential electronics recycling event on Friday, Feb. 24

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Friday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCR's, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators,

phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVDs and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

Limit seven (7) large or bulky items per permit and one permit per county household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Business or institutional electronics are accepted by the OCSWMD via a separate program. Call the number above for more information and pricing for business electronic recycling, and to make an appointment for drop off of the materials to be recycled.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit www.oglecountyil.gov, or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

IFB nursing scholarship applications available

BLOOMINGTON — Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be 15 scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

The scholarship program, now in its 31st year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be

a registered nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited nurse practitioner program. Funding is provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP).

Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com, or by writing Donna Gallivan, program manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, 1701 Towanda Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701. Applications are due May 1.

For additional information, contact Gallivan at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at dgallivan@iffb.org.



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RCH: Hospital hosting next job fair Feb. 13

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I think it's a win-win for everybody. It was just really nice to meet these people and I give a lot of credit to my team that went down there. It was a great team effort and we got some quality people. For us, it was a success and we'll be doing it again."

Olson said that hospital closures are something that he's starting to see a lot more of in "a difficult time" for the healthcare industry. He said he recently saw a study that showed that over half of 900 hospitals of all sizes were losing money, and those that were making a profit were "on slim margins."

While his knowledge of the industry didn't make the Peru hospital closing much of a surprise for him, Olson said he "hated" seeing it happen so close to Rochelle, or anywhere for that matter.

"We're starting to see hospitals shuttering across the country," Olson said. "That's unnerving. A lot of rural hospitals are safety net hospitals in very low-populated areas. Where are these people going to go for care? Are they going to drive an hour or more? If you wake up at 2 a.m. with chest pain,



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that's not a good scenario."

RCH marketed itself for the Peru job fairs as "an independent and stable critical access hospital." It operates and makes decisions locally.

"Rochelle [Hospital] is a strong organization, independent from any health system," Zac Heward, patient financial services manager for RCH, stated in the Peru job fair press release. "For anyone who has gone through a merger or acquisition - I'm sure [the difference working for] an independent facility would not go unnoticed."

Olson said that when he reads about hospital

closures in other areas, he shares them with the RCH board.

"Because I think we're actually doing very well in this climate," Olson said. "We're stable. Are we printing money? No. But we're going better than keeping our head above water. And I think that's good for the Rochelle community, our patients and staff. In this climate, I think we're close to thriving."

Staffing shortages have caused RCH to utilize agency or traveling staff, the cost of which Olson said "isn't sustainable." That's caused the hospital to prioritize employee

retention. Other hospitals are in the same predicament, he said. RCH sits in a competitive hiring market, with 11 hospitals within 40 miles of Rochelle, despite the rural area.

"We're sorry for what's happened in Peru and wouldn't wish it upon any community," Olson said. "We're going to do our part. The geography doesn't work to transfer their patients here. We try to help where we can. And selfishly speaking, we're getting some quality people that are coming to RCH now who may relocate and live here. So it's good for the community."

Lewis recognized as region's IPA Principal of the Year Award winner

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School District 212 announced in a press release Friday that RTHS Principal Dr. Christopher R. Lewis has been recognized as the Illinois Principal Association (IPA) High School Principal of the Year for the state's northwest region. Dr. Lewis will represent Rochelle's region as the IPA chooses a state High School Principal of the Year from all the regional principals winners. There are 13 total regional winners from the state of Illinois.

Of the High School Principal of the Year recognition, Dr. Lewis said, "I am very honored by this recognition, but we have a great team of teachers and staff who really make this place run effectively. We believe we provide a great education for our community's students and that has to do with all of the people in the building. I am truly appreciative of the support our parents and community gives the school."

"Dr. Lewis has worked tirelessly to promote the best possible learning environment during his years as part of the leadership



Dr. Chris Lewis

team at RTHS," RTHS District #212 Superintendent Dr. Jason Harper said. "During Dr. Lewis's tenure as principal, we have seen great changes in educational approaches, but one thing has not changed, and that is RTHS's commitment to doing the best for all our students. That commitment is seen every day in Dr. Lewis's leadership and communication."

Longtime RTHS Board President Tom Huddleston said, "Our district and community are lucky to have Dr. Lewis working for the best outcomes for our students. His passion and commitment to excellence are impressive."

Dr. Lewis has been a principal at RTHS for six years. He has worked at RTHS for 22 years. He was a teacher before becoming assistant principal during the 2012-13 school year.

CRESTON: Village board amends liquor ordinance

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"Maybe we can figure out some money we can put aside to put in some valves so we can keep the town running," Byro said. "It's not good for the community, but right now that's all we can do and unfortunately we have to live with it. I just wanted everyone to know what went on there. It turned out to be quite the three days."

Engineering

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge presented updates on a trio of projects the village currently has going on.

The rehabilitation of Well 3 is still planned to take place in the spring. The well hasn't been pulled for maintenance since it was installed in 1980. The village plans to have a new pump motor on site when the well is pulled for maintenance to use while repairs take place. Bunge said the only preparation left is to pick a point in the village to pump unusable water to during the work.

The village will hold a bid opening later this month for a separate water main project planned for the northeast part of the

village using American Rescue Plan Act money.

"The bidding process is open now," Bunge said. "We could have decent bids or we could see bids that are 250 percent high like I've seen in other places. Right now it's a matter of who can get the materials and how busy they are."

Bunge said he has an engineer that plans to meet with Village Trustee Curt Ward early next week about a future quiet zone project to alleviate train horns in Creston. The work would require improving railroad crossings for safety and meetings and inspections with various officials.

"We have some concepts done and want to make sure they match with what the village had in mind," Bunge said. "As soon as that looks good to Curt, we'll be setting up that meeting with the parties to move the project along. We're in better shape with that now."

Resurfacing

The board resolved to sealcoat the north side of Creston this year. The village has \$82,000 in motor fuel tax funds for the work

and Ward said it's been "close to 4-5 years" since the north side has been sealcoated.

"I think we need to do the north side," Byro said. "It's their turn. We need to take care of that before it gets any worse."

Water operator

Byro notified the board that Village Water Operator Mike Megurdichian plans to retire this year and work will begin on replacing him. Megurdichian has worked with the village since the early 1990s. Byro expects to replace and move on from him in the next six months.

Byro said he plans to talk to a few potential replacements for the part-time position.

"I've talked to Adam Lanning of Rochelle Municipal Utilities and he's considering maybe helping us out that way and doing the water operation," Byro said. "That way RMU could come over and do the water testing and sampling. I'm meeting with another person this week that Mike has used extensively. We have 2-4 people we're going to talk to. Mike will be missed. He knows this town. Hopefully we can

keep him around to finish up with the well maintenance we have planned. He will definitely be done by October."

Audit

The board heard a presentation on its audit for the year ended April 30, 2022 from Newkirk & As-

sociates and unanimously accepted the audit.

Liquor

The board voted unanimously to amend its liquor ordinance to allow for the Moose Knuckle to serve alcohol with its Sunday breakfasts. The new Sunday hours will be 6 a.m.

to 11 p.m. after the hours previously started at 10 a.m. Alcohol serving hours begin at 6 a.m. every other day in the village.

Furnace

The board resolved to spend \$3,600 to purchase a new furnace for its maintenance building.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Phyllis Joy Grasty

DEKALB — Phyllis Joy Grasty, 74, passed away peacefully at her home in DeKalb, Tuesday, Feb. 7. Joy was born on Jan. 11, 1949 to Cleo and Evis (Earmey) Boulard in DeWitt, Arkansas. She married Richard E. Grasty on Aug. 15, 1975. Starting at the age of 16, she began working for General Electric and became so valuable to the company with her knowledge that after she retired, she was a consultant for GE.

As a movie aficionado, she went to the movie theater twice a week every week to keep up on the latest movies. She also enjoyed having fun at the river boat. Joy was a league champion bowler; her top score being a 297. Locally, she was known for her fudge and within the family she was known as the family photographer.

Being the matriarch of the family and one of the most organized people, Joy made sure every single person in her large

extended family received a birthday card every year. She also was the hostess for family Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings. Her ultimate joy was spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren, spoiling them every chance she could. Going fishing in the back pond with them was an especially favorite activity.

Joy is survived by her husband, Richard of DeKalb; her son, Rich of DeKalb; five grandchildren: Joy, Faith, Richard, Jackson and Kramer Grasty; two brothers: Steve Boulard of Dixon and Phillip (Roxanne) Boulard of Branson, Missouri; four sisters: Linda (Del Jr.) Windland of Rochelle, Kay Boulard of Dexter, Missouri, Melody Boulard of Webster, Texas and Lydia Boulard of Harrison, Arkansas and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Joy was preceded in death by her son, Charles



Long on April 20, 2021; two brothers: Tim and Ronnie Boulard and sister, Diane Boulard.

The visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral will follow at 1 p.m. Saturday with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. Cremation care will be provided after the service. Burial will be at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Joy's memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Kathleen Mae (Anderson) Hunt

DEKALB — Kathleen Mae (Anderson) Hunt, 92, of Sycamore, died Feb. 9 at Bethany Rehabilitation & Health Care Center in DeKalb.

Kathleen was born at home on Sept. 13, 1930, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, the seventh of 10 children to Avery Julius and Mabel Helene (Olson) Anderson. She graduated from Waukesha High School (1948), with a teaching diploma from Racine-Kenosha Normal School (1950) and bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin Whitewater (1959). She married Thomas James Hunt on June 13, 1959, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

She began her teaching career at the age of 19 in a one-room schoolhouse in the township of Brookfield in Waukesha County, where, in her own words, she was, "teacher, janitor and mouse trap remains collector." During her early career she taught in several schools in southeastern Wisconsin, in Wales, Bark River and Cushing among others.

In 1962, Tom's work brought them to Rochelle. She stayed at home and raised her children until 1974, when she resumed her teaching career, much of it spent at Tilton School in Rochelle, until

she retired in 1994. As a teacher, she hoped to help her students reach their full learning potential and develop a sense of social consciousness. She remembered her students and fellow teachers with great fondness.

She was a lifelong Lutheran (ELCA) who loved her church, serving in many capacities all of her life as a council member, Stephen Ministry leader, Sunday school teacher and other roles. Her fellow members of Martha's Sisters at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in DeKalb were especially precious to her.

In 1960 she was diagnosed with tuberculosis and spent nine weeks at Muirdale Sanatorium in Milwaukee. This experience of illness and isolation, as well as the comfort of family and friends, had a profound effect on her, deepening her compassion for the world in unexpected ways.

Friends and family loved receiving her annual Christmas letter, where she sought to share a message of profound grace. She believed that love was the answer to the world's problems and worked to practice it each day of her life.

Survivors include her four daughters, Janet Hunt, Martha Hunt (Barb Stedman), Mary (Rick) Rice



and Sarah (Bill) Harris; five grandchildren, Jane Marx, David Marx, Rodney Marx (Willie Flogel), Andrew Bisciglia and Michael (Elizabeth) Bisciglia; sister Carol Stache; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas (1997); parents Avery and Mabel Anderson; brothers Keith, Leonard, Marvin and Lyle; and sisters Viola Paulson, Geneva Frank, Avis Bartelme and Donna Pasternock.

Visitation will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in DeKalb on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Elizabeth Mascal officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Park Cemetery in DeKalb.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, DeKalb, or a charity of your choice.

For information, visit www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com or call 815-756-1022.

Haas named to chancellor's and dean's lists at UW-Platteville

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville recently announced its chancellor's and dean's

lists, honoring those full-time students who earned perfect 4.0 grade averages and high honors in the fall 2022 semester.

Named to both lists was Morgan Haas (studying integrated marketing) of Rochelle Township High School.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies respond to property damage accident

OREGON — On Feb. 7 at approximately 9:22 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of South Franklin Street in Byron. After investigation, Devon Richardson, 25, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Richardson was additionally cited for expired registration, suspended registration and improper display of registration. Richardson was released on scene with a return court date.

On Feb. 7 at approximately 7:13 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 19,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, deputies placed Samantha M. Moseley, 29, of Rockford, under arrest for an active failure to appear Ogle County warrant. Moseley was taken into custody without incident and additionally charged with possession of cannabis/driver. Moseley was cited for improper passing and speeding. Moseley was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 7 at 8:01 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 12,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Morgan Peterson, 35, of Holcomb was arrested for no valid driver's license. Peterson was also cited for no registration light. Peterson was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

On Feb. 8 at approximately 10:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 108. While speaking with the driver, identified as Michael R. Moore, 36, of Rockford, he began



to flee northbound on Interstate 39 at speeds in excess of 21 miles per hour while in a 70-miles per hour speed zone in an attempt to evade arrest. Moore lost control of his vehicle near mile marker 113, at which time he entered the grass median located west of the roadway and came to rest. Moore was subsequently placed under arrest for aggravated fleeing to elude a peace officer, aggravated driving while license revoked, reckless driving, resisting/obstructing a peace officer and improper container of cannabis/driver. Moore was issued additional citations for fleeing/attempting to elude a peace officer, driving while license revoked, illegal window tint, expired registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding. Moore was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending a court appearance before a judge.

On Feb. 9 at approximately 2:18 a.m. deputies responded to a property damage accident that had occurred near the intersection of Illinois Route 2 and Ashelford Drive. Prior to deputies' arrival, a Byron

Police officer had located the driver walking in the area. After investigation, deputies placed Timmy Horner, 57, of Garden Prairie, Illinois, under arrest for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Horner was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle, improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Horner was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 10 at approximately 12:32 a.m. deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop at Blackhawk Drive and Market Street. The vehicle continued without stopping before pulling into an address on 2nd Street in Byron. After investigation, deputies placed Megan Gassaway, 31, of Byron under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Gassaway was additionally issued a citation for speeding, improper lane usage and operating in uninsured vehicle. Gassaway was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

Rochelle Police Department

Officers issue several citations

ROCHELLE — On Feb. 2 at 10:54 p.m. Judy A. Olmstead, 61, of Chana was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. She signed a promise to comply and was given a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 3 at 8:13 a.m. Robert M. Knowski, 65, of Rochelle was cited for failure to yield turning left. He signed a promise to comply and was given a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 4 at 11:34 a.m. William W. Clark, 43, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle Coun-

ty warrant and transferred.

On Feb. 4 at 8:07 p.m. Diego Magana, 19, of Rochelle was cited for improper backing. He was released on an I-Bond with a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 5 at 10:55 p.m. Alondra I. Rubio, 22, of Rochelle was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving an uninsured vehicle. She was released on an I-Bond with a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 6 at 7:40 p.m. Jennifer Vonch, 42, of Davis Junction was arrested for retail theft. She was released on an I-Bond with a March 10 Ogle County court date.

On Feb. 7 at 8:40 a.m. Zachary S. Spangler, 40, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 73 miles per hour in a 55-miles per hour zone.

He signed a promise to comply and was given a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 9 at 3:09 p.m. Jordan D. Isaacs, 31, of Ashton was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given a March 17 Rochelle court date.

On Feb. 9 at 2:47 p.m. a 16-year-old female juvenile of Rochelle was arrested for disorderly conduct. She was released on an I-Bond with a March 10 Ogle County court date.

On Feb. 9 at 7:56 p.m. Darius D. Martinez, 24, of Rochelle was cited for operating a vehicle with expired registration. He was released on an I-Bond with a March 17 Rochelle court date.

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LOCAL NEWS

HILLCREST: Board of Trustees discuss water tower

From page 1

Village Attorney Paul Chadwick asked for time Wednesday to review recent state legislation concerning local authority on solar and wind farm projects.

“There have been some revisions on the state side on governing solar farms and whether counties have jurisdiction,” Chadwick said. “I don’t know if it applies to municipalities and I haven’t had the chance to research that detail yet. I think you can still have the ability to regulate as a municipality and my understanding was that it only pertained to taking control from the

county. I’d like to look into that further to see if it’d impact what we can and can’t say to properties in the village limits.”

Chadwick told trustees that he will have a proposed ordinance or a recommendation on how to handle the issue at next month’s meeting.

Water tower

During his department report on water, Trustee Dan Potter discussed recent recommendations stemming from a recent report that Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group conducted on Hillcrest’s water tower. The report recommended work on critical deficiencies, non-critical

deficiencies, possible OSHA violations and small issues that can be done by village maintenance with little expense.

“There’s a lot that goes into that and we’ll have to do the work in bite-sized pieces,” Potter said. “There’s some things that can be done by people in the area at some cost and then there’s some that our maintenance people can probably do at inexpensive cost. And then there’s a bunch of other things that should be done and need to be done. But I don’t think it all needs to be done at once.”

Potter said the village does not yet have pricing on work that Pittsburg

would potentially do on the water tower and those numbers will likely be available for the next meeting.

“Looking at the pictures and what Pittsburg said about it, it seems pretty comprehensive and pretty valid in my opinion,” Potter said. “There’s a lot of things on here. We need a sign on the gate that says it’s a federal offense to tamper with it. That’s something we could do in-house. The ladder going up is not what it should be. That could be expensive. We’re going to have to do this in bite-sized pieces. I don’t think it’s going to be done all at once. There’s

a significant amount of work that needs to be done that has not been done in probably 10-15 years if not longer. Some of them are potential water quality issues. A lot of them are structural issues in terms of people working on and around it.”

Snow removal

Village trustees discussed snow removal delays that were seen during a recent snowfall due to a number of issues. Village President Randy Salsbury said he fielded calls from residents during the snowfall with questions about village snow removal.

The issues included a village maintenance

employee resigning just before the snowfall, a delay in getting a load of salt and plow trucks needing repair. The village is also awaiting delivery of an additional snow plow truck.

“We have the plow trucks up and going now,” Village Trustee Rick Rhoads said. “We had trucks going down with issues at the same time and our contractor was good about coming out and getting them going. They’re putting together our new truck now. Our two trucks have been in for maintenance four different times. I’ll ask tomorrow about a definite date on our new one.”

Rochelle Area

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

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

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

A cautionary tale of journalism

HO O D - WINKED, fooled, deceived, misled, bamboozled.

Those are just a few words to describe what a teenager allegedly did to a community journalist with 40 years of experience.

In the small town of Eldridge, Iowa, just north of the Quad-Cities, lives a young woman named Madison Russo. Scott Campbell, the longtime editor of the North Scott Press heard that the 19-year-old received a \$500 grant from a local group that helped people with pancreatic cancer.

Campbell decided to write a feature story.

"I just texted her cold and I said, 'Hey, Maddie, this is Scott Campbell. I heard about your diagnosis. Would you be interested in telling your story?' And she sent me a text back within two minutes: 'You betcha. No problem at all.' So, we set up an interview for

the next morning. ... She had set up a GoFundMe page. I saw a couple social media postings that she'd posted."

She claimed to have Stage II pancreatic cancer and acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Campbell said.

"She said she had gone through 15 rounds of chemo and 90 rounds of radiation," Campbell said. "I asked for some pictures and she texted some photos. In none of 'em did she look sick at all. I didn't have any reason to doubt her. I thought maybe they were older pictures. She just told me she'd been through hell. And then right at the end of the conversation she dropped this bombshell: 'By the way, I just found out today that I've got a football size tumor in my lower back.' And I said, 'Oh, crap. That's crazy.'"

Crazy. Yeah, that's one word for it.

But despite her year of "hell" she said she was able to finish her first year of college at St. Ambrose

University and maintain a 4.0 grade point average, land a plum internship at Deere & Co., continue to play golf -- and run six miles a day.

My mother died of breast cancer, my brother succumbed to liver cancer and my father beat the odds and survived Stage III esophageal cancer.

None of them were going for runs -- and none of them ever had tumors the size of footballs.

And the photos I have of their withered forms are so painful to look at, some family members have asked that I never share them -- the memories they conjure are just too painful.

But in the photo Russo sent the North Scott Press she looks pretty as a prom queen. Her skin has a healthy glow, and she has a full head of hair.

Campbell said he chatted with Russo over the

phone -- but never met with her in person. No news happens in the newsroom. You have to leave your desk and talk to people. Please note, I said "people" as in the plural of person.

Campbell's story quoted one person: Russo. He said he reached out to her mother, but she never got back to him. He didn't try to interview the physicians that Russo said were treating her. He also didn't seek out her professors or co-workers.

When I was in journalism school, turning in a one-source story constituted a failing grade. As an editor, I angered reporters when I refused to publish stories with a single source. But Campbell was the newspaper's editor. Who was there to tell him "no?"

Well, there was his wife.

"I came home and told my wife about it. She was

kinda skeptical. She goes, 'Really? I'm really connected in the community and I haven't heard about this cancer story -- that she (said) she'd been through for the last eight months.'"

But Campbell proceeded to publish a tear-jerker and donations poured in. Russo raised \$37,300 from 439 donors on GoFundMe and went to Chicago for a pancreatic-cancer gala.

A couple months later, folks with medical experience started calling the newspaper -- and the police. They said the story didn't add up.

Russo's medical records, obtained by subpoena, show that none of the medical facilities in the Quad-City region have diagnosed Russo with any kind of tumor or cancer.

She was arrested on theft charges Jan. 11 while in class at St. Ambrose. And police said they seized her 2023 Kia Sportage, a paper bag with medical supplies, bank records, an IV pole with a feeding pump filled with

cotton balls, two boxes of dressing, a wig, cash and pills for nausea in the name of a relative.

The community was angry. Donors were hurt. And a newspaper looked bad.

The NSP is one of the best community newspapers I've encountered. None the less, the role it played in this matter is an embarrassment -- not just to the newspaper but to journalists everywhere.

Some folks find it off-putting when reporters are suspicious and seek verification. Too bad; that's our job.

How could a journalist have avoided this predicament? Here are a few thoughts: interview the subject in-person, be skeptical, ask tough questions, seek documentation of the person's claims, talk to more than one source -- and listen to your spouse.

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



Scott Reeder

A trip back across 2022

AFTER the December Christmas freeze I'm just starting to defrost my brain. Seems like it was in a fog there for a while. Betwixt the cold weather and finally catching COVID-19, I'm starting to get back to normalcy.

The COVID-19 thing really ticked me off as I calculate I made it 32 months without catching it from when it was first detected. Oh well, guess I've got to find another streak to start.

For some reason I've been spending quite a bit of time looking back over the last year from a work perspective. I can't figure out why, but I suppose knowing retirement is inching closer may have plenty to do with it. So join me in our trip back across 2022.

We hosted a very successful lunch with our area state legislators. The meeting gave us an opportunity to catch up on the goings on in Springfield and discuss meaningful

legislation that was important to agriculture. As always, our state lawmakers were engaging and participated heartily in dialogue.

Unfortunately we say goodbye to two of the General Assembly's best; Senator Brian Stewart and Rep. Tom Demmer. Both were excellent to work with and served our area with honesty, dignity and integrity. They were champions for agriculture and northwest Illinois. Most importantly they knew how to get things done. Their leadership and representation will be missed. We at the farm bureau thank them for their service and wish them the best in future endeavors.

With that we welcome new legislators into the fold. Representative Andrew Chesney steps into the senate role vacated by Mr. Stewart; incumbent Tony McCombie's district shifts eastward due to redistricting; Brad Fritts assumes the Representative duties in the majority

of Mr. Demmer's old district; and incumbent Win Stoller picks up a southern portion of Ogle County in the senate district.

We look forward to working with all of them moving forward and advancing agriculture in our area and the state.

Redistricting also brings a new face on the national level. Due to the new district lines, U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger decided not to seek reelection and incumbent Darin LaHood's district moved north. I've had the opportunity to meet with Congressman LaHood on various occasions and I can tell you he will be good for the district and a friend of agriculture.

We say farewell to Congressman Kinzinger. I know that several people have been outspoken lately about him, but please let me tell you that during his tenure in the House of Representatives he was a

stand-up guy. He worked tirelessly for his district and to prove the point he had the highest voting record with the farm bureau of any of our Congressmen from Illinois. He served with integrity, dignity and honesty and was always present to engage his constituents in dialogue. I'm going to miss him and I wish him well moving forward.

Onto other things. Our Young Leader group grew leaps and bounds this year going from four to 16 active members. Last spring they donated grain bin rescue augers to three area fire departments. Grain bin entrapment rescue is all about time and the efficient use of it. These rescue augers can and will save lives.

The group was active in the fair this year setting up ag safety awareness demonstrations and holding a food drive for local

food pantries. Through the Young Leaders food drive and their Harvest for All bushels collection they donated over \$10,000 to the Northern Illinois Food Bank for distribution to food banks throughout Ogle County.

I would be remiss by not mentioning that Josh Bolen and Ryan Reverts participated in the prestigious Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders Discussion Meet. The meet was held during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting held in December in Chicago. Josh finished in the top 10 and Ryan won the meet. He will represent the Illinois Farm Bureau at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico.

Your county farm bureau has been involved locally on your behalf. This spring we worked on convincing the county to not change our zoning code by adding a new AG-2 land use district. We have been participating in the county's efforts

to expand broadband service throughout the county through various federal and state grants and programs. This year the county will rewrite our comprehensive land use plan and we will be involved in the process.

We were involved in various legislative issues including farm input pricing, rail strike, trade, waters of the U.S. and nutrient loss reduction. I can tell you that these issues will continue to dominate a lot of what we do moving ahead through 2023. We are at the table and working for you, our farmer members.

That's about all the throwback my feeble mind can come up with for now. Next week we will talk about the priority issues the organization has established for this year.

"A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it." -Jean de La Fontaine

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COMMUNITY



American Legion hosts first meeting of 2023

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the American Legion Post 403 had its first meeting of 2023 at the Iron Skillet Restaurant at the Petro Truck Stop. Ogle County Veterans' Assistance Officer Superintendent Luz Gilkey presented on the latest changes in coverage at the Veterans' Administration. Gilkey visits the VFW on the first Friday of each month to answer questions and file paperwork with the Veterans' Administration. From left to right, Chuck Roberts (senior vice-commander), Paul Bearrows (chaplain), Tom Hill (sargent at arms), Paul Hardcastle (junior vice-pommander), Gary Tarvestad (past commander), Gilkey, Steve Korth (adjutant), John Gruben (commander) and Eric Wells (finance officer).

Buckwalter graduates from UW-Platteville

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 500 students for the fall of 2022, including Taylor Buckwalter (criminal justice) of Rochelle.

Mershon graduates from UW-Whitewater

WHITEWATER, Wis. — Noah Mershon from Rochelle earned a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement, held Dec. 17, 2022. Around 775 students crossed the stage to receive their degrees at the ceremony, held at Kachel Fieldhouse in the Williams Center. Mershon graduated with the following degree: History — BSE.

Tabor, Flanagan make Carthage College dean's list

KENOSHA, Wis. — More than 950 students qualified for the fall 2022 dean's list at Carthage College, including Riley Flanagan of Lindenwood and Zoey Tabor of Rochelle. Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average. Students also must carry at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb. 12**
Jennifer Curtis
- Feb. 13**
Gabby Villalobos
- Feb. 16**
Larry Baker
- Feb. 18**
Sam & Jessica South (anniversary)
Swen Norris
- Feb. 20**
Christian Losoya
- Feb. 21**
Kris Oleson
Anna Sexton
- Feb. 22**
Jessica South
Lucy Hazlip
- Feb. 26**
Natalie Powell
- Feb. 27**
Beth Bolhous
- Feb. 28**
Lucas Donoho

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2022 From The Heart Calendar

- Jan. 17 - Calvin M. Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 18 - Autumn Hernandez, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 19 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 20 - Sean Tracy, Byron, \$25
- Jan. 21 - Tracy Pointer, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 22 - Daniel W. Keller, Oregon, \$50
- Jan. 23 - Ryan E. Baylor, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 24 - Kathryn Tyner, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 25 - RACF, \$25
- Jan. 26 - Jacqueline Nass, Naperville, \$25
- Jan. 27 - Andrea Svela, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 28 - Anne Aubry, Whitefish Bay, WI, \$25
- Jan. 29 - From the Heart, \$50
- Jan. 30 - Alexander Herrera, Dixon, \$25
- Jan. 31 - Rochelle Chamber, \$25
- Feb. 1 - Deanna Hill, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 2 - From the Heart, \$25
- Feb. 3 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Feb. 4 - Melanie Bonilla, Rochelle, \$250
- Feb. 5 - Jesse Johnson, Cambridge, WI, \$50
- Feb. 6 - Adlai Schaefer, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 7 - Marie McNames, Byron, \$25
- Feb. 8 - Holly Kubale, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 9 - Jessica Johnson, Edgerton, \$25
- Feb. 10 - Joanne Storey, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 11 - Jessica Rogers, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 12 - Sandra Cummings, Rockford, \$50



Coffee Break

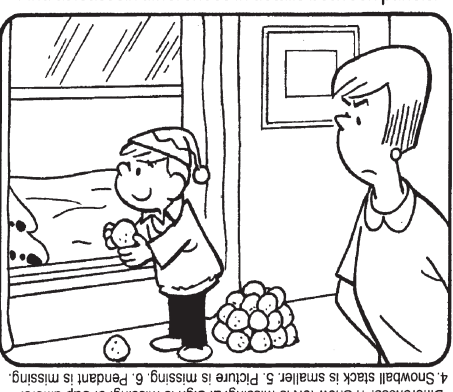
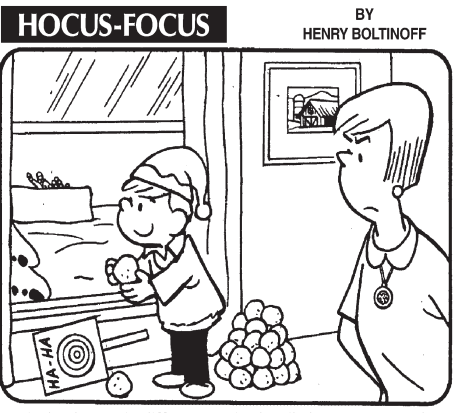
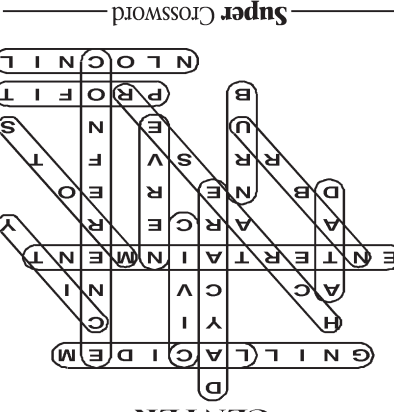
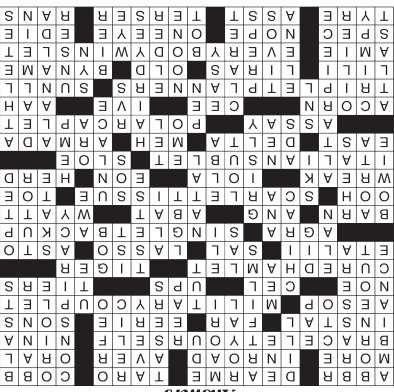
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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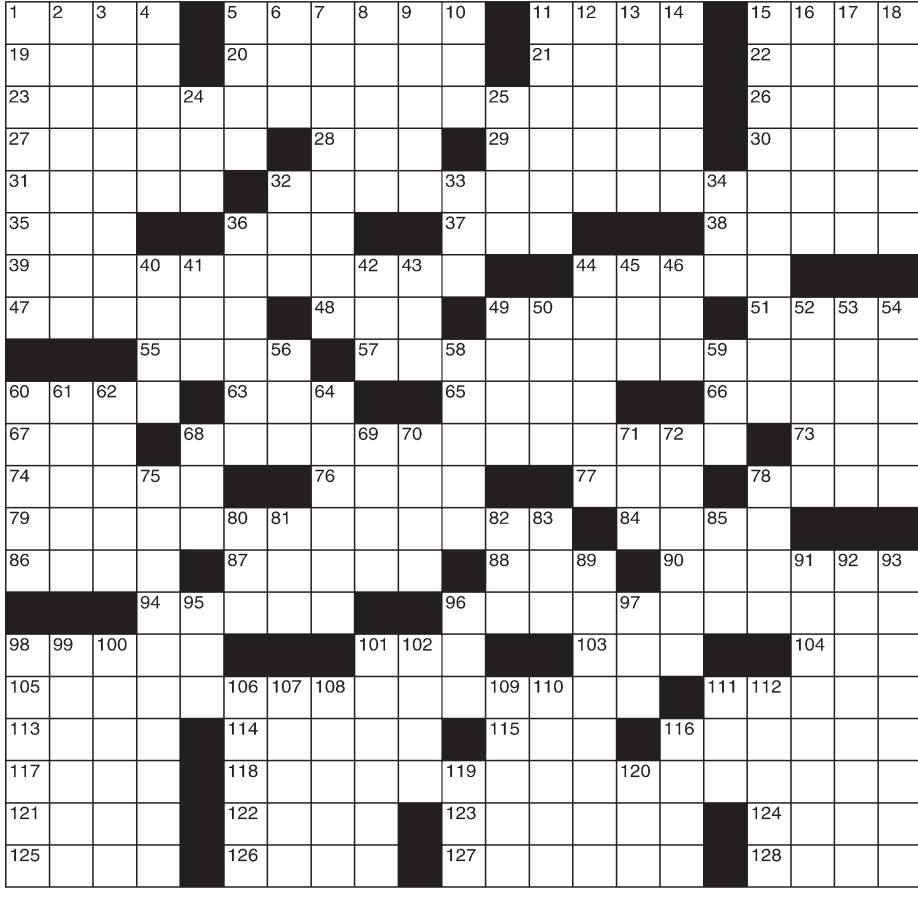


Find at least six differences in details between panels.
Differences: 1. Snow fort is smaller. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Cap differs. 4. Snowball stack is smaller. 5. Picture is missing. 6. Pendant is missing.

Super Crossword

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BE ADDED

- ACROSS**
1 "Sch." for "school," e.g.
5 "My stars!"
11 Source of poi
15 Baseballer Ty
19 "Don't stop!"
20 Foray
21 State firmly
22 Voiced
23 Put on some wrist jewelry?
26 Actress Foch
27 Connect for use, to Brits
28 With 86-Across, China's place
29 Haunting
30 Mike Brady's three kids, e.g.
31 Greek fabulist
32 Pair of poetic lines about the army?
35 — Valley, San Francisco
36 Disney frame
37 FedEx rival
38 Layers
39 Healed a fictional prince of Denmark?
44 Striped feline
47 "And others," in footnotes
48 Mineo of "Dino"
49 Steer snarer
51 Re
- 55 Home of Taj Mahal
57 Extra wrestling garment in case the main one gets lost?
60 Heifer's home
63 "Hulk" director Lee
65 Blind as —
66 Earp of the O.K. Corral
67 Sound of wonderment
68 Bright red Kleenex?
73 Foot part
74 Cause, as havoc
76 City in Kansas
77 Time on end
78 Bison group
79 Secondhand apartment rental in Rome?
84 — gin fizz
86 See 28-Across
87 Gamma follower
88 Just so-so
90 Warship fleet
94 Test, as ore
96 Coated pill produced in Antarctica?
98 Oak nut
101 Letter before dee
- 103 "— got it!"
104 Partner of 67-Across
105 Parents-to-be expecting three babies at once?
111 "The — come out tomorrow" (start of an "Annie" song)
113 "Mystic Pizza" actress
114 Turkish coins
115 Out-of-date
116 How cats ask for Meow Mix, per a slogan
117 Lady friend, in France
118 Pleasing answer when actress Kate asks her agent "Who wants me next?"
121 Job detail
122 "Huh-uh!"
123 Cyclops' odd feature
124 Actress Falco
125 Car roller, to Brits
126 Secy., e.g.
127 Less wordy
128 Also- — (race losers)
- DOWN**
1 Tone of an environment
44 African fly
- 2 Validated, as a claim
3 Period of Model T's
4 Right-hand book page
5 Pickle choice
6 Ending with ethyl
7 Many indie movies
8 Like queens
9 New Zealand native
10 Univ. URL ending
11 Gunlike stunners
12 Animator Tex
13 Sainly article
14 "— ed Euridice" (Gluck opera)
15 Nefarious group plot
16 Bobolink's kin
17 Big headline
18 Explosions
24 "The Raven" poet's inits.
25 Gather in
32 "— culpa!"
33 Boy pharaoh
34 4x4, in brief
36 Jacques of France
40 Panache
41 Use a shovel
42 Vegas lead-in
43 Wallach of "Firepower"
44 African fly
- 45 Suffix with organ
46 Mass of mayo, say
49 Pride parade letters
50 Jai —
52 Glide on ice
53 Teach privately
54 Decided (to)
56 Actress Ortiz
58 Of birth
59 Astonishment
60 "Fame" vocalist David
61 Major artery
62 Ostrichlike birds
64 Horrific
68 Glide on snow
69 Uncouth guy
70 Napoleon's exile isle
71 "He-e-elp!"
72 Loosen, as a shoe
75 Decorative church screen
78 Cannabis fiber
80 Paid promos
81 Tchrr.'s org.
82 Comic Philips
83 Phone no.
85 "... man — mouse?"
89 Clairor products
- 91 "M*A*S*H" co-star
92 Request for a poker hand
93 Olympics participants
95 NBC show since '75
96 Writer's tool
97 Trailer park campers, for short
98 "Finally!"
99 Like pie crusts with pressed-in ridges
100 Greasier
101 Dry red wine
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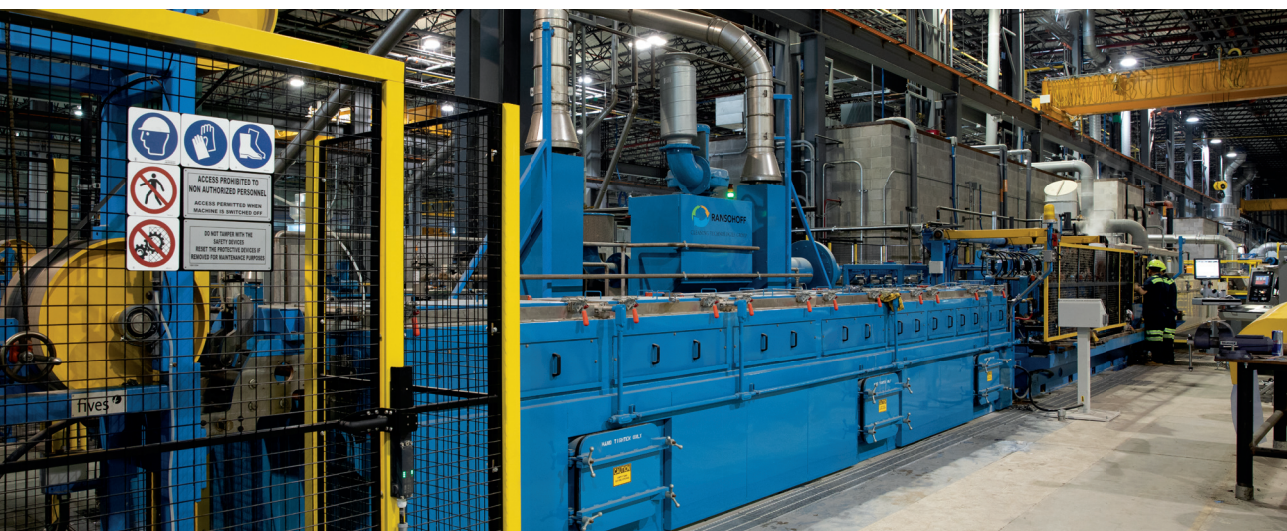
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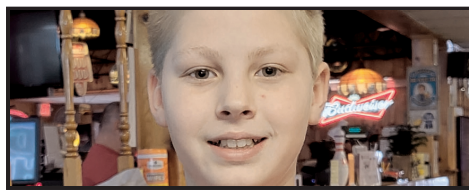
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SPORTS



BOWLERS AWARDED

T-Byrd Lanes recently honored several league bowlers with awards.

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RTHS Boys Basketball

Hubs outlast Hawks

Rochelle overcomes late rally to score 82-74 win over Oregon on Monday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

OREGON — The Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team overcame a 3-point shooting barrage from the Oregon Hawks on Monday evening, when the purple and white nearly saw their 20-point first-half lead disappear midway through the fourth quarter of nonconference action.

Rochelle controlled the first half with its tempo and effort on the boards, attacking the painted area and opening the game with solid shooting from the perimeter. But the Hawks nearly flipped the game on its head during the fourth quarter, where guard Noah Johnson buried triple after triple to help bring Oregon within two points with about three minutes remaining. Despite six 3-pointers from Johnson, Rochelle held on down the stretch, defeating the Hawks 82-74.

“I thought we put everything together that we wanted,” head coach Tim Thompson said. “We guarded them hard and we were pressing well. We knew Oregon was a good 3-point shooting team,

but we were running and jumping with them so we could slow them down. We were sharing the ball and not turning the ball over, so we were getting the shots we wanted.”

Junior Eli Luxton finished with a team-high 24 points for the Hubs (9-17, 3-9 Interstate 8), who punished the Hawks with their offensive rebounding and fast tempo during the first half. After falling behind in the first few minutes, Rochelle broke off a 14-2 run that enabled the Hubs to take a 29-14 lead after the first quarter. Luxton grabbed a team-high 16 rebounds in the win.

“I told our kids that between our three games coming up against Sandwich, LaSalle-Peru and Byron, if we can turn that first quarter against Oregon into four quarters against each of those teams, then I believe we have a chance to win all of those games,” Thompson said.

Junior Jack Tracey converted a pair of 3-pointers in the first half, where he totaled 10 of his 13 points to keep the purple and white well ahead of the Hawks.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Jack Tracey dribbles past Oregon's Noah Johnson during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Hawks on Monday. Tracey scored 13 points as the Hubs defeated Oregon 82-74.

RTHS Girls Basketball

Lady Hubs drop season finale against Dixon

Rochelle and Kaneland scheduled to battle in IHSA 3A Regional Semifinals

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

DIXON — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team will look to hit the reset button after a tough loss against the Dixon Duchesses to close out the regular season on Thursday night.

In a rematch of tournament play from earlier this season, when Dixon defeated Rochelle 45-30 at the KSB Holiday Classic, the Duchesses smothered the Lady Hubs on the defensive end, holding Rochelle to only five second-half points in a 54-18 win over the Lady Hubs on Thursday. Rochelle (8-23, 6-8 Interstate 8) committed 30 turnovers in the loss and will shoot to bounce back when the IHSA 3A Sycamore Regional begins with the semifinals this coming Tuesday.

“We knew Dixon was going to guard us hard and we knew that if we turned the ball over between 25 and 30 times, we weren’t going to have much of a shot,” head coach Ryan McQuade said. “We had 30 turnovers tonight and that’s been an Achilles’ heel for us all season long. When we talked with the girls after the game, we

talked about the regional coming up and the girls know they have another game to prepare for. We have to be ready to play Tuesday.”

Senior Torrin Nantz hit two first-half 3-pointers for the Lady Hubs, who battled on defense throughout the opening quarter as the Duchesses looked to feed the ball inside. Rochelle’s interior defense held its own through the first half, where Dixon built a 25-13 lead before blowing the Lady Hubs away during the third quarter. Harvest Day fueled the surge for the Duchesses, attacking off the dribble and finishing at the rim. Day led all players with 14 points on Thursday.

As Dixon’s lead ballooned, Rochelle struggled against the three-quarter-court press and half-court defense from the Duchesses, who forced a flurry of turnovers on the perimeter. The result was a 46-18 lead for Dixon entering the fourth quarter, where a basket early on led to a running clock as the Lady Hubs finished the quarter without making a field goal.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Maleah Pointer attacks from the perimeter during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball game against Dixon on Thursday. Rochelle fell 54-18 in its final game of the regular season.



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**Maycie
Powell**

*Year: Freshman
Sport: Cheerleading*

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

A: Seven years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Stunting.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Ag because it's hands on.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Anyone on the team Midnight Prodigy because they always work hard to have a creative performance.

Q: Who is your biggest role

model and why?

A: My mom because she always works hard at anything she does.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: A nurse because I would like to help people.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Hawaii because it's super pretty and has a lot of beaches.

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

A: Everyone at RTHS is supportive.

**Madigan
Williams**

*Year: Freshman
Sport: Cheerleading*



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

A: I've been cheering since fifth grade.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: I enjoy the relationships I have built out of it.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because of my ability to understand it so well.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Hayley Cruse because of the kindness she shows to her fans and her teammates.

Q: Who is your biggest role

model and why?

A: My mom because of her willingness to do anything for anyone as well as her dedication and support.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a doctor so I can help people on a daily basis.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Bora Bora because of the clear water and the views.

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

A: I love the opportunities we have and how involved we are.

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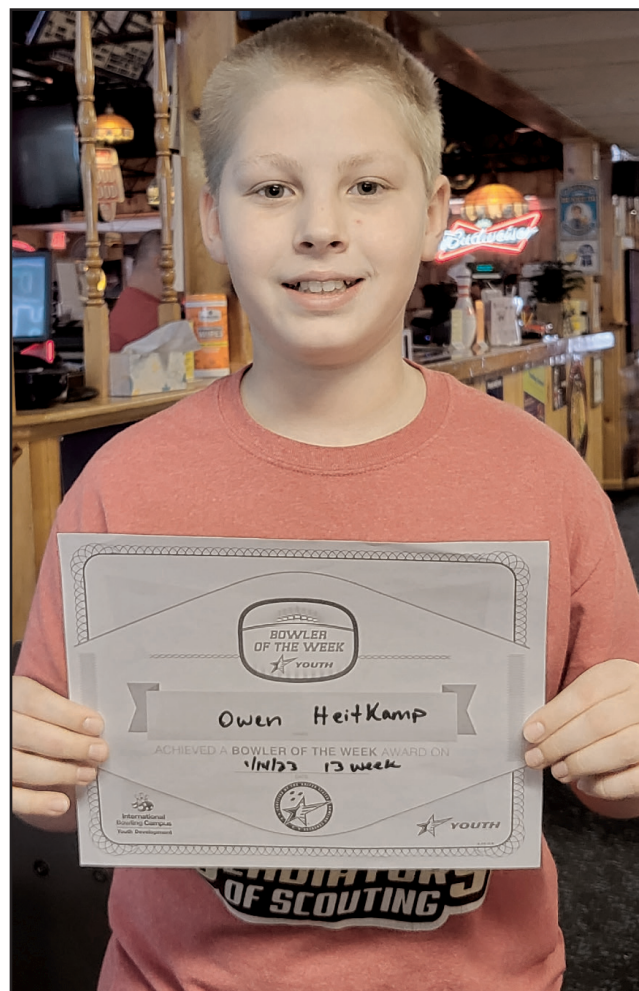
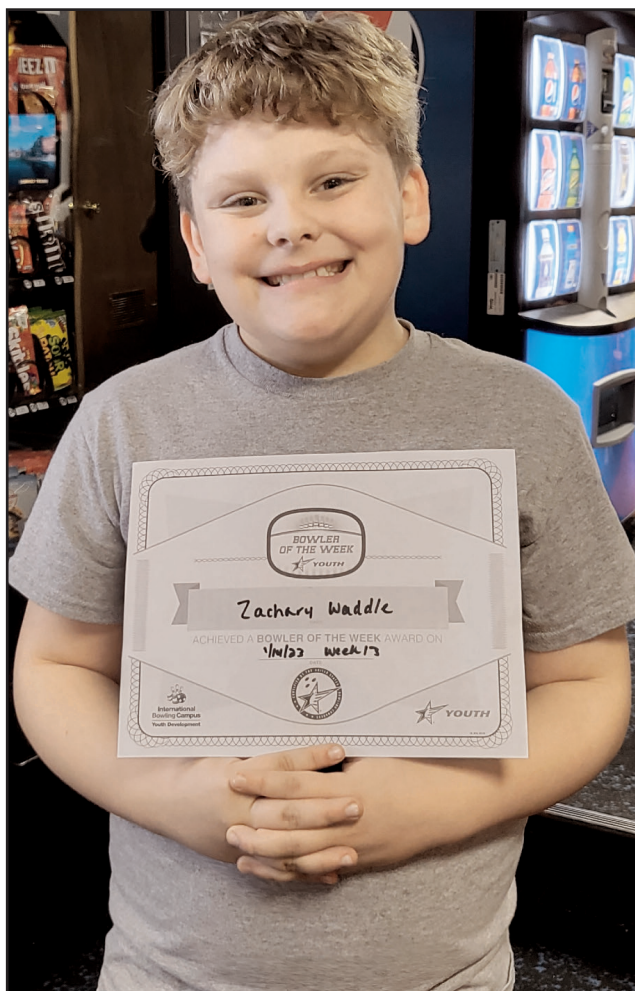
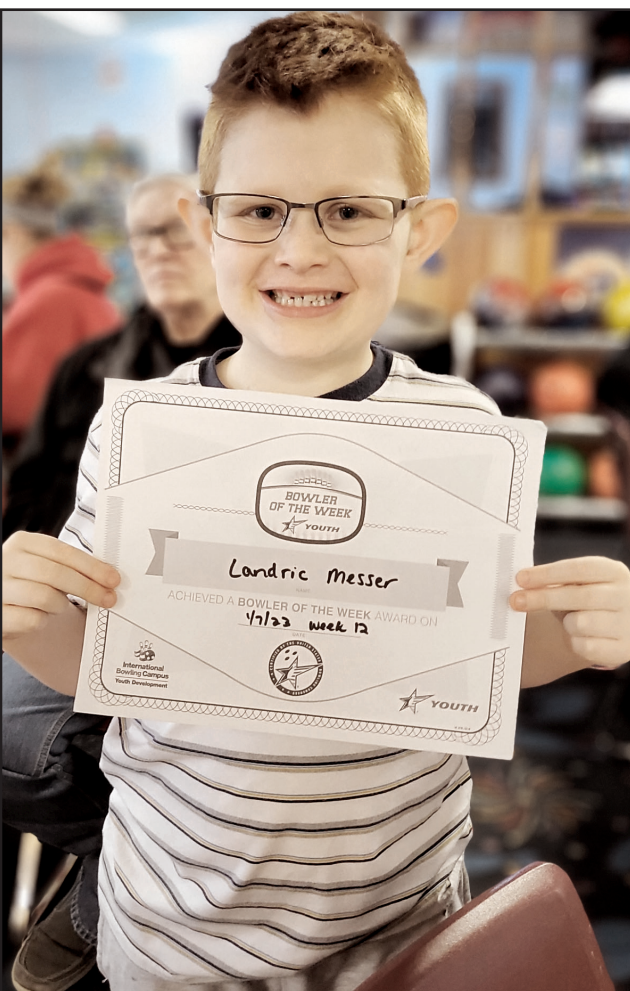
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SPORTS

T-Byrd Lanes

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Local league bowlers take home awards from T-Byrd Lanes

T-Byrd Lanes recognized several local league bowlers with awards recently. Landric Messer was named Week 12 Bowler of the Week, while Zachary Waddle and Owen Heitkamp were named Week 13 Bowlers of the Week. Jaxon Breit was named Week 14 Bowler of the Week. Chloe Rodriguez and Grayson Campbell took home December 2022 Bowlers of the Month.

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NOTICE

TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX7 FILED: 1/23/2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Ogle Date Premises Sold: November 4, 2020 Certificate No.: 2019-00047 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 416 North Wayne Road, Rochelle, IL 61068 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 24-12-301-005 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 19, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 19, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Room 302, on August 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 19, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 105 South 5th Street Suite 104 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-1110 Equity One Investment Fund LLC Purchaser or Assignee February 3, 2023 Larry Bruce Pamela Bruce Larry Bruce Pamela Bruce Pamela Bruce Larry Bruce Occupant James E Frank Linda Frank Illinois Bank & Trust as Successor to Rockford Bank and Trust Company Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners" "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots" No. 0211 (Feb. 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

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Township Office Building, 303 W. Highway 38 Rochelle, IL, starting February 12, 2023, during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023, during the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Flagg Township Office Building Board Room, 303 W. Highway 38, Rochelle, IL whereas final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Flagg Township Board of Trustees. Joanna G. Patrick Flagg Township Clerk No. 0213 (Feb. 12, 2023)

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Flagg Township Road District in the county of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Flagg Township Office Building, 303 W. Highway 38 Rochelle, IL, starting February 12, 2023, during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Flagg Township Office Building Board Room, 303 W. Highway 38, Rochelle, IL whereas final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Flagg Township Board of Trustees. Joanna G. Patrick Flagg Township Clerk No. 0214 (Feb. 12, 2023)

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT FOR FLAGG TOWNSHIP

Flagg Township hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 has been made, and that a report of such audit dated January 23, 2020 has been filed with the County Clerk of Ogle County, in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/01 et. seq. The full report of the audit is available for public inspection at 303 W. Highway 38, Rochelle, IL 61068. Please contact Sue Messer, Supervisor, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at (815) 562-7360 or e-mail her at flaggtwp@rochelle.net for audit information. No. 0215 (Feb. 12, 2023)

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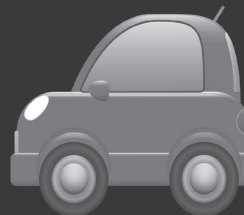
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SPORTS

BOYS: DeKalb shuts down Rochelle in Tuesday matchup

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Senior Raul Aguirre also knocked down consecutive perimeter shots including a triple and a long-range 2-pointer to get the Rochelle offense moving in the first quarter. Sophomore Cayden Moore's aggression off the dribble made him a frequent visitor to the free-throw line, where he went 8-for-10 in the game.

Moore and Aguirre each finished with 12 points for the Hubs, who led Oregon 50-32 at halftime. Oregon's comeback began during the third quarter, where a series of over-the-back foul calls on Rochelle resulted in empty Hub possessions. Oregon entered the bonus early in the fourth quarter, where Johnson sparked the Hawks from 3-point range, knocking down multiple triples to bring his team within a field goal of taking their first lead since the opening quarter of play.

Rochelle also struggled with turnovers down the stretch, where Oregon increased its defensive pressure and made passing lanes difficult for Hub ball handlers to navigate. While

the Hawks nearly pulled off the improbable comeback, Oregon was unable to make free throws or shots in the final minutes, whereas Luxton took command of the Hub offense and sealed the victory with a pair of putbacks at the rim.

DeKalb

The Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team struggled to create much offense against a physical and athletic DeKalb defense during Tuesday's nonconference matchup.

Jackson Kees drilled four first-half triples for the Barbs, who held Rochelle to only three first-quarter field goals and held a 19-8 lead entering the second quarter. DeKalb's man-to-man defense overwhelmed the Hubs, who fell behind early and couldn't find any offensive rhythm in a 70-40 loss to the Barbs. Rochelle (9-18, 3-9 Interstate 8) faces Sandwich on the road Friday.

"The way DeKalb guarded us tonight reminded me of the way we used to guard here at Rochelle," head coach Tim Thompson said. "We would press hard and

we would make everything our opponents did difficult. Even when we struggled offensively, we could hang our hats on the defensive end. We haven't been that team this season, but I'm glad that we played a team like DeKalb because our younger kids see what it takes to play against a team like that."

Sophomore Carson Lewis swished two consecutive 3-pointers in the first quarter to give the Hubs early life. But the Barbs dominated the second quarter, where 6-foot-4 freshman forward Davon Grant became a matchup nightmare, using his physical frame and off-the-dribble attacks to finish layup after layup at the rim. Grant put home eight field goals between the second and third quarters, finishing with 18 points and helping DeKalb take a 39-19 halftime advantage.

The Barbs continued to penetrate the Rochelle defense in the third quarter, where 6-foot-3 forward Darrell Island converted three layups and guard Cooper Phelps hit the second of his two triples in the game. Despite 3-pointers from



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Carson Lewis dribbles around DeKalb's Jackson Kees during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Barbs on Tuesday. Lewis hit two first-quarter 3-pointers in a 70-40 loss.

junior Jack Lodico and sophomore Elijah Harley, Rochelle trailed 61-32 entering the fourth quarter, where Lodico made two layups in the final minute to finish with seven points.

GIRLS: Lady Hubs lose conference finale

From page 1

With the regular season now over, Rochelle will prepare for the regional tournament, where the Lady Hubs are the No. 5 seed in the semifinal round. Rochelle will face the No. 4 seed Kaneland, who the Lady Hubs faced twice during the Interstate 8 Conference schedule. The two teams split the home-and-home conference series, with

Rochelle falling 59-54 at home on Saturday, Dec. 3 before outlasting Kaneland 59-56 on the road Saturday, Jan. 14.

"I like our matchup against Kaneland," McQuade said. "There are teams on our schedule that we play well against for whatever reason and that's Kaneland for us. We're excited about the matchup and I think it'll be a fun atmosphere. We have to limit

our turnovers and I thought we were able to do that the last time we faced them. We made shots in key moments and had a big lead until we started turning the ball over at the end. If we can force turnovers, I like our shot."

LaSalle-Peru

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team concluded the Interstate 8 Conference slate on Tuesday, falling 42-30 against

LaSalle-Peru. Senior Torrin Nantz finished with 13 points and four rebounds while making three 3-pointers to lead the Lady Hubs (8-22, 6-8 Interstate 8).

Junior Alivia Henkel recorded 11 points, seven rebounds and five steals, while sophomore Kendyl Darby chipped in two points and four rebounds. Junior Sydney Tabor dished out four assists and added five steals for the Lady Hubs.



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