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Sester entering 12th year with RPD

‘It’s one of the few jobs where you can make a positive difference’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Police Department Sgt. Joe Sester is in his 12th year with the department and 14th as a police officer. He works night shift.

Sester shares the normal responsibilities of the other officers in regards to handling day-to-day activities of the department. As sergeant, he’s also in charge of communicating orders from the top and attempting to mediate department issues.

The RPD sergeant has a bachelor’s degree from Northern Illinois University. He’s served in many roles for the department including working as a field training officer, on truck enforcement and bicycle patrol, and as union assistant and pension board vice president.

“The initial draw to law enforcement was the excitement,” Sester said. “However, it is also one of the few jobs where you can also make a positive difference in somebody’s life on a day-to-day basis.”

When he’s not at work,



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)
Rochelle Police Department Sgt. Joe Sester is in his 12th year with the department and 14th as a police officer. He works night shift.

Sester enjoys spending time with his four kids and his girlfriend. He’s always been into sports and he golfs as much as he can.

Sester enjoys that each day as a police officer is “completely different” from the last and that the profession and people are constantly changing, which he says keeps the job from feeling repet-

itive.

When asked about a memorable experience he’s had on the job, Sester said he couldn’t pick just one.

“Sometimes situations are funny, sometimes they are exciting and even dangerous and sometimes they are sad,” Sester said. “I try to keep memories vague, in order to not

dwel on situations when I’m not at work.”

The RPD sergeant wants the community to know that he and his co-workers have Rochelle’s back.

“There are a lot of good people working for RPD and every one of them is doing the best they can to help the community thrive,” Sester said.



Board approves budget

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board approved its new 2023 budget and appropriations. The budget has a general fund total of over \$17.3 million. The 2022 amended budget general fund total was \$16.3 million.

The budget included a 2023-2027 long range capital expense plan. 2023 has plans for demolition and planning for the old Ogle County Jail site (\$700,000) and the Judicial Center Annex solar project (\$300,000). 2024 has plans for sheriff/maintenance building project (\$300,000) and county facilities capital projects (\$200,000).

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Local farmers wrap up 2022 harvest

‘We probably will have the best yields in the state in Northern Illinois’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OGLE COUNTY — Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said Thursday, Nov. 17 that soybean harvest is wrapped up and around 10 percent of corn remains in fields for the 2022 harvest in the county.

Kern said that despite recent snow flurries, the winter weather has not yet been enough to impact farmers substantially. The promise of temperatures in the 40s and dry weather during Thanksgiving week should help farmers to end the season. The colder weather helps to firm up ground for equipment to drive on, he said.

Most Ogle County farmers circle Thanksgiving Day on their calendars as a goal to have harvest finished by, Kern said. After crops are harvested, farmers attempt to service fields before next year.

“Some farmers will have a window to get anhydrous ammonia on,” Kern said. “Depending on the ground freezing, you’ll see fall tillage. We haven’t had much of that



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done so far. Getting fall tillage done helps get the soil uncompacted and helps get moisture in over the winter. Anything you can get done during the fall gets you ahead for the spring.”

Some farmers use

gas-powered dryers to bring moisture levels of harvested crops down. Kern said a late start in the spring caused moisture levels to be higher in harvest time. Farmers started to see November and winter weather coming

and dryers started running recently after many left crops in fields as long as they could to avoid using a lot of currently high-priced gas on dryers.

Kern said yields on corn and beans in Ogle County have been “excellent.”

“I think farmers are very happy,” Kern said. “With what I know about the rest of the state, we probably will have the best yields in the state in Northern Illinois.”

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LOCAL NEWS



Troy and Mary Beth Papke were all smiles during the 2022 Veterans Day celebration at Rochelle Township High School.

Papke celebrates Veterans Day as student parent

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — Mary Beth Papke has been a gracious and popular participant in Veterans Day programs at Rochelle Township High School and Rochelle Middle School throughout the school years of her four children: Bryce, Dylan, Gwen and Troy.

Mary Beth, CDR, NC, USN, served in the US Navy from 1985 until she retired in 2021. She served in Desert Shield/Storm in 1991 on the Comfort Naval Hospital Ship in the Persian Gulf and deployed for OEF/OND 2011-2011 to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

Veterans Day 2022 marks Mary Beth's last

Veterans Day Breakfast with one of her children enrolled in Rochelle schools. Troy graduates in 2023.

Throughout her career, Mary Beth only missed one Veterans Day observation with her kids due to her deployment.

After Mary Beth retired from the Navy with 26 years of service, she conquered breast cancer.

Special thanks to St. Paul Lutheran School in Rochelle for providing a wonderful education for our children. Dakota & Elijah have excelled as students & are now successful adults (Mom & Dad are so proud & love you both so much). We are thankful for this school every day, but especially during this Thanksgiving season.

**Happy Thanksgiving from
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100 Women Who Care of Ogle County donates to Pegasus Special Riders

OGLE COUNTY — At their October meeting, the members of 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County voted to donate \$5,300 to Pegasus Special Riders to help with the rebuilding of their facility

which was a near total loss due to high winds this year. 100 Women Who Care donates money to four different charities per year. The members meet only four times, once in January, April, July and

October. To date they have donated \$29,000 to charities in Ogle County. For more information about 100 Women Who Care, contact Deanna Forrest at forrestdede5@gmail.com



(COURTESY PHOTO)

From left to right: Deanna Forrest, Donna Fellows, April Bold, Karen Urish, Maja Shoemaker and Sue Robbins.

Williams Fund draw down Dec. 9

ROCHELLE — The Daniel & Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts will host a draw down

event on Dec. 9 from 7-9 p.m. at Kennay Farms Distilling in Rochelle. During the event, your

purchased tickets will be drawn for a chance to win a prize. The last ticket drawn will win the \$1,000 grand prize. The second place prize is \$250. There's a one-in-eight chance of winning a prize.

The entry fee is a \$20 donation. To purchase tickets, contact Daniel at 815-501-0150. You do not have to be present to win.

All proceeds benefit the Daniel And Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts and bringing art installations to the Rochelle area.

To learn more about the fund, visit Rochellefoundation.org.

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Eagle's Nest Art Group Candlelight Walk Show scheduled for Nov. 26

OREGON — Eagle's Nest Art Group will host its annual Candlelight Walk show, on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Many different forms of art will be on display, including oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings; photography; alcohol ink; pen and ink; calligraphy; ceramics; prints and cards. All work is original and created by artists from Ogle, Winnebago and Lee Counties.

Also on exhibit will be the art created by the annual October/November painting class. The class is taught by Laurie Friemuth and assistant Karen Tucker.

The ENAG gallery is located on the second floor of Conover Square Mall, 201 N. 3rd St. in Oregon. A lift is available. There is no cost for the show. Parking is plentiful.

Information about ENAG classes, programs and membership will

be available during the show for those who are interested.

Artists will be on hand to greet you. Christmas treats will be served. Have some cookies and enjoy the art!

Everyone is invited to this holiday celebration of art and community. The shops of Oregon's Conover Square Mall will be all decked out for this festive event and ready to welcome you and your family.



Tilton students earn student of the month honors

Fifth grade students at Tilton Elementary School recently earned student of the month honors for October and November. Pictured not in order are:

October: Sean Hudzick, Samantha Garcia, Hazel Arreguin, Brendon Fulgencio, Sofia Rosales, Priscilla Lopez and Parker Harris. **Month of November:** Maddex Jackson, Hector Gonzalez, Ayelend Lopez, Perla Valenzuela, Allbrin Velu, Owen McLaughlin and Bryley Malone.

RUMC Thanksgiving service Nov. 20

ROCHELLE — An inter-denominational community Thanksgiving service will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. at Rochelle United

Methodist Church. Let us give thanks to God together! Everyone is welcome regardless of faith traditions or beliefs. Prayers appropriate for a

diverse congregation will be offered, and the offering taken will be divided between the Rochelle Food Pantry and the Rochelle Homeless Shelter.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

From left to right: Gadini O. Delisca, MD, XCEL Orthopedics; Janet Stewart, RCH marketing coordinator and Michelle LaPage, RCH marketing, foundation & organizational development manager

RCH recognized with Pinnacle Award

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital was recognized with a Pinnacle Award at the Illinois Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations (ISHMPR) Fall Conference held at Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino in East Peoria, Illinois on Oct. 13-14.

In conjunction with the Annual Conference, ISHMPR sponsors the Pinnacle Awards to recognize excellence and achievement in healthcare marketing and public relations.

RCH was recognized with an award of excellence in the video production category for the video, "The Story of Rylan and

Sonic the Hedgehog" with Dr. Gadini Delisca and patient, Rylan Sveta. Project team members included Michelle LaPage and Janet Stewart of RCH marketing and Pam Maher and Devin Manville of KMK Media Group in Rockford. You can search for Rochelle Community Hospital on YouTube to view the video.

There were a total of 63 entries submitted from 25 healthcare networks, hospitals and vendors. The entries, which spanned a total of 19 different categories, were judged based on their own merit in accordance with established criteria for project planning, implementation and

overall results. Marketing professionals from the New England Society of Healthcare Communications and the Carolinas Healthcare Public Relations & Marketing Society were judges for this year's awards.

ISHMPR membership is open to marketing, communications, and public relations professionals from hospitals statewide. The Annual Conference offers the opportunity for professional networking and educational presentations by nationally-recognized healthcare marketing professionals.

For more information about ISHMPR, visit www.ishmpr.org.

The 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

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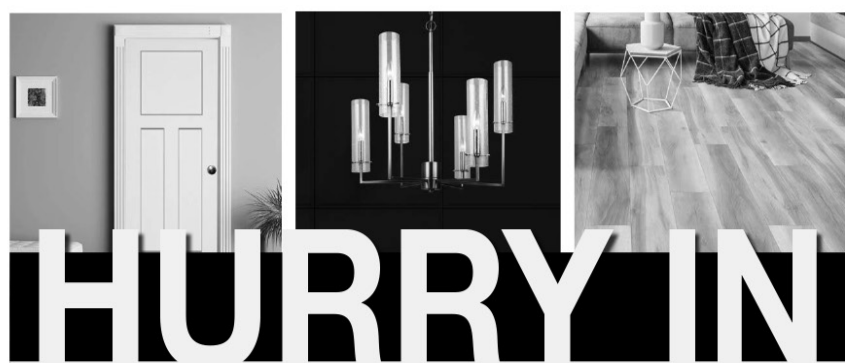
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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff's Report

Deputies dispatched for domestic disturbance

OREGON — On Nov. 16 at 6:48 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Kishwaukee Road for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Mical Lane, 45, of Byron, was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license. Lane was also cited for no operable registration light. Lane was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

On Nov. 16 at approximately 3:23 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 72 and Interstate 39. After an investigation, deputies arrested Brian Hill, 35, of Rockford for driving while license revoked. Hill's vehicle was

towed from the scene. Hill was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 17 at 8:31 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 300 block of West Balsam Street in Forreston for a report of a domestic disturbance. As a result of the subsequent investigation, Dylan J. Joens, 28, of Forreston, was arrested and charged with two counts of domestic battery. Joens was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Thanksgiving

As millions of motorists

hit the road to celebrate Thanksgiving, Illinois law enforcement will be working around the clock to make sure holiday travelers are buckled up and driving safely. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office is joining the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Police to remind motorists to "Click It or Ticket."

The goal of this high-visibility effort is to reduce motor vehicle crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities. Correct seat-belt use is the most effective way to protect vehicle occupants. According to IDOT, the statewide seat-belt usage rate is at 93 percent. "Wearing your seat belt is second nature for most," Sheriff Brian VanVickle said. "We're looking for the 7 percent of Illinois motorists who skip this lifesaving step."

Drivers and passengers can expect a ticket from sheriff's deputies if they are spotted without a seat belt. Stepped-up patrols will be seen throughout Ogle County and the state from Nov. 18-28. If you'll be celebrating with alcohol or other impairing substances, please remember: Plan for a sober ride home before you go out. If you've been drinking or using marijuana or other drugs, call a taxi, take mass transit or call a family member to get you home safely. Use your favorite ride-share service, such as Uber or Lyft, or use public transportation. If you see a drunk driver, pull over safely and call 911.

Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It is the best defense against an impaired driver.

Obituaries

Douglas Paul Lieving

ROCKFORD — Douglas Paul Lieving, 50, formerly of Rochelle, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 15 from a car accident in Rockford.

Doug was born on Jan. 24, 1972 to Paul and Kathryn (Herrmann) Lieving in Rochelle. Over the years, he was employed at Cedar Siding in Rochelle, Motorola, Woodward Governor and currently UPS in Rockford. Doug loved to be in nature and take walks in the woods with his girls. He enjoyed grilling and smoking food.

He was an avid collector of knives and

guns. During his free time, he enjoyed hanging out and just doing life with his lifelong friend, Dan.

Doug is survived by his three daughters: Alexandra, Adabelle and Avery of Rockford; his parents, Paul and Kathryn Lieving of De Witt, Iowa; two sisters: Sara (Jason) Osborne and Amy (Scott) Seebach both of Rochelle; two nieces: Lydia Osborne and Allison Seebach and nephew, Kyle Seebach.

The visitation will be from 3- 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held



at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 21 at the funeral home with Pastors Doug Forsberg and Todd Ackland officiating.

Burial will follow the service at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Memorials may be made to Doug's family.

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

Rochelle Police Report

Officers issue arrests

ROCHELLE — On Nov. 15 at 1:18 p.m. Deion Commack, 27, of Rochelle was arrested for an Ogle County warrant, obstructing a peace officer and resisting a peace officer and transferred.

On Nov. 15 at 5:01 p.m. Steven W. Blomberg, 29, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Nov. 15 at 11:21 p.m. David K. Cook, 53, of Rochelle was cited for

operating an uninsured vehicle. He was given a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

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The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will be stopping in Byron on Dec. 3 at 11:45 a.m. for a holiday performance. The Train will benefit People Helping People, which is the food pantry in Byron that serves six townships in Ogle County.

CP Holiday Train stopping in Byron

BYRON — The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train will be stopping in Byron on Dec. 3 at 11:45 a.m. for a holiday performance. The Train will benefit People Helping People, which is the food pantry in Byron that serves six townships in northern Ogle County.

This is a Saturday, so grab the kids, grandparents and make this a family holiday outing. Monetary and healthy canned goods are all needed to help them continue their service to those in need in the area.

The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train will return to the rails this season on its first cross-continent tour in three years, following virtual concerts in the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021. The train will again raise money, food and awareness for local food pantries in communi-

ties along the CP network.

"I'm grateful to the CP team members who adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic to deliver two exceptional virtual Holiday Train shows and to all those who continued to donate while we kept community members safe," said Keith Creel, CP's president and chief executive officer. "The Holiday Train is all about families and communities coming together to celebrate the season and help those in need. We are excited to be back out on the rails and in our communities, taking these two beautiful trains across our network and sharing the joy that comes with gathering in the spirit of giving."

Details about this year's artists and which performers will play which shows are available at cpr.ca/holidaytrain.

Holiday Train shows are free to attend. CP asks attendees to bring a cash or non-perishable food donation if they're able. Local food shelves will set up collection stations at each event, with all donations made staying with the local food pantry to help people in need in the community. Because local food pantries buy food at a discount, cash donations can go further than food donations to help those in need, but either are appreciated.

Since the Holiday Train program launched in 1999, the CP raised more than \$21 million and collected five million pounds of food for community food pantries across North America. Come out to see the train, enjoy the show and help the local food bank. People Helping People fill their pantry.

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LOCAL NEWS

HARVEST: Kern discusses current state of local farming

From page 1

After a late start in the spring and prices of inputs like fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia being “through the roof” and sometimes double and triple what they were the year before, Ogle County farmers were wondering whether or not the year would be profitable. Kern said crop prices rebounded well since and good yields should make most farmers profitable this year. Input prices still remain high for farmers.

“With the past year and high input prices and transportation issues, farmers I think are really going to be sharpening the pencil with booking

fuel, fertilizer, seed and everything,” Kern said. “It will be an interesting dance this winter.”

Ongoing drought issues with the Mississippi River could have a negative impact on area farmers. Grain is shipped to the river and barges are currently backed up due to the low water levels. In recent months, Kern called the river “a lifeline for agriculture” and said other farming inputs are moved up and down it.

“They’re still having a hard time getting barges up and down the Mississippi River,” Kern said. “Soon there will be ice on the river and that always slows down shipping. If the potential rail strike comes to

pass, that could be an issue for agriculture as well. Having ethanol plants locally can help. Transportation issues getting solved will be critical. We’re past the rainy season, so I don’t think there will be much help filling that river.”

The Ogle County Farm Bureau manager reflected on a year that saw a friendly mother nature, but unfriendly economic issues.

“What do we call normal anymore?” Kern said. “Nothing seems to be normal in the past few years. The war in Ukraine and COVID-19 have affected markets. I think it’s all just been a perfect storm the past two years. It’s all coming back to roost.”



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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Rochelle Area

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The Bridge Church, Pastor Greg Duncan, 11038 E. IL Route 38, Rochelle, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-7750. Sunday School: 9:00 am; Sunday Service: 10:00 am; Nursery & Children’s ministry during am service; Bible Study Tuesday 10:00 am and Wednesday 7:00pm. Web: thebridgechurchrochelle.com Email: thebridgechurchrochelle@gmail.com

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

Calvary Lutheran Church, LCMC - “To Know Christ and to Proclaim Christ in Word and Deed” -19 Perry Road, Lee, IL 60530 (the intersection of Perry Road and W. County Line Road). Rev. Martha Uecker Nelson, Pastor. Coffee Hour starts at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study are at 9:15 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. and is broadcast live on Facebook. Go to our website is at www.Calvarychurchlee.org and click on the link there. A Grief Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call or text (815) 824-2825 or email CalvaryLeeIL@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Also check us out at www.facebook.com/Calvary-Lutheran-Church.

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church of Rochelle, First Baptist Church of Rochelle invites you to experience our practical Bible services which have nurseries provided in every service along with a wide range of children’s and teen ministries. Sunday School is at 9:30 am with regular church services at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. Wednesday Family Night starts at 6:30 pm with AWANA for the 5 yr. olds thru 6th grade. The Omega Teen Ministry also starts at 6:30 pm for 7th – 12th grades and the Adult Bible Study at 7:00 pm. First Baptist Church is located 6 blocks west of Hwy 251 at the corner of Woolf Ct. and 8th Ave. in Rochelle. Call 562-4168 for more information. Listen at 11:00 am Sunday mornings on WRHL 1060 AM for the Sunday morning “Bible Message.” www.firstbaptistrochelle.org

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

First Presbyterian Church – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgrace.com. Sunday morning worship 9:00am & 11:00am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgrace.com / www.facebook.com/placeforgrace

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

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

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

Living Water Community Church 405 N. Main St, Downtown Rochelle. Phone 815-561-6249, Website: www.lwccr.com, Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor, Brent Braski- Administrative Pastor, Adrian Daugherty- Lead Worshipper, Joe Mortimer- Youth Director, Amanda Barnes- Office Manager. Sunday Worship Service- 10:00am. Nursery/Toddlers Ages 0-5 available during the service in the Splash building. Swim- Grades 1st-5th worship with the adults then break out for age appropriate teaching. Youth groups, Small groups, Life Groups and Workshops meet throughout the year for Bible teaching. 7C’s Mission- serves the community physically & spiritually each month from 1135 Lincoln Hwy, providing lightly used clothing, Hygiene items, a light lunch and Elder Prayer open the second Saturday from 10am-2pm and the 4th Thursday from 4pm to 7:00pm and by appointment..



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

Primitive Baptist Church, services 3’d Sunday each month, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn Express, 1240 N. Dement Road, Rochelle, Ill. Elder Robbie Webb, and other ministers preaching. Lunch and fellowship time between services. Contact Elder Rob Webb, 312-809-0871, or Elder Robert Webb, 217-357-3723, or email bwebb9@juno.com for more information. Services sponsored by the Carthage Primitive Baptist Church for convenience of members and friends in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Visitors are welcome.

Rochelle United Methodist Church, Rochelle United Methodist Church wishes everyone a happy and healthy fall! Everyone is welcome here! We believe that everyone is created in the image of God, and we are all forgiven and loved by God. We celebrate our differences as gifts from God for each other. Come be a part of an accepting fellowship with us! **Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley, Pastor.** 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. admin@rochelleumc.com. **Sunday worship is at 9:00 am** with Sunday School for children after the Children’s Message. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at www.rochelleumc.com. Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. **Our Facebook page is** www.facebook.com/rochelleumc. Bible study is on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, studying Acts – and in October it is preceded by a Soup Supper at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Beginning October 30 and through November 27, worship will focus on “A Place at the Table,” and we will celebrate communion with an open table each week of the series. Everyone is welcome and everyone is loved!

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

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

LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Consider this: Climate change

FIRST, I would like to congratulate all our Rochelle Township High School Hubs football teams for the efforts they put into this season's games. I am so proud of them and for the varsity team making it to the quarterfinals. From what I've seen this year, we have many more years of victory ahead.

It appears that there may have been a big hint during our recent election that climate change means a whole lot to many young people in this country. As well it should. As the climate changes, and in my mind deteriorates, we have a silent ultimatum to do something about it. Though

we have taken some steps to see improvements be implemented, we have a long way to go.

I have heard from many people that the changes to the climate we have seen are normal. It may surprise you to hear that I think this is correct. So, let's try to imagine what normal is. If you feel that our planet is as special as many do, you may also feel our Earth will try and correct anything that is abnormally occurring. When it is occurring on a massive or accelerated basis, then dramatic changes in weather may occur. It is normal then, that the Earth tries to correct itself.

So, we should ask ourselves, are these more-de-

structive weather occurrences due to massive or accelerated events? If they are, what do we consider these events? Is the removal of life-giving trees one of them? Trees remove up about 30 percent of the carbons produced by industrial manufacturing. As the number of trees decline, carbons in the atmosphere rise. Though this is a small number, why would we want to keep cutting forests without somehow replacing them, a long-term correction, or adding another type of absorption process? This, of course, is a human factor, along with

increasing outputs of carbon from manufacturing.

Do we feel that our overuse of water qualifies for one of these major events? When we overuse water, there can be many effects that follow. A big one is the reduction of peatlands. These are one of the largest of carbon absorption methods and outweigh the forests in carbon reduction. As we use more and more water, the surface water becomes reduced and the ability of peatlands to survive is diminished. Don't let the difference between ground and surface water confuse



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you. Both are required in everyday use.

In the same way, the use of water for crops reduces the amounts of water we have left for other uses. Some crops like almonds are highly water-intensive. Some manufacturing methods are water-intensive in the same ways. At least with farming, new crops are being developed to allow for plant growth using less water and thereby allowing survival even in drought conditions. The use of water is another human condition.

Climate change was once referred to as global warming. Many said that the weather wasn't feeling warmer where they were, and many said it seemed

colder, not warmer. Well, it wasn't called positional warming, always global. But climate change is a much clearer term so we should use and stick to that.

We should also remember that climate change is a normal thing. The Earth doing what it can to repair itself. Of course, the more we ignore the causes for these repairs, the more repairs Earth is going to make. It can't help itself. It must survive, even if it means we might not. We may have done more than we should have already.

Let's hope that this isn't true. Let's also hope that our children can correct these problems we have given them.

Democracy is dying

DEMOCRACY is dying in this nation and it's being killed by entrenched interests in both political parties.

I can't say it any more bluntly than that.

There are some things that I found encouraging in the recent midterm election: Trump Republicans in hotly-contested congressional races took a shellacking. If I were to point to a singular character that epitomizes the rot within our political system it would be The Donald.

He's made unsubstantiated allegations of election fraud, shown contempt for the peaceful transition of power and inspired an insurrection.

And he has fellow Republicans quivering in their wingtips, fearful that he can torpedo their political careers.

Regular readers of this column know that I'm conservative on economic issues and moderate to lib-

eral on most other matters. And when I vote I almost always split my ticket between both parties.

When I first entered journalism, the conventional wisdom was for reporters to hide their political leanings. Readers aren't so naïve as to believe journalists don't have their own political convictions. I've embraced transparency. That said, I strive to be fair in all my news stories.

Sometimes, I'm delighted by a particular race.

For example, I really enjoyed covering the contest for the 13th Congressional District between Nikki Budzinski and Regan Deering. Both women are bright, articulate and have entered the realm of public affairs for the right reasons. After interviewing each of them, I found myself genuinely liking both.

They had distinct philosophies, giving voters a clear choice. That's the way democracy is supposed to work. Unfortunately, in this

nation it seldom does.

In fact, in any given election less than 10 percent of races for the U.S. House are in play. In the other 90 percent, the candidate is either uncontested or facing only nominal opposition.

For example, I live in the 15th Congressional District. MAGA-loving Mary Miller will be my representative in Washington. She had only nominal opposition from a Quincy Democrat, who no one believed could win.

For state senator, I'll be represented by Steve McClure. He's a good guy but he ran unopposed. In the old Soviet Union, they had elections where all of the candidates were unopposed. That wasn't and isn't democracy.

My current state Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, also is a good guy who ran unopposed. But within a week of being reelected

he announced that he was resigning to become a lobbyist for the Illinois Railroad Association.

So why run for a job that you're going to quit?

Well, being a popular incumbent, his presence on the ballot dissuaded any Democrat from seeking the office. And now that he is leaving office, the Republican Party bosses – rather than the voters – get to pick his replacement.

It's business as usual in Springfield. Both parties do it, but democracy is about having voters decide, not political insiders.

The reason so few congressional and legislative districts are competitive is because instead of voters choosing their politicians, politicians are choosing their voters.

Almost every state – Illinois included – is so effectively gerrymandered that for the vast majority



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of races the outcome is preordained.

But it gets worse; we now have a situation where politicians are not only picking their voters – but their opponents.

We saw that this year in the governor's race. Gov. J.B. Pritzker spent \$30 million in the Republican primary to ensure that their nominee – his opponent – was the weakest in the field.

Republican Darren Bailey represents the far right of the party. He's a Trump acolyte far out-of-step with most Illinois voters. Once the GOP nominated Bailey, Pritzker spent \$110 million of his personal fortune to defeat him.

It is worth noting that despite Pritzker essentially picking his opponent, having the advantage of incumbency and outspending him 11 to 1, he captured only 54 percent of the vote.

A win is a win. But with those advantages, one would expect a better performance.

Upon winning the election, our governor had this to say:

"To the fake patriots and their enablers: You don't love the United States if you're not willing to defend it against a man who would destroy it. Donald Trump is the modern embodiment of tyranny that our founders feared the most. So don't lecture us about norms or typical political practices. Against a party that nominates and endorses antisemites and racists and anti-immigrant zealots, appeasement and complacency do not work."

While I don't entirely disagree with the statement, it wasn't one for Pritzker to make.

After all, he spent \$30 million to ensure a MAGA-loving, "fake patriot" was the Republican nominee. It doesn't get any more cynical than that.

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VOICE ON THE STREET

Question: What's the longest trip you've ever made in a car and where was the destination?

<p><i>"Rochelle to Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico."</i></p> <p>Ramon Samano</p>	<p><i>"Parrault Falls in Canada. 15 hours."</i></p> <p>Julie Reineck</p>	<p><i>"1,686 miles...Eastern Virginia to Boulder, Colorado. Three days, three kids, three cats a car and a U-Haul truck."</i></p> <p>Sarah Chandler Scheffler</p>	<p><i>"From Rochelle to North Augusta, South Carolina. 945 miles, 14 hours."</i></p> <p>Tyler Isham</p>
<p><i>"From Scottsdale, Arizona to Cornelius, North Carolina in a car by myself. 2,040 miles – never again."</i></p> <p>Lois Gittleson</p>	<p><i>"From Miami, Florida to Rochelle."</i></p> <p>Katie Paulsen</p>	<p><i>"Rochelle to San Diego, California. 2,000+ miles, 28 hours."</i></p> <p>Kevin Infante</p>	<p><i>"Phoenix, Arizona."</i></p> <p>Julie Wood Fox</p>

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COMMUNITY



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will conduct multiple Wreaths Across America ceremonies to honor local veterans during the weekend before Christmas.

Wreaths Across America schedules ceremonies

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will conduct multiple Wreaths Across America ceremonies to honor local veterans during the weekend before Christmas. Wreaths Across America is a national program for communities to honor deceased local veterans by sponsoring and placing wreaths at their graves.

DAR will return to Daysville Cemetery, burial site of Revolutionary War soldier Daniel Day, St. Patrick's

Cemetery in Rochelle, as well as continuing grave specific requests at Trinity and Lawnridge; which are also in Rochelle. The chapter is excited to add Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston to this year's sponsorships.

The public's assistance is requested to honor as many veterans as possible. Wreaths can be sponsored for \$15 each online by visiting www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/IL0136P or scanning the QR code in the photo to select the cemetery of their choice.

To sponsor wreaths by check, please contact Lydia Roberts at VIS.DAR.Rochelle@gmail.com or Laurie Perry at regent.dar.rochelle@gmail.com. Order forms are also available at the VFW and St. Patrick's Catholic Church office. Please note that the sponsorship deadline is Nov. 29. Specialty wreath options are available at the website.

Volunteer participants are invited to attend the ceremonies and place wreaths to fulfill the objectives to

remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve and teach our children the importance of freedom.

Wreaths Across America ceremonies are scheduled as follows: Saturday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.: Woodlawn Cemetery, Creston. Saturday, Dec. 17, 1 p.m.: Daysville Cemetery, Oregon. Sunday, Dec. 18, 1 p.m.: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rochelle, with abbreviated ceremony and wreath placement to follow at Lawnridge and Trinity Cemeteries.

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

Nov. 22 – (Tuesday) – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Nov. 24 – (Thursday) – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Nov. 29 – (Tuesday) – Chicken Wraps with Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Ranch

Dec. 4 – (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage Gravy and Biscuits,

Oatmeal, Meat Skilllets over Diced Potatoes

KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries

**All menus are subject to change. If you would like to check before coming out, please call us at 815-561-9074

www.KitchenTableRochelle.org

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 20

Tony Fry

Nov. 22

Tim Dougherty

Nov. 23

Seth House
Kevin & Katie Sherburne
(anniversary)

Carolyn Bieck

Nov. 24

Brenda Jones

Nov. 27

Makayla Ludwig

Nov. 29

Sam South

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



Coffee Break

MAGIC MAZE

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

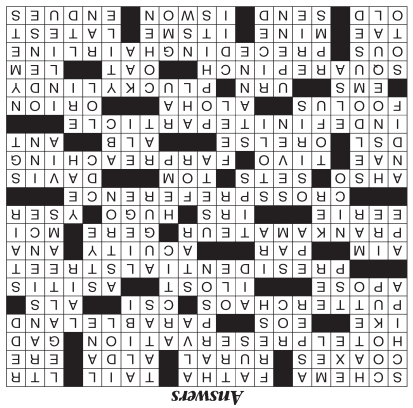
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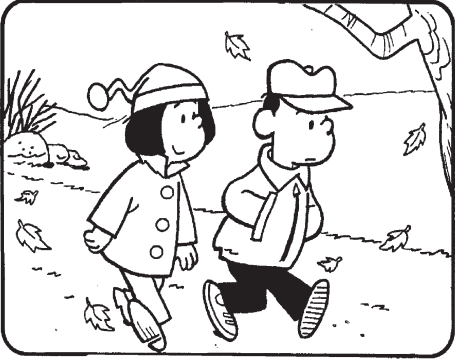
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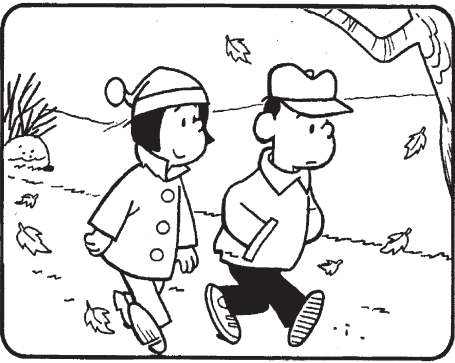


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rocks are missing. 2. Tassel is shorter. 3. Hair is different. 4. Pocket is moved. 5. Zipper is missing. 6. Leg is moved.

Super Crossword

EASY-PEASY

ACROSS

- 1 Conceptual framework
7 Nickname of jazz pianist Earl Hines
12 Cat feature
16 Mailbox item: Abbr.
19 Cajoles
20 Backcountry
21 Actor Alan
22 Before
23 Saving a Hilton from being demolished?
26 Rove (about)
27 Eisenhower, informally
28 Dawn deity
29 Country that's the setting of a story told by Jesus?
31 Confusion when a golfer can't find the club for the green?
36 2000-15 CBS show
37 Two racing Uners (do some modeling)
38 Strike — (do some modeling)
39 Admission of defeat
41 "The way things now stand ..."

- 44 Road named for a head of state?
50 Intent
53 Golf average
54 Mental sharpness
55 Santa — winds
56 One who's bad at playing practical jokes?
62 Richard of "The Jackal"
63 Former AT&T rival
64 Creepy
65 Tax audit org.
66 Hunchback creator Victor
67 Belgian river
68 Favorite crucifix style?
74 "I see!"
77 Match units
78 Cruise of "Top Gun"
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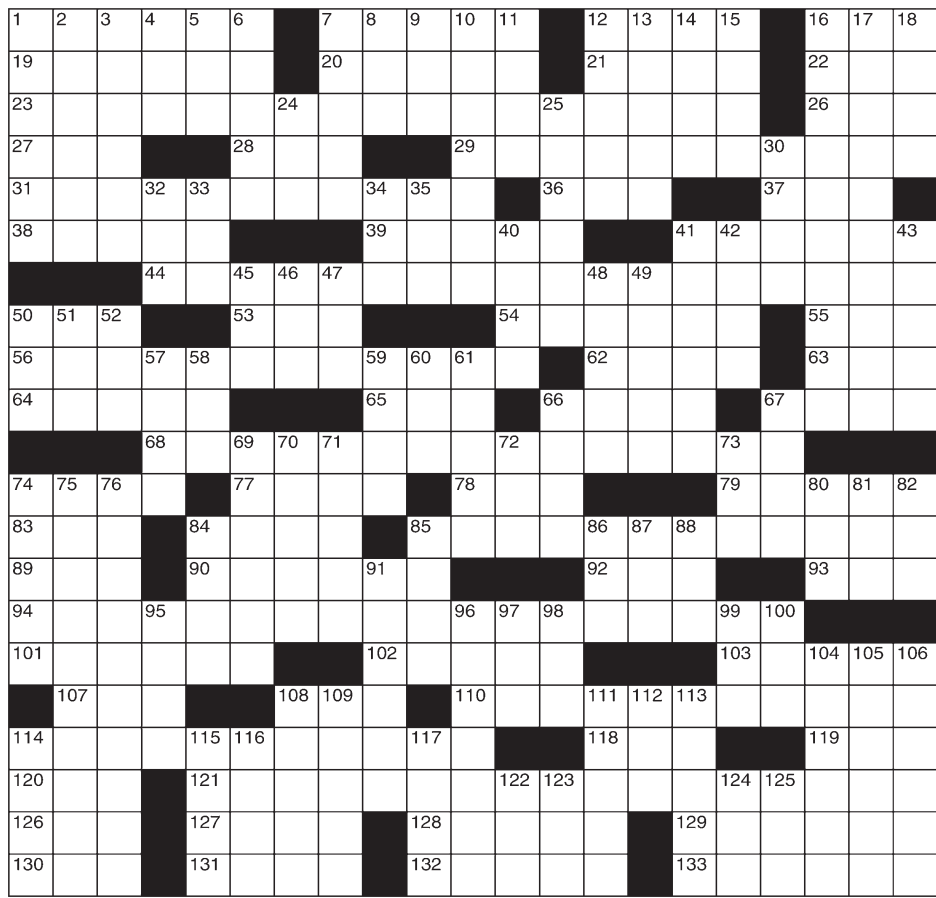
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LOCAL NEWS

COUNTY: Board approves ARPA funding for projects

From page 1

2024 also plans for contingencies including lighting, HVAC, IT support and renewable energy/solar (\$500,000).

The total for the five-year capital expense plan is \$4.23 million.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, the board heard concerns from Ogle County Board of Health Chairwoman Carol Hoekstra about funding for her board's allotments.

The allotment for the board of health as listed in 2023 is \$56,000. In 2022 that number was \$80,000 and in 2021 it was \$83,000. It is currently looking to hire a new administrator for the Ogle County Health Department due to the planned departure of current Administrator Kyle Auman.

"As a health board, we won't be able to function with the stipend decrease of \$24,000," Hoekstra said. "We're having a hard time currently. We're losing our administrator. We've been going through interviews and have seen trouble finding qualified administrators. At this time, it makes it impossible to attract someone for the job with problems with the budget already. Please reconsider what you have there."

Hoekstra said she believes the health department should be kept in the county and it's handled a difficult few years due to COVID-19 on top of handling its regular duties.

ARPA

The board unanimous-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Board Chairman John Finfrock recognized four members of the board that will be departing including Dorothy Bowers, Greg Sparrow, Bruce McKinney and Lloyd Droege. Tuesday's meeting was the last for Bowers, Sparrow, McKinney and Droege.

ly approved funding for three projects with American Rescue Plan Act funds in the county that total \$88,090.

The first involves cameras for the downtown campus and in parks in Mt. Morris for \$25,590. In recent years, the village has seen an increase in crimes including burglary, criminal damage and defacement in those areas.

The Village of Stillman Valley was given \$12,500 in matching funds for a stormwater project. The village recently had a drainage study done and purchased two properties

to facilitate the addition of green space to the drainage that runs through the entire village. There will be construction of a dry drainage ditch to slow the path of water through town.

The Rochelle Fire Department and Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District were awarded \$50,000 for a multi-disciplinary training facility project to serve local and regional public safety personnel. The project's needs include a concrete pad and training structure.

The board also approved ARPA funding for

its own human resources department for \$350,000 over three years.

Recognition

Board Chairman John Finfrock recognized four members of the board that will be departing including Dorothy Bowers, Greg Sparrow, Bruce McKinney and Lloyd Droege.

Tuesday's meeting was the last for Bowers, Sparrow, McKinney and Droege. Bowers served on the board for 18 years, mostly as chairwoman of the HEW committee. Sparrow served for 10

years, mostly as chairman of the finance committee. Droege was on the board for four years and served on the committees of road and bridge, personnel and salary and state's attorney. McKinney was on the board for 10 years and on the committees of assessments and planning, road and bridge and personnel and salary.

"These four people have been on the board for a long time," Finfrock said. "We're going to miss every one of them."

Election

Ogle County Clerk

Laura Cook thanked her staff for their work during the recent midterm election.

"It was a tough one this time, even though it was just a midterm," Cook said. "There was a lot of voter turnout. We had 60 percent, which is great. I also want to thank the township supervisors and all the election judges and volunteers that helped out. Without their assistance, we couldn't do it."

The board also voted unanimously to raise the compensation for election judges from \$100 to \$150 going forward.

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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

How consumers can help small businesses

Small businesses continue to be the backbone of the North American business community. According to the career resource Zippia, there are 33.2 million small businesses in the United States. Those organizations employ around 62 million people. The financial wellness company Fortnly says that small businesses account for nearly half of all private sector jobs in Canada. In fact, small employer businesses made up 98.1 percent of all businesses in Canada in 2021.

Despite the prevalence of small businesses and the abundance of people willing to become entrepreneurs, 20 percent of

these firms fail within the first year, and only 55 percent survive five years or more, says Zippia. The COVID-19 pandemic was particularly harsh on small businesses. However, many of them survived through digitization that they plan to continue to utilize even when the pandemic is long gone.

Maintaining a small business through economic highs and lows and other issues often comes down to customer involvement. Consumers are the driving forces behind the success of small businesses. Here are some effective ways for consumers to help small businesses grow.

Shop local. The "Shop Local" movement has

been around for awhile but remains as relevant as ever. Shopping local means becoming repeat patrons at the independent businesses that comprise Main Street as opposed to the chain stores that dominate strip malls.

Share on social. Social media can be a great way to spread the word about businesses you like and point out particular examples why you shop there. Utilizing social media platforms to highlight the positive attributes of a business can help that business grow.

Call direct for take-out orders. Those ubiquitous third-party food delivery services may be convenient, but businesses have



to share the profit from your purchase with the delivery service, cutting into their bottom lines. Pick up your order or rely on the restaurants' own delivery teams.

Engage with the business online. Complicated algorithms and other factors determine how a business' website or social media page gets seen by the public. You can help things along by liking

pages, visiting the website frequently and sharing any posts.

Speak about a business in person. When out and about, whether you're dining with friends or chatting with a stranger, try to push and recommend businesses you support. If someone compliments your lawn, shoes or haircut, mention the businesses that did the work or sold you the products.

Suggest opportunities for exposure. If you know about a school or organization looking for vendors, make the suggestion to a small business you use frequently. They may get new customers from participating in the event.

Small businesses are driving forces in the economy. Consumers can do their part to keep them thriving and profitable. businesses grow.



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SPORTS



FINDING HER STROKE

RTHS student-athlete Bryn Kissack swam at the IHSA Byron Sectional on Nov. 5.

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RTHS Girls Basketball

Back on the hardwood

Lady Hubs fall 46-21 against Eastland in Forreston Tournament opener

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

FORRESTON — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team had a difficult time finding scoring opportunities during Thursday’s Forreston Tournament opener against Eastland.

Looking to bounce back from a tough road loss at Guilford on Wednesday, Rochelle leaned on its defense early, but the Lady Hubs struggled on the offensive end, falling to the Cougars 46-21. Juniors Alivia Henkel and Kennedy Adamski each scored four points for Rochelle (0-2, 0-0 Interstate 8) in the loss, while senior Francesca Williams added three fourth-quarter points.

“We had a hard time putting the ball in the basket,” head coach Ryan McQuade said. “We need someone to take control of this basketball team and we haven’t seen that so far. I thought we played with effort during the second half, but the first half was where we lost the game.”

Eastland looked to establish its post players early in the game, but tough inside-out defense from the Lady Hubs helped shield

the Cougars from finding opportunities around the rim. Henkel and sophomore Abby Metzger each made field goals for the Lady Hubs in the first quarter, where Rochelle held the Cougars to a 10-6 lead before Eastland began pulling away in the second quarter, using quick ball movement to create open shots around the perimeter.

“I thought we were active defensively in the first quarter in terms of our hands and our rotations,” McQuade said. “We were slower with our rotations in the second quarter and those are things that we’ll review on film and we’ll look to fix when we come back and play our next game.”

Senior Torrin Nantz swished Rochelle’s first and only 3-pointer of the game late in the second quarter, while junior Megan Seebach entered off the bench and made a layup under the basket for the Lady Hubs, who trailed 26-9 at halftime. The Cougars surged ahead in the third quarter, forcing turnovers with their half-court defense and using their superior size down low to score several baskets around the rim.

See GIRLS page 4



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Alivia Henkel (right) dribbles down the floor during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team’s Forreston Thanksgiving Tournament game against Eastland on Thursday evening.

RTHS Boys Bowling

Rochelle takes two games from LaSalle-Peru

Cavaliers edge Hubs 3,223-3,089 in home opener at T-Byrds on Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Consistent scoring across all three games allowed the Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team to earn two single-game victories and score four conference points during Wednesday’s Interstate 8 home match against the LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers at T-Byrd Lanes.

Rochelle eclipsed the 1,000-pin threshold in all three games on Wednesday, finishing strong but falling just short in a 3,223-3,089 series loss to the Cavaliers. Sophomore Logan Frye led Rochelle with a 648 series score, while junior Jonathan Alanis followed with a 606 series score. The Hubs (1-3, 0-2 Interstate 8) will battle Kaneland on the road Monday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m.

“I’m really happy with how we’ve started the season,” head coach Jim Lyles said. “A couple of our kids are bowling really well and I’m excited to see how the remainder of the year goes.”

LaSalle-Peru started the match with an explosive effort in the first game, defeating Rochelle 1,179-1,004 behind 258 from Ethan Picco and 228 from

Peyton Baker. Freshman Andrew Powell led the Hubs with a 196 in the first game, while Frye and Alanis rolled 189 and 182.

“Andrew has been a pleasant surprise and we’ve excited that he’s a member of our program,” Lyles said. “Andrew has an immense amount of upside. He wants to learn and he takes advice really well and runs with that advice. I think he has a big future with our program.”

Rochelle fought back to take the second game 1,011-998. Frye sparked the rally with a series-best 233 in the second game, while Alanis remained steady with a 181. Picco totaled a 229 and finished with a team-high and match-best 664 series score for LaSalle-Peru.

“Logan went out and took some lessons during the summer,” Lyles said. “He’s a totally different bowler than he was last season. He’s been really consistent and really confident for us.”

Despite falling short in the final series count, the Hubs claimed the third game 1,074-1,046 to finish with four conference points scored.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Logan Frye (left) and junior Jonathan Alanis (right) each step onto the approach during the Rochelle Hub varsity bowling match against LaSalle-Peru on Wednesday.



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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Rochelle sophomore Bryn Kissack competed in the IHSA Girls Swimming & Diving Sectional at Byron High School on Saturday, Nov. 5. Kissack, who has spina bifida, completed three events in the athletes with disabilities division.

Kissack races at IHSA Byron Swimming & Diving Sectional

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

BYRON — Rochelle Township High School student-athlete Bryn Kissack has been swimming since she was 18 months old. The freedom she feels while in the water is one of the many things she enjoys most about the sport, which she has competed in as a member of the Rochelle Rays with the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District for the last several years.

"I've always had a thing for the water," Kissack said. "I can move around more freely in the water and I feel like a free bird. I enjoy being in the water and doing what I can to be a better swimmer. It's fun to have the ability to get out of my chair, get in the water, be free and have fun."

On Saturday, Nov. 5, Kissack represented RTHS at an IHSA-sanctioned swim meet for the first time, racing at the IHSA Girls Swimming & Diving Sectional at Byron High School. The Lady Hub sophomore, who was diagnosed with spina bifida when she was young, completed three individual events in the athletes with disabilities division including the 50-yard freestyle (1:43.33), the 100-yard freestyle (3:44.38) and the 100-yard breaststroke (5:23.14).

"It was a great experience and it felt great

to represent RTHS," Kissack said. "I had a blast and it was so much fun. It wasn't an environment I hadn't experienced before and my main goal was to have a lot of fun. I thought I did my best and it was nice that I was the only one in each of my events because I was racing against time and time was my worst enemy during the meet."

Kissack qualified in all three events for the IHSA State Championship meet at Hinsdale Central, but did not attend the state meet this year. Despite her absence, Kissack said she intends to continue swimming throughout her high school years, both with the Rochelle Rays and as a student-athlete at RTHS. Kissack, who said the freestyle and the breaststroke are her two favorite events to participate in, said her goals for the future include medaling at a state meet.

"I want to try and earn a medal because I know I can do it," Kissack said. "I know I'm strong enough to physically move my body and reach the finish line with a really good time."

Kissack is one of three student-athletes at RTHS who have swam in the athletes with disabilities division over the last several years. Former Lady Hub student-athletes Aubrey Headon and Alli Cole each competed at the IHSA State Championship three times in their respective careers.

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Hubs turn potential into productive nine-win season

Rochelle reaches IHSA Playoffs for third time in five years under Kissack

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ROCHELLE — An even distribution of sophomore, junior and senior players led to the Rochelle Hub varsity football team’s first nine-win season since 2004 and the program’s first berth in the IHSA Playoff Quarterfinals since 2017. With starters on both sides of the ball eligible to return next season, head coach Kyle Kissack will be looking to turn that potential into production.

Rochelle finished with a 9-3 overall record while placing second in the Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Blue Division with a 4-1 conference record. The Hubs reached the playoffs for the second consecutive season and have now clinched postseason berths in three of the last five seasons since Kissack took over as head coach. Rochelle averaged 36.1 points per game and leaned on its traditional wing-T rushing attack, which averaged exactly 358 yards per game on the ground.

“This group was special because we had almost an equal amount of contributions from the senior, junior and sophomore classes,” Kissack said. “It was a really unique team and the kids bonded really well during the summertime. They fought for each other throughout the season.”

Seniors Garrett Gensler and Trey Taftate eclipsed 1,000 yards on the ground, with Gensler rushing for 1,727 yards and 29 touchdowns while Taft ran for 1,099 yards and 12 touchdowns. Sophomore Erich Metzger and senior Cody Cullum combined for 1,103 yards and 11 touchdowns from the fullback position. Taft led the Hubs with 200 receiving yards and three touchdowns, while senior



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity football team finished 9-3 this season, reaching the IHSA Playoffs for the third time in five years. Rochelle has clinched a berth in the postseason over each of the last two seasons.

David Gerber followed with 176 receiving yards and two touchdowns. Senior Hayden Inman threw for 419 yards and five touchdowns from the quarterback position.

“We continued to build on what we’ve installed over the last few seasons,” Kissack said. “We had multiple three-year starters on offense and we had a lot of different things available to us. Having two backs exceed 1,000 yards is a big deal and what’s really important is that, with the brand of football we play, our backs need to block when they aren’t carrying the ball. I’m really proud of how

unselfish this group was and they really embodied the standard of the program.”

Junior Brock Metzger led the defense with 70 tackles and five tackles for loss. Garrett Gensler added 47 tackles, while sophomore Grant Gensler recorded 37 tackles and finished with a team-leading four interceptions. Sophomore Kaiden Morris compiled 36 tackles as well as a team-high three sacks and two fumble recoveries to lead Rochelle on the defensive line.

Senior Landon DeLille totaled 27 tackles including a team-high six tackles for loss. Junior Tommy

Tourdot and sophomore Xavier Villalobos each recorded 30 tackles, with Villalobos securing three interceptions during Rochelle’s first-round overtime playoff win against Dixon.

Metzger compiled 32 tackles and senior Aidan Rodriguez added 28 tackles with an interception.

“I saw a lot of growth on the defensive side of the ball throughout the season,” Kissack said. “We dealt with some injuries and we faced some tough offenses, but we were able to be creative and we continued to grow. Our kids absorbed a lot of information on a week-

to-week basis and they adjusted really well. They really embraced how we wanted to play defense. We rotated a lot of young players up front and those kids earned a lot of valuable experience.”

The Hubs will lose seven senior starters on offense including linemen Jaden Cook, Bradley Cooney, John Green and Aidan Darby as well as Inman, Gensler and Taft in the backfield. Rochelle will lose two senior cornerbacks (Rodriguez and Gerber) as well as three senior linebackers (Gensler, Taft and Cullum) and three senior linemen (Cooney, DeLille and Raul Aguirre)

on defense. DeLille and Inman handled kicking and punting duties, respectively.

“It’s important that our kids remain humble,” Kissack said. “We miss opportunities to get better when we start feeling good about ourselves. One of our consistent messages to the kids is that potential doesn’t really mean a lot. It’s more about what the kids can produce with that potential. We talk about making decisions on a day-to-day basis that help make our team the best it can be. I’m looking forward to getting back together and seeing what we can accomplish in 2023.”

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GIRLS: Lady Hubs fall against Guilford

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Eastland led Rochelle 41-15 after three quarters on Thursday.

"There are some things that we can't control on a night-to-night basis, but we have to start looking to run our offense as opposed to playing so much one-on-one basketball," McQuade said. "We have a lot of things we need to work on, but I know we're capable of playing better."

Rochelle sank three close-range jumpers in the third quarter including

two from Adamski and one from Henkel. Metzger and Williams each split a pair of free throws in the fourth quarter, where senior Bailey Jackson scored on a layup in the final seconds of the game.

Guilford

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team tipped off its season at Guilford on Wednesday, falling 67-29. Junior Sydney Tabor totaled six points and two steals, while junior Alivia Henkel had five points and five rebounds.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Kendyl Darby attempts a free throw during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball game against Eastland on Thursday.



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Senior Evin Odle (left) rolls his ball and freshman Andrew Powell (right) looks for his mark during the Rochelle Hub varsity bowling match against LaSalle-Peru on Wednesday.

HUBS: Rochelle concedes loss at Sterling

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Three Rochelle bowlers exceeded the 200-pin mark in the third game including Alanis (243), Frye (226) and Powell (222), who ended the evening with a 579 series score. Baker fired a 220 to finish with a 584 series score for the Cavaliers.

"We worked with Jon on some of his mechanics earlier this week," Lyles said. "He has a new ball as well and new balls always seem

to strike more. Jon threw the ball really well today and it's been a long time since we last had two bowlers shoot 600-plus series scores in a meet."

Sterling

The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team closed out the first week of the regular season on Thursday, falling 3,238-3,082 in a nonconference road match against Sterling.

Sophomore Logan Frye

led the Hubs with a 584 series score, while junior Sam Tracey added a 576 series in the match. Sterling cruised to a 1,152-950 win in the first game, with Tristan Oelrichs firing a 226 to lead the Golden Warriors and Frye rolling a 189 for the Hubs.

Sterling edged the Hubs 1,088-1,078 in the second game. Tracey scored a series-best 227 for the Hubs, while junior Jonathan Alanis followed with a 190

and senior Evin Odle rolled a 179. Mikah Hernandez totaled a 234 and Brenden Stanley added a 224 for the Golden Warriors, who lost the third game to the Hubs 1,054-998 behind Frye's series-high 242 and Tracey's 196.

Hernandez finished with a match-high 608 series for Sterling. Freshman Andrew Powell recorded a 532 series score and Alanis landed two pins behind with a 530 series for Rochelle.

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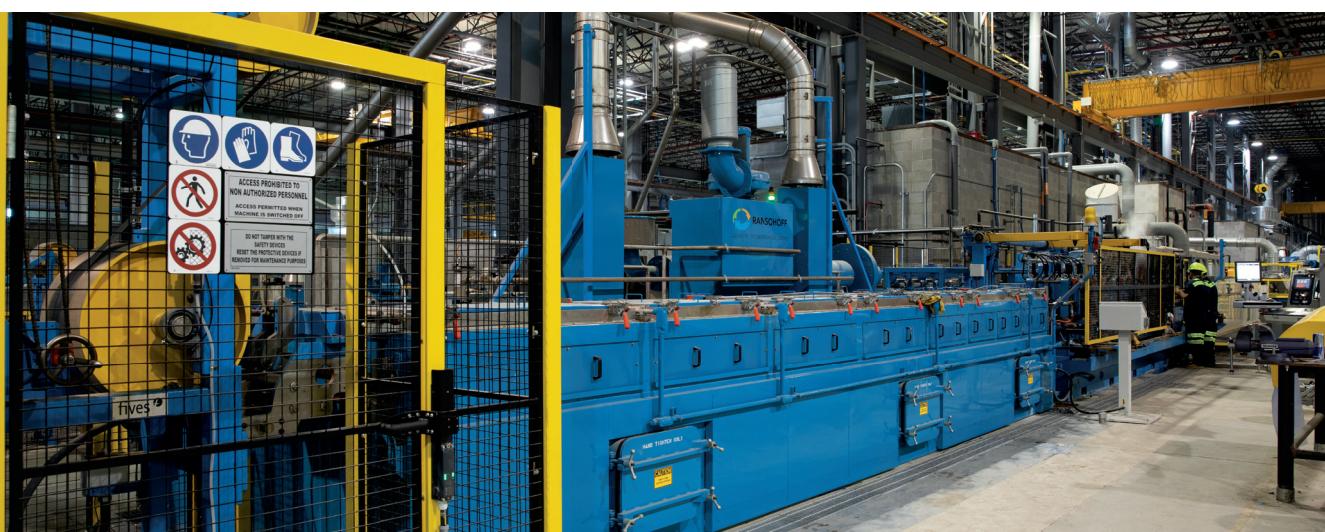
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