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## Veterans Day ceremony held

‘We must ensure that everyone feels the benefits of freedom’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Friday, a Veterans Day ceremony was held at the war memorial at Lawnridge Cemetery. Speakers included Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows, VFW Post 3878 Commander Joe Drought and American Legion Post 403 Senior Vice Commander Chuck Roberts.

Bearrows started the ceremony by asking for a moment of silence for attendees to reflect on veterans in their own lives that they’ve lost. The mayor’s speech touched on the history of Veterans Day and how it’s grown in the country.

“Today, we honor all veterans who unselfishly laid their lives on the line for our freedom,” Bearrows said. “Those men and women were just ordinary people until they heard the call of duty, and they answered. They left their families, homes and lives. Not for the recognition or fame or the honor we bestow upon them today. They fought to protect America and to maintain and preserve our way of



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life.”

Bearrows challenged those in attendance and the community to honor veterans and remember their sacrifices. He wants even those that aren’t in the military to take up the “defense of freedom.”

“The defense of freedom is not just for those in the military,” Bearrows said. “Each of us share that duty and responsibility. If

we want to preserve freedoms, we must act. Vote in our elections and make your voice heard. Stand up for what you do and don’t believe in. We must ensure that everyone feels the benefit of freedom. We do that by volunteering within our communities. We need to share with our young people the true meaning of freedom and teach our children what it truly means to

be an American. Putting a flag in a yard does not make an American. You have to live by what that flag stands for.”

Drought said that Veterans Day is a day of “deep significance and opportunity” for the VFW organization that works to serve those who have served.

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## AFCES holds Veterans Day assembly

School teacher Bay: ‘We are trying to teach patriotism to our kids’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — On Friday, AFC Elementary School in Franklin Grove hosted its annual Veterans Day assembly.

The assembly included a program that featured 50 student speakers from grades third through sixth, posting of the colors by a local boy scout troop, many patriotic songs sung by students, a special flag recipe, the recognition of veterans in attendance and the playing of Taps.

A slideshow with pictures of veteran relatives of students was featured and the event was live streamed to the community on Facebook.

Students in fourth through sixth grade participated in a contest to have their artwork featured as the assembly’s program cover. Fifth grade winners were Archie Horner, Siarah Merritt, Tessa Ellis and Liam Halfacre. Sixth grade winners were Angel White and Samantha James.

Members of the Lee County Honor Flight Committee made a presentation



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on their cause of sending area veterans to Washington DC free of charge. AFCES is in the process of raising money for the committee to help with a future flight and will be

taking donations through Nov. 30. If you’d like to send in a donation, you can drop it off, send it with your child or mail it to AFCES at 217 S. Elm St., Franklin Grove, IL 61031.

AFCES has already raised \$439.08 for a donation this year and has donated over \$8,000 since 2018. An honor flight previously cost \$80,000 to send one flight of veterans and the

cost has risen to \$125,000. Help and support is needed, AFCES’s Debbie Bay, who runs the school’s Veterans Day program, said.

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# LOCAL NEWS



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## City presents facade grant check to Hub City Car Wash

### Five self-service wash bays currently operational at new location in Rochelle

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the property's purchase by Kwik Trip and the end of his lease. He also owns the Hub City Car Wash on the northside of town.

The recently-renovated car wash features all new equipment and five self-service wash bays. Hoffman said the location plans to open fully in the

coming weeks.

"It's going to be all-new technology down here," Hoffman said. "It's completely different from the north site. That site has all water tanks because the pressure is weaker up there. Down here, the pressure is better."

City Community De-

velopment Director Michelle Pease called the renovated car wash "an awesome investment" in Rochelle's southern corridor.

Hoffman said if all goes well, there's a chance the largest bay at the new car wash could be converted to an automatic wash in

two or three years.

"This place will have a lot of upgraded technology," Hoffman said. "Everything will be a lot faster with higher pressure. I always reinvest my money back into the wash, because I go to car shows every year and I want to keep updating."



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

## Rochelle Chamber hosting Holiday Hunt on Nov. 26

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Chamber of Commerce is once again participating in Small Business Saturday by hosting the Holiday Hunt On Nov. 26 throughout member businesses in the community.

Participants can stop by any of the participating businesses to pick up their Holiday Hunt card. They can shop or dine at the businesses while hunting for the hidden word in each location.

Once they have found the holiday word for 15 of the 20 businesses, they can turn in their completed card at their last stop. The member businesses each will have specials, sales and promotions for the shoppers that day.

That information will also be listed on the cards. The chamber will collect all cards on Monday following the hunt and draw a first, second and third place winner.

Each winner receives

prize packages including cash, gift cards and Community Cash donated by local banks and businesses.

"The Rochelle chamber's first priority is always to promote shopping local and we want to have an event that does that while having fun," Chamber Executive Director Tricia Herrera said. "Last year we heard from so many residents that got caught up in the thrill of the hunt and loved sup-

porting local merchants and restaurants in the process."

The list of businesses participating this year can be found on the chamber's website and Facebook page.

"Rochelle is so supportive of small business and we know this holiday season will be no exception," Herrera said. "Make sure to mark your calendars and kick off the holiday season shopping in our community."



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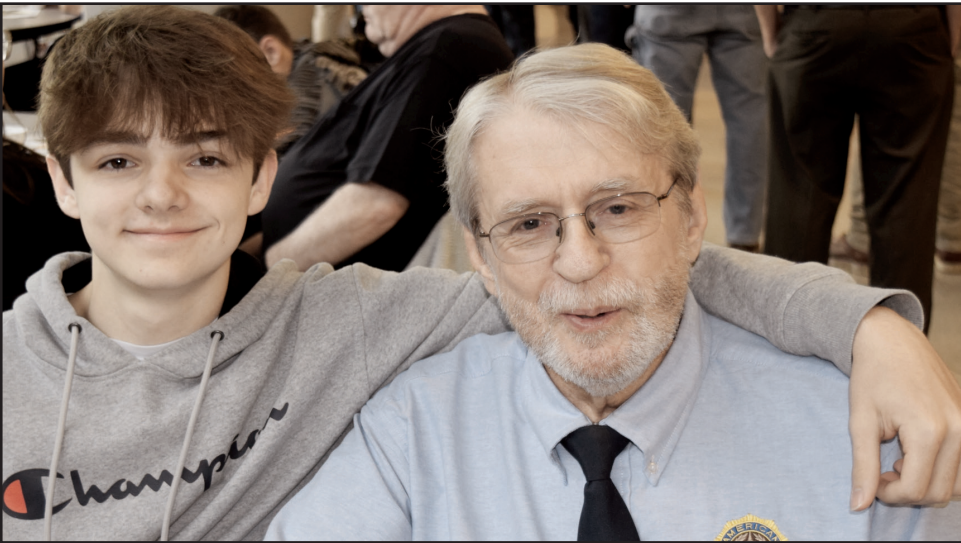
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**The Dog Hub**  
Lavonne Strom



# LOCAL NEWS



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## Rochelle Township High School holds Veterans Day events Friday

Area veterans attended Rochelle Township High School's Veterans Day breakfast on Friday as guests of students. Larry Flanagan has been attending Veterans Breakfasts since the first one in 2006. Friday, he was the guest of his grandson, Landon Anthenat. Ian Book (RTHS 2016) earned a civil engineering degree at Purdue University as a member of the Army ROTC. Last week he graduated and is now an Apache Pilot. He and his new wife will be stationed in Hawaii. His father, Shawn Curtis, is an Army vet. Jett Formenti's grandpa, John Gruben, is American Legion Commander and spoke at the assembly. Meredith Bruns' guest was VFW Commander Joe Drought who also spoke at the assembly. The day began with a breakfast for local veterans that featured speakers. A Veterans Day assembly was held later in the day. For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, the RTHS band and choirs provided live performances of the Armed Forces Service Medley, the National Anthem (choir with a solo by Giselle Montoya) and Taps performed by Evin Odle and Tom Koziol.

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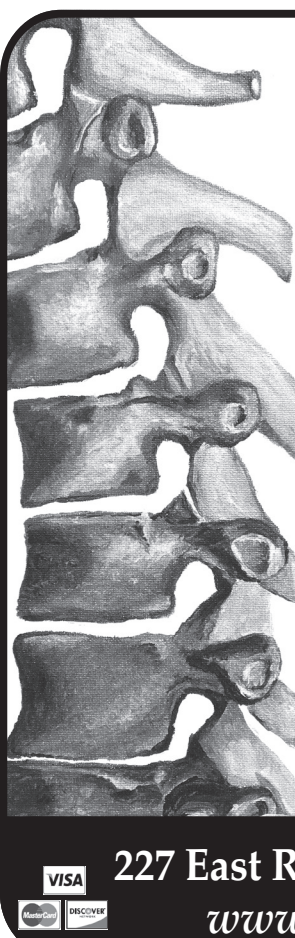
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

## Wenda Suter Camacho

**CHANA** — Wenda Suter Camacho, 63, passed away Oct. 28 at Serenity Home in Oregon. She was born Sept. 12, 1959 to Wayne and Rudella (Benson) Suter. She was proud to be a Chana Tiger.

Wenda was a graduate of Oregon High School class of 1977. She was married to Dana Camacho on Sept. 29, 1999. She had a love of animals especially dogs and pandas. She attended Chana United Methodist Church. She was most proud to be the mother of Quinton.

She is survived by her husband Dana, son Quinton, stepchildren



Luke and Kristen, parents Wayne and Rudy Suter of Chana, brother Randy Suter of Oregon and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was planned on Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Chana United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been set up for her son Quinton and may be directed to the family.

## Ogle County Sheriff's Report

## Deputies dispatched for suspicious vehicle

**OREGON** — On Nov. 11 at approximately 10:49 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 8,000 block of North Perryville Road for the report of a suspicious vehicle. After further investigation, deputies arrested James Charles, 59, of Rockford, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Charles was also issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to report an accident, improper lane usage and expired registration. Charles was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 11 at approximately 2:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Meridian Road. After investigation deputies placed Malik Tiger, 26, of Chicago, under arrest for driving while license suspended and an active Rockford PD warrant for a criminal damage

to property charge. Tiger was additionally issued citations for improper lane usage, speeding, failure to signal and operating an uninsured vehicle. Tiger was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 12 at approximately 8:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 38. After investigation, deputies arrested Juan Alvarado Jr., 33, of Rochelle, for possession of a controlled substance (crack/cocaine) and no valid driver's license. Alvarado was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal window tint. Alvarado was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 13 at approximately 1:07 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. After

investigation, deputies arrested Jeremy Brack, 32, of Rochelle, for driving while license revoked and an active Boone County warrant. Brack was also issued citations for suspended registration and an equipment violation. Brack was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 13 at 5:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of West Washington Street in Oregon. As a result, Charles V. Alba, 36, of Forreston was arrested for driving while license suspended. Alba was additionally issued a citation for operate vehicle with suspended registration. Alba was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Nov. 13 at 10:31 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 12,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. As a result, Adam J. Stephen, 43, of

Elk Grove Village, Illinois was arrested for driving while license suspended and an Ogle County warrant. Additionally, Stephen was issued citations for operate vehicle with suspended registration and operate an uninsured motor vehicle. Stephen was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Nov. 14 at 7:43 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Ranger Road and South Dement Road. After a brief investigation, Douglas Lawson of Harriman, Tennessee, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Lawson was also issued citations for failure to use turn signal and use of electronic communication device. Lawson was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## Rochelle Police Report

## Officers make several arrests

**ROCHELLE** — On Nov. 11 at 10:25 p.m. Armando Guzman, 35, of Hanover Park was arrested for driving under the influence and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. He was released on an I-Bond with a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

On Nov. 12 at 4:17 p.m. Curtis F. Anderson,

75, of Rock Island was arrested for driving under the influence and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He was released on an I-Bond with a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

On Nov. 12 at 5:10 p.m. Gary Williams, 79, of Rochelle was cited for failure to yield turning left. He signed a promise

to comply and was given a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

On Nov. 14 at 3:20 p.m. Jamie L. Fletcher, 44, of Rochelle was cited for failure to yield turning left. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

On Nov. 14 at 4:51

p.m. Adam R. Espitia, 41, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with suspended registration and transferred.

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## Ogle County state's attorney among 62 suing to block SAFE-T Act

**OREGON** — On Nov. 7, the bi-partisan group of 62 state's attorneys, including Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock, who have sued to overturn the

Safe-T Act released the following joint statement:

"As the chief legal officers of our respective counties we swore to protect and defend the rule of law. Therefore, we are compelled to inform the people of the State of Illinois, that the SAFE-T Act is unconstitutional and a serious threat to public safety, specifically, to victims of and witnesses to violent crimes in our communities. This is not political. We are Democrats and Republicans. Whatever the result of the various elections decided tomorrow, our fundamental legal concerns with the SAFE-T Act remain.

The SAFE-T Act violates the constitutional requirement that all bills 'shall be confined to a single subject,' but the SAFE-T Act quite obviously covers several unrelated subjects

across its 764 pages.

A court's ability to require a monetary bail is specifically stated in the Constitution. Yet the SAFE-T Act unconstitutionally eliminated that power without a constitutional amendment.

This elimination of the core judicial power to set bail to protect victims and ensure compliance with judicial orders, along with severe restrictions in a court's discretion to issue warrants when defendants fail to appear in court, also violates the separation of powers.

The SAFE-T Act is unconstitutionally vague, since its terms cannot be reasonably understood by those mandated to follow them and are internally contradictory in many places.

On these bases and others, we are requesting the

court to declare the law null and void. The litigation is now consolidated in Kankakee County in case number 2022 CH 16. A briefing schedule is set and oral arguments are scheduled to be heard by the Hon. Thomas W. Cunningham on Dec. 7. Based upon the court order we anticipate a ruling on Dec. 15, 2022.

There has been much confusion and vitriol surrounding the passage and haphazard attempts to implement the SAFE-T Act over the past year and a half. We are hopeful that now, calmer heads will prevail, the rule of law will be respected, and the judiciary in its wisdom will once again make it clear that the constitution's mandates must be followed and the general assembly may not simply ignore them whenever it pleases."

## Quinonez accepted into Palmer College of Chiropractic

**DAVENPORT, Iowa** — Gyvanziel Quinonez of Kings has been accepted

for enrollment for the fall 2022 trimester in the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, California and Port Orange, Florida.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## CITY: Council approves power purchase agreement

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The proposed 2022 levy includes funding the police and fire pension funds as recommended by the police and fire pension boards' actuarial studies.

### Power

The council unanimously approved an ordinance waiving competitive bidding for a power purchase agreement.

The city and Rochelle Municipal Utilities identified a power need for next month and the early months of 2023. Due to current "long-term pricing uncertainties," a short-term contract was recommended and the city's marketing firm will secure bids for it and after Monday's approval City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh will be able to act quickly to secure the power purchase. The total cost of the power purchase is expected to be \$898,250.

"We're trying to hedge ourselves against the market," Fiegenschuh said. "Any time we use more than 45 megawatts we're out in the market. If you don't have a price guarantee, then we're paying whatever the market price is. The prices have gone down, so we want to be able to strike."

### Speed limit

The council unanimously approved an ordinance allowing it to change the speed limit on Sunnymede Drive from 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour.

The street is narrower and has parking on both sides and some drivers have used it as a "cut through route" between Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 38. City staff have received "several" safety concerns from Sunnymede Drive residents due to speeding and distracted motorists.

### Steward Road

The board unanimously approved an ordinance that will prohibit parking on Steward Road between Illinois Route 251 and South Main Street and increase the fine from \$10 to \$250 for vehicles that park there that weigh over 8,000 pounds.

City officials said Monday that there have been issues with semi trucks parking on the street in the area near the Love's Travel Stop and that there have been "several safety concerns" received due to the issue and trucks parking there has caused visibility issues for traffic in the area.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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### Vehicle

The council unanimously approved a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2023 Ford F-150 truck for the RMU electric department at a monthly rate of \$982.12. The truck will be delivered mid-2023 with a lease term of 60 months. The city has been using

the fleet lease program to reduce upfront investment, repair costs and down time.

### Incentives

The council unanimously approved amendments to its energy efficiency program for RMU customers. Under the program, customers can make improvements to their homes or apartments to reduce

energy or water usage and lower peak demand for the utility and receive incentives in the form of a credit on their RMU bills. The Monday amendments expanded the program.

### Trees

The council approved an amendment to its tree and shrub ordinance to apply to all community

trees and it will now meet Tree City USA standards. The city will now qualify for a Tree City USA designation which would make it eligible for benefits. The approval Monday expanded the tree ordinance to include a purpose, definitions, designate authority over public trees and set a standard for the planting and maintenance of trees.



### Patriot Tree on display at RTHS

The Rochelle Chapter DAR Patriot tree is on display this week at Rochelle Township High School for Veterans Day. It honors veterans and patriots who supported the cause of the American Revolution, and reminds us of our nation's 250th birthday coming up on July 4, 2026. Pictured are Anna Toczykowski and Alivia Henkel.

## Building permits available online

ROCHELLE – The City of Rochelle is excited to announce that building permits are now available online from application to payment. To submit a permit application, visit [cityofrochelle.net/permit](http://cityofrochelle.net/permit) and register

for an account. Once registered, our staff will approve the registration. Residents, business owners and contractors can then submit a permit application and payment online.

"Providing excellent

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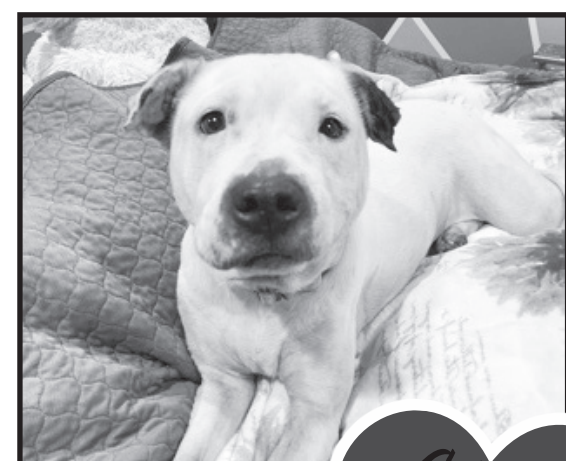
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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## A monumental milestone for the area

WELL, it looks like we are close to those cold days of winter in Northern Illinois, with a lot of activity in the “Hub City.” This last week was a very exciting week with a long-awaited groundbreaking on the new transload/intermodal yard on Steward Road. Three and a half years ago, when I was first elected mayor, we received word that Global III was going to go “idle,” which I now know was a polite way of saying that they were shutting down.

That closure had devastating effects on many business owners, not only locally, but in the Northern Illinois region. When I was asked by the media at that time, “What will the impact be regarding

the closure of Global III?” – My response was, “This will be a huge impact on not only our local industries that depend on container shipping, but regionally in the Northern Illinois area. I further stated that we would do everything in our power to get another intermodal facility open in Rochelle.”

Well, as I said, that was three and a half years ago, and to see this project come to fruition today, makes me very proud to say the least, as this project represents a public/private partnership that is truly in the best interest of the Northern Illinois region. This is truly a monumental milestone for this area relative to the shipping business. That happened, because of many dedicated peo-

ple. First, of all, it took dedication, persistence and creativity on the part of our City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh, the city building department, the city engineer & their staff, as well as the staff within our economic development division, Jason Anderson & Peggy Friday. It also took the cooperation and leadership efforts from the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Organization, known as GREDCO. Another important partner that helped move the project forward is the Burlington Junction Railway, who operates the City of Rochelle railroad. As the pieces of the project started coming

together, it was Rochelle City Attorney Dominick Lanzito and GREDCO Attorney Gary Gehlbach who worked together cooperatively, to bring the agreements together to ensure operational success.



John Bearrows

This project ultimately came together due to the support and vision of our city council as a whole. I would like to publicly thank Council Members Rosie Arteaga, Kate Shaw Dick-e-y, Dan McDermott, John Gruben, Tom McDermott and Bil Hayes. There have been many projects proposed and implemented over the past few years for the betterment of our community. These very

projects would not have proceeded without a positive and forward-thinking city council, like the one we have today.

Last Veterans Day, we were able to have two celebrations. The first at Rochelle Township High School for the veterans breakfast, followed by the official Veterans Day ceremony at the war memorial at Lawnridge Cemetery.

Many thanks go out to all the veterans. To make all this come together, it took the work of many, including RTHS Superintendent Jason Harper and his staff, The local American Legion, VFW Post 3878 and Roberts Armory for helping put these events together in honor of our veterans that have given so much for

our freedom.

Finally, remember to mark your calendars for Dec. 2 for the official start of the Christmas holiday with the lighted Christmas parade, specials in many of our downtown businesses, lighting of the tree by Santa, and the Rochelle Gratitude Award presentation. There will be much to do for all. Until the next time, may I say I hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving holiday, and take time to enjoy family, friends and reflect on so much that we all can be thankful for.

Remember: “All you need is the plan, the road map and the courage to press on to your destination.”

*John Bearrows is the mayor of the City of Rochelle.*

## Preparing for winter and farm bill priorities

JUST about have everything at the ranch buttoned up for winter. Seems like each year that passes there’s more to do; that or I’m just getting slower in my old age. I’m betting the latter applies.

Still a week or two left for a fall campfire and some hot drinks. I know one thing the stars seem to be more plentiful and shine brighter this time of year. Sure makes for a relaxing evening.

### Farm bill

A new federal farm bill will be written in 2023. Here are the priorities established by Farm Bureau in writing the Farm Bill.

Protecting current farm bill program spending.

Maintain a unified farm bill which keeps nutrition programs and farm programs together.

Any changes to current farm legislation must be an amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 or the Agricultural Act of 1949.

Prioritize risk management tools and funding for both federal crop insurance and commodity programs.

Ensure adequate USDA staffing capacity and technical assistance.

Title II: We support:

The continuation of a

counter-cyclical program like the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program and a revenue program like the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program, including using Risk Management Agency (RMA) data as the primary source to determine a more accurate county yield as long as RMA data at the farm level data is protected from FOIA. If ARCCounty is continued, we support changes to make the program more effective and fair to all farmers. If existing programs continue, the opportunity for farmers to re-elect and/or re-enroll annually.

Basing Title 1 payments on historic, rather than planted, acres;

A reference price increase for all Title 1 commodities.

Unassigned, former generic base acres being redistributed to update crop base on the same farm.

Increased commodity loan rates.

Restoring ARC/PLC payment base on the 20 percent of seed cotton base acres that were designated as unassigned and unpaid in the 2018 farm bill; and keeping provisions that Loan Deficiency Payments and Marketing Loan Gains

do not count against per person payment limits.

Title II: We support:

Maintaining funding for federal conservation programs which maintain environmental benefits;

Working lands conservation programs over retirement lands programs; and streamlining the NRCS conservation practice approval process.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): Capping acreage enrollment to keep land in production;

Capping rental rates to a percentage of average county rental rates;

Making common sense updates to emergency haying and grazing rules, especially adjustments to the turn-in dates surrounding the “primary nesting season,” bale removal, etc.;

Encouraging prime farmland to come back into production, but retain the program for marginal acres, land that is highly erodible or non-productive;

Adjusting the 25 percent limitation. Extend the 25 percent limitation to a per farm basis, not just county wide;

Prioritizing water quality and soil health benefits

of CRP over wildlife protection and manage requirements of the program accordingly (such as mowing and maintenance, species mixes, and implementation of buffer/filter strips); and limiting the size of pollinator tracts with an emphasis on smaller parcels and capping pollinator rates.

Maintaining the current prioritization of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding being targeted to livestock producers;

Maintaining an air quality program that assists producers with air quality compliance; and

Allowing for flexibility in addressing local and regional resource challenges, including groundwater sustainability and drought relief, resilience, and preparedness. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) We support funding for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) with greater accessibility to farmers. Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

Increasing Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) funding; and increasing

the ceiling on the eligible federal share for ACEP conservation easement to 80 percent of the easement value.

Title XI: We support:

A robust crop insurance program, with no reductions in premium cost share. We oppose means testing, income limits, or add in’s, such as required production practices, that might limit the availability or adversely impact risk pools;

Expansion of insured commodities including specialty crops. Given limitations of process in adding new commodities, examine ways in which to encourage swifter adoption of policies; and

Develop and maintain adequate risk management tools for livestock producers including contract growers. We support increased funding for the Foreign Market Development (FMD) program and Market Assistance Program (MAP).

Streamlining loan programs and ensuring loan amounts keep pace with farm-level expenses; and

Minimizing application requirements for young and beginning farmer guarantee programs so they are more aligned with agricultural lenders.

A consistent, long-

term, market-oriented farm policy that is transparent and efficient prioritizing projects with the greatest economic potential for rural communities.

Programs should focus on the following: Efforts to encourage processing and marketing opportunities for direct-to-market producers. Infrastructure, workforce development and local processing capacity need to be expanded as this market demand has increased exponentially;

Broadband programs prioritizing resources for rural communities most in need of connectivity; and increased access and incentives to provide safe and adequate childcare in rural communities. impact of producer losses due to foreign imports, resulting in an upside-down market.

There’s plenty on the line for agriculture in the next farm bill and with many long-time legislators retiring this one could be crucial to agriculture sustainability.

“Drink and be thankful to the host! What seems insignificant when you have it, is important when you need it.” -Franz Grillparzer

*Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.*

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# COMMUNITY



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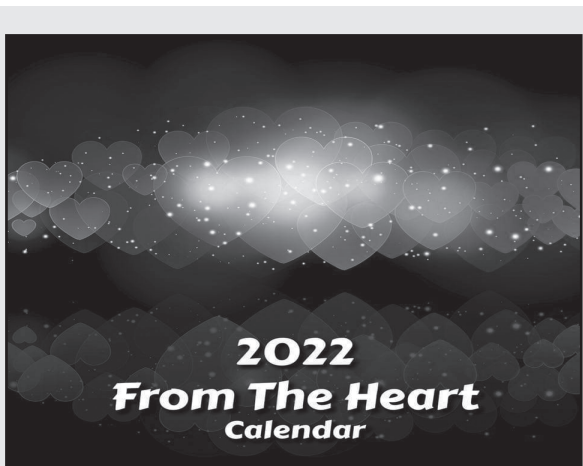
### THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

Nov. 17 – (Thursday) – Thanksgiving Dinner - Pork Roast or Ham, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Stuffing, Corn, Roasted Cauliflower and Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Pea Salad  
Nov. 18 – (Friday) – NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER DUE TO THANKSGIVING  
Nov. 22 – (Tuesday) – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING  
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Nov. 29 – (Tuesday) – Chicken Wraps with Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Ranch  
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<b>Nov. 18</b> Ethan Huff Jenna Jackson		
<b>Nov. 20</b> Tony Fry		

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- Oct. 24 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Oct. 25 - Juan Martinez, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 26 - Janelle Stein, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 27 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
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# LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Joe Drought (left) said that Veterans Day is a day of “deep significance and opportunity” for the VFW organization that works to serve those who have served. Chuck Roberts (right) hopes people in the community will talk to veterans and gain a better understanding of what they did in their time serving the country. At the end of the speeches, the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard (below) performed the closing ceremony with a salute.

## VETS: Ceremony held Friday at Lawnridge Cemetery

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Along with being a day of appreciation, Drought believes the holiday should also act as a day of reflection.

“It’s a day to think about the awesome responsibility that is ours and what it takes to maintain this land of the free and home of the brave,” Drought said. “Across the nation patriotic Americans are gathering at events like this one and are remembering the countless sacrifices of our veterans. Veterans Day is a day for every American to contemplate the price of our liberty.

Happy Veterans Day to all of America’s veterans and sincere and heartfelt thank you.”

Roberts, who also runs the Roberts Armory World War II Museum, spoke about the diverse duties

of service members both in and out of combat. Approximately seven soldiers are in the background doing other work for every soldier that is in combat.

Roberts hopes people in the community will talk to veterans and gain a better understanding of what they did in their time serving the country.

“It will be an interesting experience and I think you will always remember it,” Roberts said. “Veterans, please share your story with others. Let people know what you’ve done so you can see the many faces of military service and appreciate the personal service of their neighbors. To all veterans, thank you for your service.”

At the end of the speeches, the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard performed the closing ceremony with a salute.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

To conclude the Veterans Day program at Ashton-Franklin Center Elementary School, kindergartners presented each veteran in attendance with a gift. Students and staff made drawings, cards, letters and more for veterans.

## AFC: Elementary school students celebrate Veterans Day

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“We’re looking for more World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War-era veterans to go on the flight,” Lee County

Honor Flight Committee Chairman Tom Bushman said. “We’ve expanded to surrounding counties to try to get all the veterans to go. We’re taking applications for guardians to

accompany the veterans.

To conclude the program, kindergartners presented each veteran in

attendance with a gift. Students and staff made drawings, cards, letters and more for veterans.

“We hope you understand we are trying to teach patriotism to our kids,” Bay said. “We love

all of you and all of the service you have given to us. We are indebted to you.”

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# SPORTS



## HARDWOOD SCRIMMAGE

The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub basketball teams took the court Friday.  
  
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### RTHS Football

# Hubs fall to St. Francis

Rochelle’s season concludes with 35-16 quarterfinal loss against Spartans

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Hub varsity football team executed its first offensive series to perfection during Saturday’s IHSA 4A Quarterfinal matchup against Wheaton St. Francis.

Using 13 consecutive runs to move the ball 80 yards and bleed nearly 10 minutes off the first-quarter clock, Rochelle took the early lead and scored the first touchdown of the postseason allowed by the Spartan defense. Sophomore Erich Metzger cashed in the opening drive, rushing for a 1-yard score on fourth down before senior Garrett Gensler ran outside for the 2-point conversion to help give the Hubs an 8-0 advantage over the state-ranked Spartans.

Moving the ball proved difficult for the remainder of the game, however, as the No. 3 seed St. Francis held the No. 7 seed Rochelle to a 3-for-7 conversion rate on fourth down and ultimately eliminated the Hubs 35-16 on a cold and snowy afternoon at Rochelle Township High School. Rochelle finished

the season 9-3 overall and 4-1 in the Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Blue.

“The first half of the game went exactly how we drew it up in the meeting room,” head coach Kyle Kissack said. “We made a mistake late in the third quarter and we fell behind schedule. It became really tough after that and we’re not built to come back from those kinds of mistakes against a team like that. We did a really nice job in the first half and the kids believed in our game plan. That first drive was exactly what we were looking for as we started the game.”

St. Francis needed just one play to find the end-zone, with running back Amari Head breaking loose down the Spartan sideline for a 61-yard touchdown rush. Rochelle maintained an 8-6 lead after forcing an incomplete pass on the 2-point conversion attempt, but a fourth-down stop by the St. Francis defense on the next Hub series led to an 11-yard touchdown from running back Brady Piper, who led the Spartan offense with 78 yards and three scores on the ground.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Landon DeLille tackles Wheaton St. Francis running back Amari Head during the Rochelle Hub varsity football team’s IHSA 4A Playoff Quarterfinal game against the Spartans on Saturday.

### RTHS Girls Bowling

# Lady Hubs back at T-Byrds as new season begins

## Vincent, Adams headline returning varsity players for Rochelle this winter

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team will return most of its core starters from last season. Head coach Eric Widick will be learning on that experience as the purple and white move toward their first match of the season against Ottawa on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The Lady Hubs returned to T-Byrd Lanes on Monday for their first practice of the season. Rochelle will be looking to build on a 7-10 record as well as a 4-6 record in the Interstate 8 Conference from last season. After finishing fourth in the conference last season, Widick said a goal for the Lady Hubs during the 2022-23 campaign will be to earn a top-3 placement.

“I’ve been looking forward to starting the season and we have a good core group of girls we’re starting with,” Widick said. “I’d like to see the girls move from fourth to third in the conference and I’d like to see them improve by at least 15 pins before the end of the season. Our girls have a strong work ethic

and I think they’re going to do a great job. I think we have a few girls who are capable of advancing out of the regional and possibly qualifying for the state meet.”

Sophomore Cassidy Vincent returns to the varsity team after earning All-Conference First Team honors and advancing to the IHSA Sectional Series last season. Juniors Anahi Alanis and Faith Adams are also back for the Lady Hubs, who currently have six bowlers on the roster this winter. Rochelle’s first tournament this season will be the Jefferson Invitational on Saturday, Dec 3.

“I’m looking for Cassidy to be our leader this season,” Widick said. “She has a lot of competitive experience and Faith has competed quite a bit as well. Faith is our only third-year bowler at the high school level and I think she can take on a leadership role as well. Our girls work really well together and they bowl together during the summer league here. I think we’ll gel together well.”

Rochelle’s first home match of the season will be on Thursday, Nov. 31 against Morris. The Lady Hubs will bowl



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Anahi Alanis (left) and sophomore Cassidy Vincent (right) are two leading returners for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team this season. Rochelle will face Ottawa on the road Tuesday, Nov. 29.

in multiple tournaments including the Cavalier Classic on Saturday, Dec. 10, the Charles Butterfield Invitational on Jan. 14 and the Sterling MLK Invitational on Jan. 16. Rochelle will host the Interstate 8 Conference Championship meet at T-Byrd Lanes on Tuesday, Jan. 31.



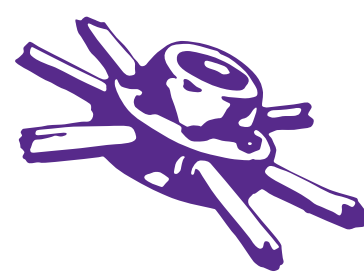


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**Marco  
Belmonte**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Basketball*

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

*A: I've been playing for six years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: I enjoy winning games.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: My favorite subject is math.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: DeMar DeRozan because he pushes people to get better.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?**

*A: My dad because he always pushes me to be the best.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: To be an engineer because I want to follow in my dad's footsteps.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Hawaii because it's peaceful.*

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

*A: I enjoy being a student-athlete here because people are accepting.*



**Gabriel  
Montes**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Basketball*

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

*A: Six years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: How competitive it is.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: Conditioning because I'm always active and getting stronger.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: Stephen Curry because he's a really good basketball player.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?**

*A: My father because he always pushes me to do better.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: To travel because I like road trips and airplane rides.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Italy because it looks really cool and the food looks really good.*

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

*A: The sports because we're all treated like a family when we're on the same team.*

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# SPORTS

## RMS Cross Country

# Royals find success during rebuilding season

Sixth and seventh-graders creating optimism for future of Rochelle program

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Middle School cross country team recently concluded the 2022 season at the North Central Junior Conference meet on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Belvidere Central.

The Royals raced in six meets this season, beginning the season at the Oregon Junior High Open on Saturday, Sept. 3. Jeremiah Hub-Ennoris and Sami Aljibari led the boys with respective times of 13:26.1 and 13:47.9, while Adalyn Munson and Arabella Marruffo ran the fastest times for the girls, clocking in at 14:02.4 and 14:26.0 at Oregon Park West.

"This was a rebuilding year for our team," head coach Katie Queller Zilis said. "We had a few seventh-graders and a group of really enthusiastic sixth-graders. The girls showed significant improvement throughout the season and we saw improvements up and down our roster."

Rochelle's second meet was the Prairie Knolls Invitational on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Aljibari led the boys in the 2-mile race, placing 30th out of 67 runners with a time of 17:10.4 while Michael Foster took 37th with a time of 17:56.0

and Christopher Lawrence finished 42nd in 18:53.5. Munson and Marruffo placed 26th and 27th for the girls with times of 18:16.2 and 18:22.0.

"We had an exciting season in which many of our runners were new to cross country," coach Jessica Hickey said. "We saw a lot of kids achieving new personal records in each meet they ran and I'm excited to see how much they improve as they continue running at RMS."

The Royals hosted the Rochelle Invitational at Skare Park on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Lily Wengelewski and Alex Rocha were the fastest runners for the girls, finishing 61st and 64th with respective times of 20:06.7 and 20:19.2. Aljibari placed 44th with a time of 16:13.4 for the boys, while Foster and Lawrence took 64th and 65th with respective times of 17:50.4 and 17:52.8.

After the RMS Invitational, Rochelle traveled for the Rock River Run in Sterling on Saturday, Sept. 24. Aljibari and Lawrence led the boys with times of 15:46.10 and 16:14.90, while Elias Zarate clocked in at 16:37.70. Wengelewski recorded the fastest time of 17:13.60 for the girls, with Evelyn Garcia and Rocha following in respec-



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

**Sami Aljibari (left) and Lily Wengelewski (right) were two of the top runners for the Rochelle Middle School cross country team this season. Rochelle completed at six meets including the NCJC Championship meet.**

tive times of 17:18.70 and 17:57.70.

Rochelle's season concluded at the NCJC Championship, where Garcia (16:09), Wengelewski (17:01) and Marruffo

(17:52) all ran personal-best times for 2-mile races. Aljibari (15:41), Foster (16:22) and Hub-Ennoris (16:25) also recorded personal-best times for the Royals at the NCJC meet.

Braley McGee ran a 19:37 for the girls and Lawrence ran a 17:09 for the boys.

The Royals ran a non-conference meet at Kane-land Harter on Tuesday, Sept. 13, where Garcia led

the girls with a time of 18:09 while Aljibari and Hub-Ennoris clocked in with times of 17:22 and 17:27 for the boys. Foster and Lawrence followed with times of 17:45 and 18:13.

# HUBS: Rochelle finishes with 9-3 record this season

From page 1

Rochelle punted on its last offensive drive of the first half, but the Hub defense stood tall as the Spartans tried to extend their lead before halftime. After a 15-yard punter's misadventure, sophomore line-man Kaiden Morris sacked St. Francis quarterback Alessio Milivojevic to keep the Spartans, who held a 12-8 lead after the second quarter, away from the endzone.

"It was a tremendous effort by our kids across the board and that was from trusting the process and staying prepared," Kissack said. "The kids played with confidence on the defensive side of the ball, especially against some players on the St. Francis side who are collegiate prospects. I'm really proud of how our defense hung in there against a really dynamic football team."

Two penalties on the offensive line doomed St. Francis on its opening

drive of the second half, allowing the Hubs to put their offense back on the field after a Spartan punt. But another fourth-down stop by the St. Francis defense enabled the Spartans to go ahead 20-8 after offensive lineman and Illinois recruit TJ McMillen motioned under center and took a goal-line snap for a 1-yard touchdown. Kent State recruit Dash Dorsey added the 2-point conversion.

Trailing 20-8 late in the third quarter, Rochelle

gained back-to-back first downs on its next series before a bad exchange led to a fumble and a St. Francis recovery. The Spartans capitalized on the Rochelle mistake, scoring on a 5-yard touchdown run and 2-point conversion from Piper to surge ahead 28-8. A series of sacks led to another fourth-down stop for St. Francis and a 3-yard touchdown run from Piper that helped the Spartans take a 35-6 lead in the fourth quarter.

"It's never easy to lose,

especially when it's the last loss, but there was nothing about the game that our kids should second guess," Kissack said. "Our kids emptied the tank today. They went all in and we came up short in a few situations where we weren't able to make those game-changing plays. The kids stuck together through some adverse moments and they finished well. I'm very proud of this group and how they bonded throughout the season."

The Hubs scored last

despite the loss, with senior wingback Trey Taft exploding off the left side for a 67-yard touchdown run that elevated him over 1,000 rushing yards on the season. Taft led Rochelle with 104 yards on the ground, while Metzger rushed for 98 yards in the game. Junior linebacker Brock Metzger totaled a team-high eight tackles and senior defensive end Landon DeLille recorded five tackles including two tackles for loss to aid the Hub defense on Saturday.

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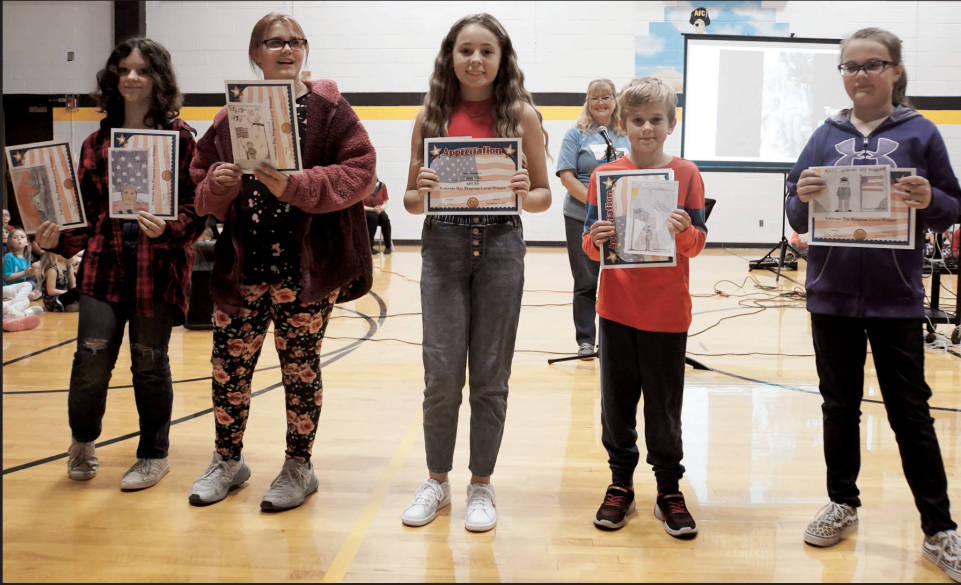
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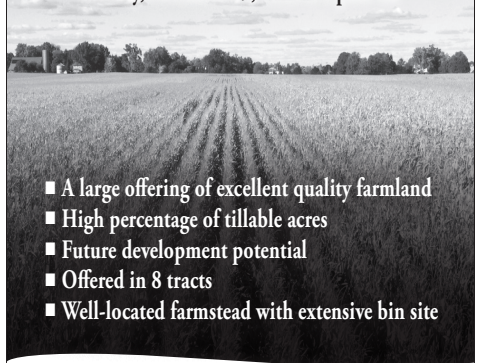
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The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub basketball teams capped off the Winter Meet the Hubs event Friday evening with their annual Purple vs. White scrimmage games. The Hub varsity team will begin the season at the Strombom Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and the Lady Hub varsity team will face Guilford on the road Wednesday, Nov. 16 before beginning the Forreton Thanksgiving Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 19.

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