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The annual Hay Day and C.A.N. Food Truck Fair took place downtown this past weekend. **Page 2**

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The Spark Shop celebrates grand opening

Retail incubator has a wide variety of local vendors

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE – A ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony were held Saturday morning at The Spark Shop, Rochelle's new retail incubator for local small business owners.

The Spark Shop is housed in the historic filling station building downtown. It's for businesses that are currently home-based but are looking to someday have their own brick and mortar location. About 10-12 vendors will be in the space at a time selling merchandise on a quarterly basis. The idea was put together by the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, Rochelle Retail Advisory Board and the City of Rochelle.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)
A ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony were held Saturday morning at The Spark Shop, Rochelle's new retail incubator for local small business owners.

"We love a good collaboration at the chamber," Chamber Executive Director Tricia Herrera said. "This project certainly is that. The idea came about three years ago. It was pre-COVID-19. The Retail Advisory Board had an idea since we always get asked what Rochelle needs

more of. Retail is always the first thing that people tell us. So, they came with this idea."

The inside of the filling station building is filled with products from a wide variety of vendors ranging from cookies and

candies to candles to signs to jewelry to Christmas items. Herrera said most of the vendors have a "very strong" social media following and she believes that will draw people to the storefront.

The hours of The Spark

Shop are currently Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Herrera said those hours could be expanded in the future.

"We want to start small and don't want to bite off

more than we can chew at the beginning," Herrera said. "We're very excited to give these vendors a storefront and a way to display their things every day."

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School improvement plan presented

'The main thing now is how we get back on track'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE – Members of the Rochelle Township High School administration presented their school improvement plan at Monday's District 212 Board meeting.

RTHS Principal Chris Lewis and Assistant Principal David Perrin said this year's school improvement goal will focus on social and emotional learning to combat the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students.

"This is something that's a result of some of the isolation and frustration students have experienced due to e-learning," Perrin said.

Social and emotional learning is defined as "an integral part of education and human development and a process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills and attitudes to develop," Perrin said.

Perrin said there were a variety of things that

informed school administration that social and emotional learning should be its improvement goal. A study came out this past August that said one in four youth globally are experiencing clinically-elevated depression symptoms, he said.

"This isn't just a Rochelle problem," Perrin said. "It's an international problem. One in five students are experiencing clinically-elevated anxiety symptoms. Both of those figures are double the pre-COVID-19 rates of those two problems. The study said loss of peer interaction, social isolation and reduced contacts with support such as teachers and coaches may have precipitated these increases."

Perrin said there were about 200 kids that hadn't participated in in-person learning at RTHS in 18 months due to the pandemic and e-learning. A monthly survey given to RTHS students last year asked them to rate their stress levels.

"Kids self reported a



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)
RTHS Assistant Principal David Perrin speaks during the Rochelle School District 212 Board of Education meeting Monday evening.

high level of stress last year," Perrin said. "This had an impact on our outcomes as well. We had

a difference in students with multiple academic failures. We had 78 kids at this time last year failing

five or more classes. That's a very significant number."

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LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

City of Rochelle hosts annual Hay Day with C.A.N. Food Truck Festival

On Saturday in the downtown gazebo area Hay Day took place. The family-friendly fall festival featured the Community Action Network's food truck festival, bounce houses, a petting zoo, music and library fun for children of all ages. The event was put on by the City of Rochelle.

12th Annual Vein Drain Blood Drive set for Oct. 26

ROCKFORD — The Rock River Valley Blood Center and 102.3 The Coyote will host the 12th Annual Vein Drain Blood Drive on Oct. 26 from noon to 6 p.m. at Holcomb Bank, 233 E. Illinois Route 38, Rochelle. Donors can make appointments online at rrvbc.org, by calling 815-965-8751 or using

the myRRVBC app. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

"We are excited to partner with 102.3 The Coyote again for this annual drive," Lisa Entrikin, CEO at the Rock River Valley Blood Center, said. "We rely on great partnerships like this to provide blood to the 13 regional hospitals we support including Rochelle Com-

munity Hospital. We are grateful for the life-saving impact this event makes in the community."

The first 150 donors will receive a t-shirt and all donors will be entered into a drawing to win a pair of tickets to the Oak Ridge Boys concert at the Egyptian Theatre on Oct. 30, a pair of passes to The Country Music

Hall of Fame in Nashville and four free McDonalds Value Meals.

"We are excited to be partnering with our friends at the Rock River Valley Blood Center for another Vein Drain blood drive," Kris Wexell, program director at 102.3 The Coyote, said. "The whole community comes together to make this effort

a huge success each October, and The Coyote is grateful to make an impact for those who need it."

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LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle School District 212 Board of Education members met Monday evening, where district administrators provided updates on workforce development with local employers and board members approved the lease of nine school buses and two Hub activity buses.

RTHS: Administrators discuss workforce development

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RTHS also saw a drop in the numbers of freshmen on track to graduate from 95 percent two years ago to 74 percent this year.

Lewis said the stress survey is still ongoing and that recent stress levels are "a little bit better." Steps are also being taken with freshmen in a seminar program and a math intervention room. Two additional hourly deans are being utilized to help with attendance and tardies.

"That gives us more time to have conversations about why they're missing school," Lewis said.

Lewis said since the school returned to full

in-person learning this year, metrics have been "slowly getting back to normal." The number of D's and F's per week are still a little higher than pre-pandemic levels, he said.

"But we're getting closer to normal as a school," Lewis said. "The number of just F's, we have 25 more with an F, however, we're a lot better off than the 400 we had at this point in time last year."

Freshman on track to graduate last year was 74 percent. Typically it's been 90 or 95 percent. We'd like this freshman group to get to 85 percent."

The administration has also set goals of getting 86 percent of sophomores and

91 percent of juniors on track to graduate. It would like its seniors to reach a 90-94 percent graduation rate.

"That's been pretty typical and very strong for us over the past 5-10 years," Lewis said. "We plan to track attendance, academic behaviors, club activity participation and discipline referrals. The main thing now is how we get back on track prior to the pandemic. I think we're on the right track, but we have work to do over the months before we get to May."

Workforce development

On Oct. 8, RTHS administration, counselors

and teachers met with area employers about workforce development.

Superintendent Jason Harper said building and facility improvements that might be tied to curricular changes or enhancements have been discussed to improve workforce development.

"The building is getting close to being 20 years old," Harper said. "We brought over some equipment from the old building. I think we've been strategic in our decisions financially and knew this day was coming where we wanted to reinvest in some of our facilities. Specifically we're talking about tech labs, workshops, a welding

lab, our greenhouse and our computer labs. We want to make sure that our students that come through our building have the best opportunities to be prepared for tomorrow."

Harper said he wants the RTHS curriculum to reflect what the community and students need.

"If there's an opportunity to partner with some of our companies to improve our facility and equipment, we'd love to do that," Harper said. "If there's an investment needed on behalf of the district for students, of course I'd bring that recommendation."

Bus leases

The board unanimously

approved the lease of nine school buses including six 77-passenger buses for \$29,074.89 each totaling \$174,449.34, one 65+1-passenger bus for \$32,915.50, one 35+3 midsize wheelchair bus for \$34,340.79 and one 24 full seat mini bus for \$13,812.22 from Central State Bus Sales Inc. for three years.

It also approved the lease of two new Hub activity buses for five years at \$11,573 each and kept three activity buses with two-year lease extensions at the current price of \$9,792 each from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Roberta Jean Northcutt

MENDOTA — Roberta Jean Northcutt, 93, of Mendota, passed away Saturday, Oct. 16 at Stonecroft Village in Mendota.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home in Mendota with Rev. Ken Foster officiating. Burial will be in Wyoming Cemetery in Paw Paw. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Roberta was born Oct. 28, 1927 in Paw Paw to Ralph and Reta (Russell) Larabee. She married Lynn Northcutt on Sept. 22, 1950 in Princeton.

Roberta graduated from Paw Paw High School. She worked at Avery Dennison in Rochelle for 17 years before retiring. Roberta

and her husband lived in the Paw Paw area the first part of their married life and then built a home in Scarboro. She lived there until she moved to Stonecroft Village in 2009 and that was her final earthly home.

Roberta and her husband loved to go boating and fishing. When at home she put out and maintained a huge garden. She did lots of canning and was well known for her pickled beets. She was famous for her delicious fruit breads, pumpkin bars, popcorn balls and chocolate covered peanuts. To know Roberta Jean was to love her.

She is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.



She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 2006, two brothers, a sister, four brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com

Rochelle Police Department

Man arrested on outstanding DeKalb County warrant

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 12 at 4:29 a.m. Joseph Stallone, 60, of Rochelle was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Nov. 19.

On Oct. 15 at 10:06 p.m. Cecelia Seier, 24, of Rochelle was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident

and improper use of an electronic communication device. She was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Nov. 19.

On Oct. 16 at 1:11 p.m. Dina Y. Ahmetspahic, 30, of Chicago was cited for speeding 51 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Nov. 19.

On Oct. 18 at 4:23 p.m. Justin N. Balaban, 28, of



Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant and for obstruction and transferred.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies make several local arrests

OREGON — On Oct. 15 at approximately 6:54 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Stillman Road. After further

investigation, Dylan Evans, 22, of Rockford was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended, unlawful possession of cannabis 30-

100 grams and unlawful possession of cannabis/improper container. Evans was also cited for speeding and loud exhaust. A passenger in the vehicle, Nicholas Maxey, 22, of Loves Park was placed under arrest for an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Maxey was also cited for illegal transportation of alcohol. Evans and Maxey were both transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 16 at approximately 3:48 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the Circle K gas station parking lot in Byron. After further investigation, Dontay Caviness, 36, of Rockford was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended, unlawful possession of

cannabis 30-100 grams and unlawful possession of cannabis/improper container. A passenger in the vehicle, Rachel Jones, 33, of Rockford was placed under arrest for unlawful possession of cannabis/improper container. Jones was released on an I-Bond. Caviness was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 17 at approximately 2 a.m. deputies along with Lynn Scott Rock EMS responded to the 4,500 block of North Illinois Route 251 for a two vehicle accident. After a short investigation, it was determined that Stephanie Neff, 36, of Holcomb, was traveling northbound on North Illinois Route 251 when

she struck a pickup truck traveling northbound in front of her near the rear driver's side truck bed. The truck was driven by Austin Nutt, 19, of Dixon and he was accompanied by two juveniles. Nutt and the two juveniles were treated on scene by Lynn Scott Rock EMS and released. Neff was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital to be treated for minor injuries. Neff was issued citations for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and following too close. Neff received an I-Bond with a return court date later next month.

On Oct. 17 at approximately 4:06 p.m. deputies responded to a motorcycle accident in the 10,700 block of North Illinois Route 2. An investigation revealed a northbound motorcycle being driven by Michael Daun, 60, of Island Lake failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and entered the east ditch. Daun sustained apparent minor injuries in the accident and was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

On Oct. 17 at approximately 12:27 a.m. deputies responded to a driving complaint in the 3,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. A short time later, deputies were able to locate the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop while in the 2,000 block of East Brick Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Paul Harrison, 49, of Chana under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Harrison was additionally issued a citation for improper lane usage. Harrison was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 17 at approximately 9:37 p.m. deputies performed a traffic

stop in the 17,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After investigation, deputies placed Takyra Young 31, of Rockford under arrest for no valid driver's license. Young was additionally issued a citation for an inoperable registration light. Young was released on an I-Bond and given a ride to Rochelle. The passenger, Fatimah Edmond, 24, of Rockford, was additionally arrested for a failure to appear Ogle County warrant for driving while license suspended. Edmond was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 18 deputies were advised of a vehicle traveling north on Interstate 39 from mile marker 58 that had been seen pointing a gun at passing motorists. At 3:38 p.m. deputies located the vehicle and after a short investigation arrested Joshua Logan, 40, of Maple Grove, Minnesota for unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver and unlawful possession of cannabis/improper container. An unloaded cased firearm was also located in the vehicle. Logan was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted by Illinois State Police and the Illinois Department of Conservation Police. The investigation is pending.

On Oct. 18 at approximately 8:17 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near Penn Corner Road and Anterior Road for an equipment violation. After investigation, Frank Malston, 27, of Mt. Morris, was placed under arrest for driving on a suspended license. Malston was also cited for an inoperable registration light and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Malston was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

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LOCAL NEWS

Helms Field roof replacement goes out for bid

Park board commissioners approved purchase of furniture for REC lobby

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District Board of Commissioners decided Monday to send out a request for proposal to remove and replace the roof and gutters of the Helms Field stadium.

In Sept. 2018 the park district made a report of what needed to be done to fix the roof and has added more issues that need to be looked at each year. It was budgeted for replacement this fiscal year.

"This is just to receive bids," park district Executive Director Jackee Ohlinger said. "We estimated it would be somewhere in the \$50,000 range years ago and I'm sure it will be higher than that. We'll get bids and make a decision after that. The submission would be Nov. 12 for this project and would review it at the November board meeting."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District Board of Commissioners decided Monday to send out a request for proposal to remove and replace the roof and gutters of the Helms Field stadium. Commissioners also approved the purchase of furniture for the REC lobby and heard a report on the ongoing Spring Lake improvement project.

Lobby furniture

The board unanimously approved a \$10,640 purchase of lobby furniture for The REC Center.

The purchase is for a 10-foot long cubby cabinet where boots, shoes and bags can be stored after entry to the facility. Ohlinger said over the last winter a lot of boots, shoes and bags were lined up in the lobby that didn't have a place for them or people tracked into the

facility.

Truck bids

The board had planned to discuss or approve the purchase of trucks for its fleet Monday, but did not receive any bids. It plans to send out another request for proposal that will go "a little bit further" than the local businesses to see if it can

get more bids. That will be reviewed again at the November meeting.

Spring Lake

During her report to the board, Ohlinger said the final stages of the park district's Spring Lake improvement project are ongoing. Engineering firm Fehr Graham has been reviewing the final parts of the project and has said everything was

done to specification.

Ohlinger recommended the board make its final payment to construction company Sjostrom & Sons, Inc. for the project. The park district will meet with the state this week to review the project and Ohlinger said she hopes the state will release all of its final \$150,000 portion of the project.

The park district is

still missing the fishing pier for Spring Lake due to delivery postponed by the pandemic, Ohlinger said. She hopes to have it installed by fishing season next year.

The park district is

also looking at putting out a request for proposal for a new deck at the marina that was pulled out of the larger project initially. That decking would be similar to the pool area's.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Charlie and strings of suspicious fires

IT was a warm, quiet evening on Aug. 11, 1936.

Fire Engine Driver E.W. Taylor was awakened by frantic pounding on the firehouse door. “Fire, Fire!” shouted Charlie as he pounded on the door to alert the fire department. There was a blaze at the back of Walters Tavern on Lincoln Highway. E.W. ran to the door and let Charlie in.

In minutes, the alarm was sounded, and Firefighter Taylor with Charlie were rushing to the scene. The fire was small and quickly brought under control. Damage was done to Walter’s Tavern and Maxson’s Restaurant, but the fire was stopped before it could spread to surrounding businesses.

E.W. Taylor thanked Charlie for his help and returned to the fire house. Fire Chief John Maxson had only been in his position for a few months, but he knew something was wrong. This was not the first time Charlie had stumbled upon a fire.

Actually, he had discovered several fires: Faley’s Bar, Eckert’s Tavern, Vaughn and Martin’s Traveland Inn and had bravely fought side by side with firefighters to put them out. Sheriff Otto Blanchard was called in and an investigation followed.

All involved proceeded with caution. Charlie had a family: a wife, two sons and a daughter. Also, he had been a fulltime driver for the fire department

from 1918 through 1923. No one wanted to level an accusation without plenty of evidence behind the charges.

The facts piled up and Charlie was indicted. When standing before the judge, Charlie pled guilty and was sentenced to one to 10 years. Charlie’s new address was Joliet, Illinois at the state prison. Time passed and the conditions for Charlie’s family were truly desperate.

The community felt so much empathy for the family that a letter was written to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. A petition was signed by hundreds of citizens. Prominent citizens and

officials included personal letters pleading for lenience. The local paper supported his release with a heartfelt article.

Possibly his condition was a result of things he had seen on the battle fields of World War I. At any rate, three years was more than sufficient punishment to inflict on this veteran. He had paid his debt to society and should be paroled. His family needed him and justice should be tempered with



Tom McDermott

mercy. Charlie was released, and returned home to his family. If the story ended here, a tragic story could have a happy ending. Sometimes though, happy

endings are not meant to be. On Dec. 20, 1941 at 7:15 in the evening the fire department was called to Archie Morrison’s for a barn on fire.

As soon as the barn fire was brought under control, an alarm was raised for Druker’s Junkyard for a shed on fire. Another fire was reported and cancelled as the callers extinguished the small blaze. Five minutes later a blaze was reported at the Kennedy Cereal Mill.

Four fires within 70 minutes and only six blocks apart, something was wrong with the picture. An investigation was initiated and eight possible suspects were identified. These included persons who had reported the fires, people who were “hang-

ing around” the fires and those who seemed overly interested in helping to fight the fires.

Six were quickly cleared and two were asked to take lie detector tests. At the end of the day, only one suspect failed to be cleared after close scrutiny. Charlie ultimately confessed and was returned prison at Joliet to finish out his original sentence. Charlie’s family suffered during his time in prison and the carried the stigma of his deeds for the rest of their lives.

Charlie passed in 1952, and we can only hope that he had conquered his demons and found peace.

Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum Historian and Rochelle City Councilman.

The role of forgiveness in our society

I’M not sure if I really understand forgiveness, but I can acknowledge its value.

I’m sure at a loss as to how it works, though.

By one count, the Bible has 62 passages with the word “forgive” and 27 with “forgiveness,” but nowhere does it say exactly how to do it.

I remember sitting in the kitchen of a woman who had been shot three times by a criminal who also murdered a relative and allegedly raped another.

The woman is a devout Christian, but 30 years after the crimes she still struggles. As to whether she has forgiven, she looked at the linoleum and said simply, “I’ve tried.”

Still, two minutes of senseless violence more than three decades ago has emotionally tethered her to the killer.

She didn’t testify against him at parole hearings be-

cause she wanted to forgive. She has prayed continually to absolve the man who wronged her. Still, she wonders if she has reached a state of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is hard.

It’s important to remember that we forgive not just for the benefit of the one who wronged us but for ourselves as well. Holding a grudge is like drinking a bottle of poison and expecting that it will harm the person who wronged you.

During the past few weeks, I’ve pondered forgiveness, not just on the individual level but on a societal level. I first started thinking about it when I chatted with Michael Vujovich. The state refused to renew the Petersburg man’s gun permit because when he was 13 he was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle and served 12 months of probation.

How long ago was this? Well, John F. Kennedy was

president.

In the years since, he served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam, graduated from college and law school and spent 44 years as a state prosecutor. Despite keeping his nose clean for decades, he doesn’t expect to go deer hunting this year because a mistake from his childhood came back to haunt him.

Bureaucracies don’t forgive, they enforce.

On Thursday, I sat across a desk from a Springfield man, Lynard Joiner. He was convicted of dealing crack cocaine and served 17 years in federal prison. When he was released, he was a marked man.

Employers wanted nothing to do with an ex-offender. Neither did landlords nor banks. Finding a place to live and a job to support himself was nearly impos-

sible. But he persevered and committed himself to helping others. He works at the Boys and Girls Club and helps other ex-offenders and he owns a food trailer with his brother.

Although we are more than a quarter century removed from his legal transgressions, he’s barred from consideration for many government jobs. And he’s turned away from even menial positions in restaurants.

He remembers his experience with an area hotel:

“They let me work for about two weeks. Then they called me down to HR and said ‘Mr. Joiner, oh, we love everything you’re doing. You’re a great cook, man. You’re very dependable, but there is a problem. You have a felony conviction.’ I said, ‘Yeah, I put that on the application and we talked about it



Scott Reeder

during the interview.’ And then they said, ‘You have, Mr. Joyner. But you just slipped through the cracks. Our policy doesn’t allow us to hire ex-offenders.’ So, they terminated me immediately.”

Again, bureaucracies don’t forgive, they enforce.

As Joiner told me this sad tale, I couldn’t help but wonder, “Is society hurting itself when it fails to forgive men like Vujovich and Joiner? Could it be we all are drinking the proverbial cup of poison thinking it will hurt someone other than

ourselves?”

When I see “help wanted” signs across the community, I can’t help but wonder how many jobs remain unfilled because they won’t consider someone who has a mistake in their past?

Don’t get me wrong; people should be held accountable for their offenses. But once they have paid their debt to society, should we keep on punishing?

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vaccinations should be required for everyone

Dear Editor,
To prevent further spread of the coronavirus, we should require

everyone to get fully-vaccinated (including a possible third dose) unless exempted by a sincerely-

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levels of government.

Alvin Blake
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COMMUNITY



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle (top center) announced the recent promotions of Jason Ketter (top left) to lieutenant, patrol operations commander; James Messer (top right) to lieutenant, administrative division commander; Stephanie Bailey (bottom left) to corrections sergeant; Ross Dillon (bottom center) to patrol sergeant and Michael Halfman (bottom right) to patrol sergeant.

Sheriff announces promotions

OREGON — Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle announced the following promotions on Friday that have taken place over the last several months. Sgt. Jason Ketter was promoted to lieutenant, patrol operations commander; Sgt. James Messer was promoted to lieutenant, administrative division commander; Deputy Stephanie Bailey was promoted to corrections sergeant; Deputy Ross Dillon was promoted to patrol sergeant and Deputy Michael Halfman was promoted to patrol sergeant.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 20
Veda Lopez
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Oct. 22
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Oct. 24

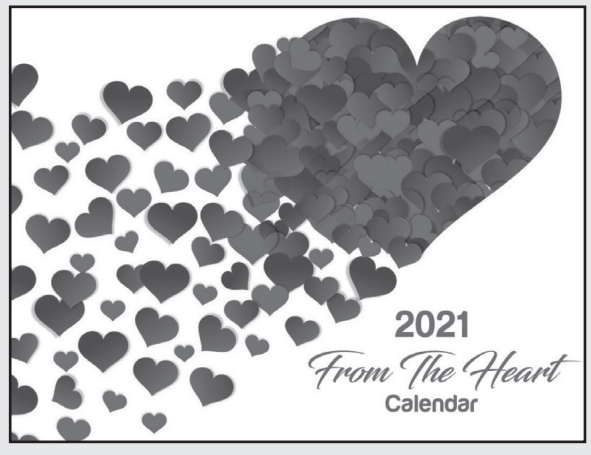
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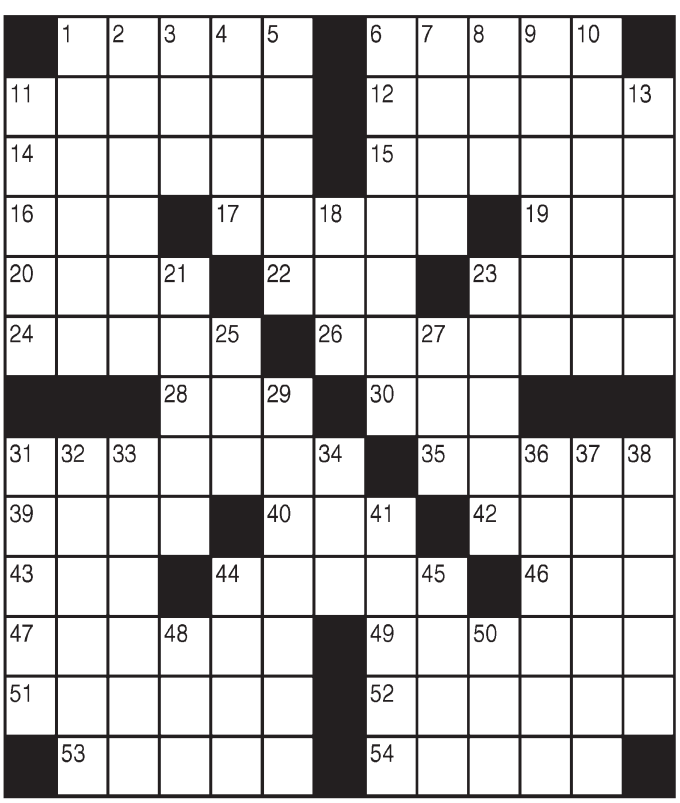
- Sept. 23 - David Meyers, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 24 - Kortney Powell, Steward, \$25
- Sept. 25 - Karen Bulfer, Mendota, \$25
- Sept. 26 - Karen Hayden, Rochelle, \$50
- Sept. 27 - Glen Hughes, Dixon, \$25
- Sept. 28 - Steve & Debby Katzman, Creston, \$25
- Sept. 29 - RACF, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 30 - Morgan Yordy, Rochelle Library, \$25
- Oct. 1 - Carter Cash, Oregon, \$25
- Oct. 2 - Lee Ossmann, Oregon, \$25
- Oct. 3 - Leah Vanstone, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 4 - Melissa Folkers, Sterling, \$25
- Oct. 5 - Mason Hill, Lake Forest, \$25
- Oct. 6 - Michelle Knight, Stillman Valley, \$25
- Oct. 7 - Kim Dewey, Davis Junction, \$25
- Oct. 8 - Marcy Kline, Amboy, \$25
- Oct. 9 - Kim Esgar, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 10 - Adam Lanning, West Brooklyn, \$50
- Oct. 11 - Barbara Zies, Rochelle, \$250
- Oct. 12 - Evelyn Hintzsche, Rochelle, \$25
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- Oct. 17 - Mungor-ClarkDietrich, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 18 - Kevin Marchek, Dixon, \$25
- Oct. 19 - Ray McCracken, Byron, \$25
- Oct. 20 - Rachel Smith, Stillman Valley, \$25



Coffee Break

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Russian range
 - 6 First lady before Michelle
 - 11 Salem's state
 - 12 Cancels
 - 14 Mexican revolutionary
 - 15 "Are you happy I'm back?"
 - 16 Low digit
 - 17 Omits
 - 19 Soak (up)
 - 20 1492 vessel
 - 22 Rock's Brian
 - 23 Spanish ayes
 - 24 Devour
 - 26 Religious doctrines
 - 28 — Moines
 - 30 Actress Long
 - 31 Fairly shared
 - 35 Snares
 - 39 " — Smile Be Your Umbrella"
 - 40 Director Howard
 - 42 Half a sextet
 - 43 Egg (Pref.)
 - 44 Pale purple
 - 46 Club —
 - 47 "New World Symphony" composer
 - 49 Recital piece
 - 51 Bagel choice

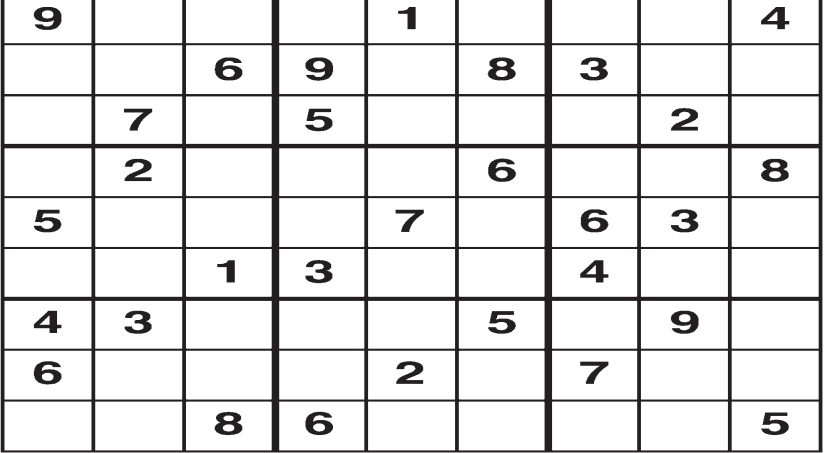


- 52 Handsome guy
- 53 Hinder
- 54 Classical language
- DOWN**
- 1 Muse of astronomy
- 2 Show contrition
- 3 Khan title
- 4 Used-car sites
- 5 Plumber's tool
- 6 Spool
- 7 Black birds
- 8 Young — (tots)
- 9 Putin's land
- 10 Nearly
- 11 Ultraviolet filter
- 13 Old photo tint
- 18 Ky. neighbor
- 21 Actress McDonald of "Private Practice"
- 23 Brainy
- 25 Pod dweller
- 27 "Shoo!"
- 29 Picket-line
- 31 Trudges
- 32 Gunned, as an engine
- 33 Idle
- 34 "You've got mail" co.
- 36 Designer Giorgio
- 37 Bakery pan
- 38 Fizzy drinks
- 41 Twangy
- 44 Hobbling
- 45 Musical finale
- 48 Squealer
- 50 "Kidding!"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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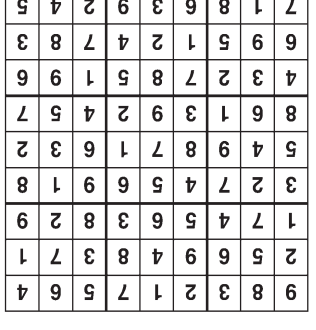
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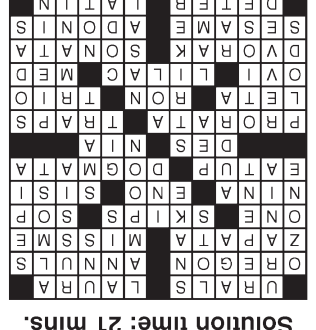
Clue: A equals S

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FJNRPRDB KPDD GCPG AOR
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Answer



Answers

Cryptoquote
We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced.
— Malala Yousafzai

LOCAL NEWS

SHOP: New retail incubator opens with local vendors

From page 1

Vendors at The Spark Shop will also have access to programs at Kishwaukee and Waubesa Community College that are aimed at helping small businesses.

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows spoke at the event and called The Spark Shop “a great opportunity” for entrepreneurs in the community.

“We hope that this is a stepping stone to bringing the vendors to the next level and be able to participate in storefronts hopefully downtown,” Bearrows said. “I’m thankful for all the vendors coming in here. It looks awesome. You’ve done a great job.”

Herrera said her hope is that The Spark Shop outgrows the space quickly and that businesses later land in their own storefronts downtown.

“It’s been a great project and a collaboration of a lot of different people,” Herrera said. “But the biggest thing is that all those entities, their focus is the same thing, to grow small businesses. To have a lot of retail downtown and to give small business vendors the opportunity to have a storefront. When maybe they don’t know how to start their process, maybe they’re nervous about that process or start small and get your legs under you before you run. We’re very excited.”



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Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Director Tricia Herrera (center) speaks during the grand opening ceremony for The Spark Shop, a new retail incubator that will feature several local vendors.

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RTHS Volleyball

Lady Hub seniors shine

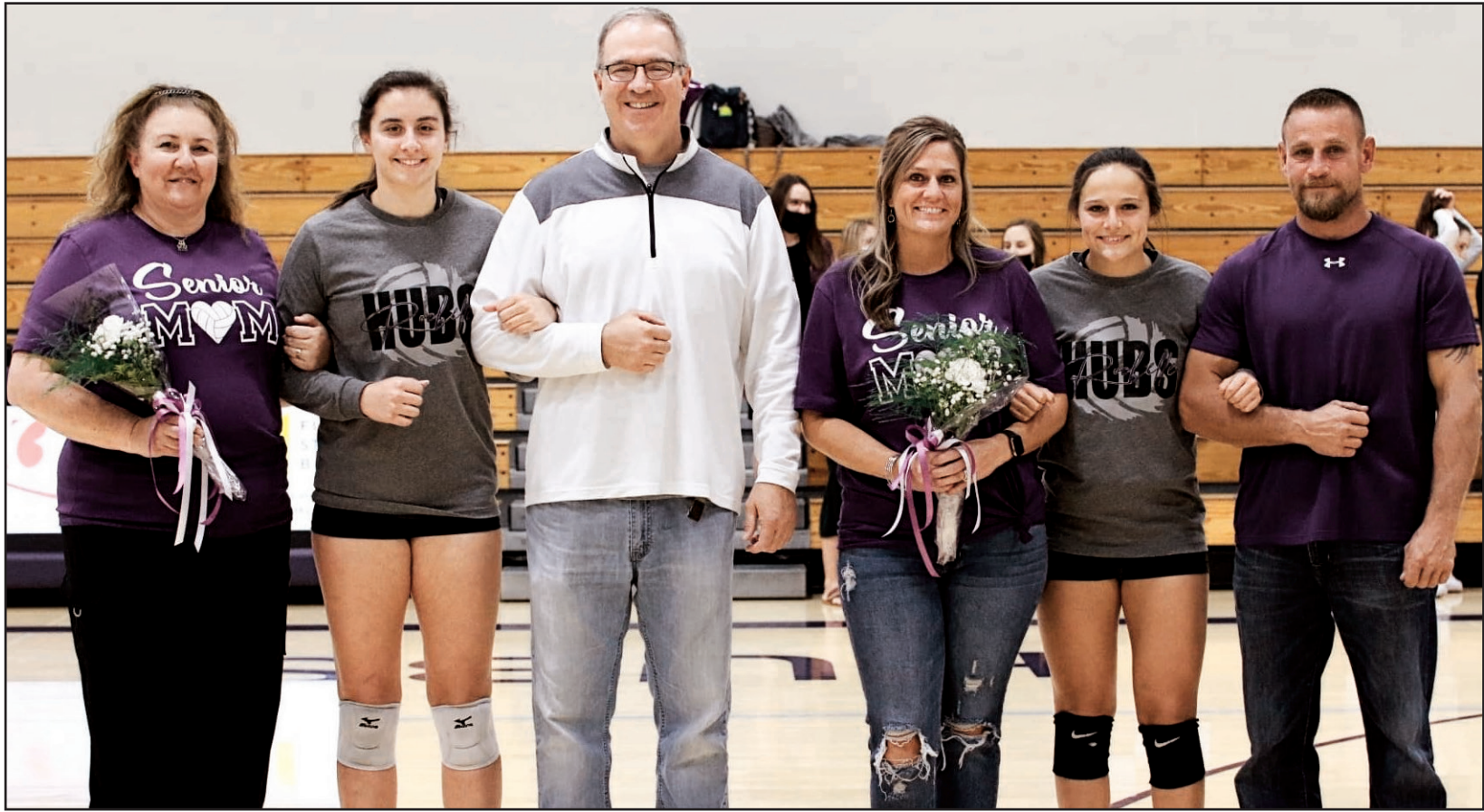
Hasz, Tabor celebrated as Rochelle scores Senior Night victory over Plano

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Zoey Tabor had been watching the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team compete from the bench for most of her senior season as she continued working her way back from a hip injury. When the Lady Hubs celebrated Senior Night against Plano on Monday, Tabor helped solidify Rochelle’s back row in a 28-30, 25-15, 25-13 victory over the Reapers.

One of two seniors honored Monday evening, Tabor chipped in two digs, two assists and two aces from her defensive specialist position as the Lady Hubs bounced back from a first-set loss to improve their record to 14-15 overall. Rochelle’s other senior, three-year varsity starter Sylvia Hasz, finished with a team-high 19 assists while adding nine digs and three kills.

“It feels great being able to get back,” Tabor said. “I’m still working of moving around more fluidly, but I’m happy to be back with the team. It’s a lot more fun playing than watching and I’m happy that I can have a good time with my teammates. I think my serves, my passing and my encouragement will definitely help the team



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team recognized seniors Sylvia Hasz (left) and Zoey Tabor (right) before scoring a home victory over the Plano Reapers on Monday. Hasz and Tabor are pictured above with their families during the pregame Senior Night ceremony.

out as we get ready for the regional.”

It was a slow start for the Lady Hubs, who fell behind 10-3 early in the first set before nearly bringing it back toward the end. Despite forcing two Plano timeouts, Rochelle fell just short, with the Reapers taking advantage of service errors and hits out of bounds to take the first-set lead. The Lady Hubs turned up

the heat during the second set, however, breaking off a 13-4 run that began with one senior (Tabor) on the serve and the other (Hasz) netting an ace.

“I definitely feel like I worked hard for this and I was happy that I could enjoy this night,” Hasz said. “I’m very thankful for what all of our underclassmen did because they made this night very special. It’s been

different for me now that I’m setting more often and I’m not scoring as many points, but I enjoy seeing my hitters perform well and I think I can help them a lot.”

The run was enough for the Lady Hubs to stretch their lead and even the match with a second-set victory. With Hasz facilitating the offense, Rochelle opened the third set with a

9-4 run that saw junior Adie Friestad, who finished with a team-high 11 kills, pound multiple shots into the Plano zone. Sophomore Kennedy Adamski and junior Payton Hale, who each had four kills in the middle, also stepped up to deliver key points for the Lady Hubs in the final set on Monday.

Rochelle will conclude the regular season with

matches against Morris and Ottawa before beginning the IHSA 3A Burlington Central Regional as the No. 5 seed next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

“I think we can make a run at the regional,” Hasz said. “I think we have to start off strong, which was something we didn’t do tonight. If we’re ready to go, we should be in good shape.”

RTHS Cross Country

Rochelle harriers battle at I-8 Championships

Four runners earn awards at conference meet as regional approaches

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

MAPLE PARK — The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub cross country teams competed in the Interstate 8 Conference Championships at Kane-Land High School this past weekend. The Lady Hub varsity team finished sixth out of seven schools, while the Hub varsity took eighth out of eight schools.

Junior Yuelma Ortiz and senior Sara Johnson earned medals for the Lady Hub varsity team. Ortiz finished 10th out of 46 varsity runners with a time of 20:46.41, while Johnson placed 14th with a time of 21:06.64. Junior David Wanner ran the fastest time for the Hub varsity team, taking 23rd out of 54 runners with a time of 18:33.60. Seniors Josue Huerta and Peter Forsberg finished 32nd and 34th with respective times of 19:32.57 and 19:53.54.

The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph team took



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub cross country teams raced at the Interstate 8 Conference Championships this past weekend. Pictured above from left to right are junior Yuelma Ortiz and senior Sara Johnson, who earned medals in the varsity girls race, with sophomore Parker Lenkaitis and freshman Chris Hickey, who took home ribbons for their performances in the fresh-soph boys race.

third out of three schools in the conference meet. Sophomore Parker Len-

kaitis and freshman Chris Hickey each earned ribbons for their respective

performances. Lenkaitis finished 13th out of 27 runners with a time of

19:41.31, while Hickey placed 14th in 19:53.86. Rochelle will compete

in the IHSA 2A Burlington Central Regional on Saturday.



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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Lady Hub seniors Jordin Dickey (left) and MeLisa Young (right) will represent Rochelle at the IHSA 1A State Championship meet in Buffalo Grove this week.

Dickey, Young qualify for IHSA State Championship

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle senior tennis standouts Jordin Dickey and MeLisa Young achieved a historic feat this weekend, becoming the first Lady Hub doubles teammates in over two decades to qualify for the IHSA State Championship tournament in back-to-back seasons.

The two varsity netters would've advanced to the IHSA State Championship last season, but the competition was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dickey and Young are Rochelle's first back-to-back, state-qualifying doubles teammates since Kristy Pence Eckardt and Anne McKibben Holbrook earned consecutive trips to the state meet in 1999 and 2000.

"I'm really excited to have the chance to actually compete at the state meet this year," Dickey said. "We communicated really well throughout the weekend and we stayed really composed during each match. We know where we're at on the court at all times... It's really fun being out there and playing with MeLisa because she's been one of my very best friends for a long time."

The Lady Hubs hosted the IHSA 1A Rochelle Sectional, which began Friday before concluding with the semifinal and championship matches Saturday. Dickey and Young earned the No. 4 doubles seed and dominated during the early rounds, cruising 6-3, 6-1 over Sterling's Madison Hubbs and Sam Feather in the second round before defeating Rockford Boylan's Katherine Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Fitzgerald, who received the No. 6 seed, with a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

"I'm really proud of how we played because we left everything out there," Young said. "We want to do big things at the state

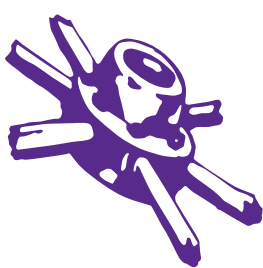
meet. We were able to find a lot of open shots on Friday and we were hitting the alleys. We knew we could qualify for state this year and we have great chemistry. We've also had a special bond for years, which makes qualifying a lot more fun."

Having clinched a spot in the state tournament, Dickey and Young faced off against Dixon's Leah Kuehl and Grace Ferguson, who were the No. 1 seed, during the semifinal round Saturday morning. The Dixon netters got the best of the Rochelle duo in the regular season, but Dickey and Young made the necessary adjustments to emerge victorious at the sectional, winning 7-6, 6-2 and advancing to the championship round against Boylan's Isabel Furst and Elise Pecora.

"We knew they were good and we knew they were going to hit a lot of cross-court shots against us," Dickey said. "They were waiting on us to make the mistakes, but our coaches emphasized and we focused on keeping the ball in play when they left the ball around the net."

In a rematch of a nonconference, regular-season battle on Tuesday, Dickey and Young evenly split the first two sets with Furst and Pedora. But the Rochelle netters fell just short at the end, falling 4-6, 6-4, 4-6 to finish the sectional tournament in second place. Dickey and Young will be the first Lady Hub doubles players to compete at the state meet since Lisa Noggle and Haley Griffith made the trip during the 2013 season. They're also Rochelle's first back-to-back state qualifiers since Jessica Albers advanced in singles during the 2009 and 2010 seasons.

"I want to win at the state meet, but I also want to have fun," Young said. "It's our first time attending and it's our only chance to compete there so I want the experience to be special."



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St. Paul Lutheran School

Crusaders race at Lutheran State Championship meet

Sixth-grader Johnson qualifies for national competition in Wisconsin

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

BLOOMINGTON — The St. Paul Lutheran School cross country team recently competed at the Lutheran State Championship meet held at Trinity Lutheran School. The Crusader boys finished 14th out of 19 schools in the meet.

Tyler Johnson (sixth grade) placed 27th overall with a time of 13:15 while Joey Chadwick (fifth grade) took 36th with a time of 13:47. Austin Sarver (fourth grade) finished 42nd with a time

of 13:56 and Esam Farraj ran a personal-best time of 15:42 for 127th place. Axel Alsop (fifth grade) ran a personal-best time of 18:34 for 161st place.

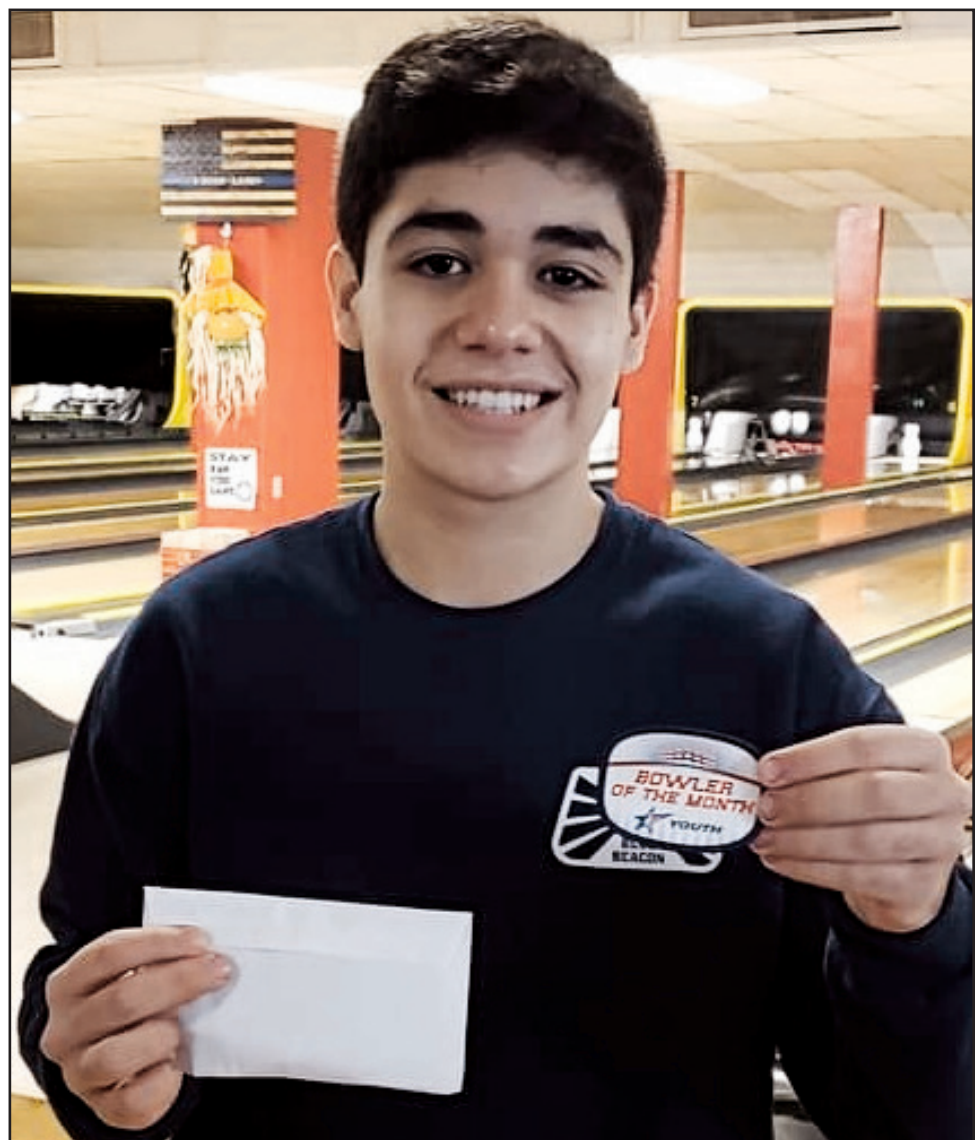
Two Crusader girls raced at the state meet including Isabella Biggs, who finished with a personal-best time of 20:48, and Hailey Bunger, who ran a personal-best time of 20:55. Johnson was the fifth out of seven JV (third through sixth grade) individual boys to qualify for the national championship meet, which will take place in Concordia, Wisconsin on Saturday, Oct. 23.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The St. Paul Lutheran School cross country team competed in the Illinois Lutheran State Championship meet at Trinity Lutheran School in Bloomington. Runners who raced at the state meet include Tyler Johnson, Joey Chadwick, Austin Sarver, Esam Farraj, Axel Alsop, Isabella Biggs and Hailey Bunger.

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Tracey, Guevara earn High School Bowler of the Month honors

Local bowlers Sam Tracey (left) and Sergio Guevara (right) received the T-Byrd Lanes High School League Bowler of the Month Awards. Tracey improved his average by 26 pins, from 126 to 152, over an eight-week span. Guevara rolled a 238 high game and a 607 high series during league play.

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2021 List of Assessments Changes

The following is a list of assessment changes made in Dement, Flagg, Lynnvile and White Rock townships by the township assessor, and/or approved or revised by the supervisor of assessments. The values shown are after the application of equalization factors.

Under the authority of 35 ILCS 200/9-210 (Illinois Compiled Statutes), notice is hereby given that the following equalization factors (or “multipliers”) have been applied to all non-farm land and improvements on class 0010, 0011, 0020, 0028, 0030, 0040, 0050, 0060 and 0070 properties in the following townships, all other classes received a 1.0000 factor;

Dement	1.0471
Flagg	1.0500
Lynnvile	1.0471
White Rock	1.0471

Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the farmland assessments for the 2021 assessment year have increased by 10% of the preceding year’s median cropped soil productivity index per acre as certified by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Data was provided by the Farmland Assessment Advisory Board and approved by the Ogle County Farmland Assessment Review Committee resulting in an increase in assessment of \$35.21 per acre for each soil productivity index.

Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/12-10, individual notices will not be mailed on properties with assessment changes due to equalization alone. The factors shown are determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue’s most recent sales-to-assessment ratio study, and take into consideration any assessment changes made by the assessor. These factors bring the average assessment level in the townships to 33 1/3% of market value, and they will be applied to the categories of property listed above. Your township assessor is listed below.

Your property is to be assessed at the above median level. You may check the accuracy of your assessment by the following procedure: divide your assessment by 0.3333 (median level of assessments). The resulting value should equal the estimated fair cash value of your property. If the resulting value is greater than the fair cash value of your property, you may be over-assessed. If the resulting value is less than the fair cash value of your property, you may be under-assessed. If you believe your property’s fair cash value is incorrect or that the equalized assessed valuation is not uniform with other comparable properties in the same neighborhood, the following steps should be taken:

1. Contact your township assessor to review the assessment.
2. If you are not satisfied with the assessor review, taxpayers may file a complaint with the Ogle County Board of Review. For complaint forms, instructions, and the Rules and Procedures of the Board of Review, call (815) 732-1150 or visit www.oglecounty.org for more information.
3. File a complaint of assessment with the Board of Review. The final filing deadline for your township is generally 30 days from this publication date. After this date, the Board of Review is prohibited by law from accepting assessment complaints for properties in this townships. For more information on complaint deadlines, call (815) 732-1150 or visit us at 105 South 5th St, Suite 215, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

If you believe your property is over-assessed, you may file an appeal within 30 days of this publication. The deadline to file an appeal of the 2021 assessment is November 22, 2021.

See www.oglecounty.org/departments/supervisor-of-assessments/ for assessor contact information, assessment publications, appeal and exemption information.

An assessment is not a tax bill. The assessment allocates the property tax burden based on the value of your real property, and the aggregate value of all property in the tax district. In general, the higher valued properties pay more taxes than the lower valued properties.

Exemptions: exemptions reduce the taxable value of homestead property. Exemptions are available for owner occupied, seniors, disabled and disabled veterans, returning veterans, and certain homestead improvements.

Ogle County Assessors for these townships are

Township	Assessor	Phone
Dement/ White Rock/Lynnvile	Paul Peterson	815-561-4577
Flagg	Susan Rothenberge	815-562-6862

If you have questions about your assessment, it is recommended that you contact your assessor for a review and explanation.

Ogle County
Supervisor of Assessments
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Parcel Number	Property Owner	Assessment
Dement		
25-03-100-009	PETRY, TERRY & CYNTHIA S	140,795
25-03-300-005	GOOD, JEREMY MATTHEW & LIS	108,683
25-08-300-004	RAINWATER, BRENDA F TRUSTE	43,243
25-08-300-005	16280 TWOMBLY LLC	4,201
25-10-400-002	CLINTON VETERINARY CLINIC	31,761
25-14-400-007	FS GRAIN LLC	803,246
25-16-300-005	QUEST, RICHARD R SUCCESSOR	3,517,534
25-17-300-008	ROCHELLE TRAVEL PLAZA	1,794,728
25-17-300-011	ROCHELLE TRUCK STOP, INC	391,001
25-18-100-006	GREFFE, V KARL	64,616
25-18-100-007	CITY OF ROCHELLE	10
25-18-100-008	CITY OF ROCHELLE	10
25-28-400-005	EISELE, RANDY M & DEBORAH	11,679
25-32-201-007	1600 RITCHIE COURT LLC A	68,418
25-32-201-009	COMMONWEALTH EDISON CO	68,075
25-32-400-021	BOYLE, THOMAS D TRUSTEE E	41,041
25-32-400-022	GREATER ROCHELLE ECONOMIC	6,146

Parcel Number	Property Owner	Assessment
Flagg		
24-02-300-003	FURMAN, WILLIAM H & SUSAN	47,879
24-04-300-015	CORCORAN, FRANCIS A & CHER	100,579
24-06-200-004	CRAWFORD, R L & JEAN	70,864
24-07-300-011	EDWARDS, BRIAN E	97,606
24-07-378-003	FEDEROFF, JARROD V & CASSI	101,653
24-08-302-006	DICKEY, JARED G & JODI L	63,020
24-08-303-002	ABELL, JACOB M & KELLI P	79,860
24-08-303-003	PUTZSTUCK, KYLE K	19,200
24-09-300-007	DEMETRE-BELLOWS, MARY L	32,874
24-09-300-008	MORRIS, SUSAN J	33,512
24-11-200-003	BURKE, WALLACE J & LAURINE	31,440
24-11-200-004	BURKE, MICHAEL G	67,060
24-12-101-025	BAKER, HAROLD A TRUSTEE	99,633
24-12-101-031	AYALA, ELIZABETH & GOMEZ,	87,636
24-12-102-021	NICKLES, CASEY	54,801
24-12-151-003	ASKEW, DOUGLAS A & SHEILA	54,947
24-12-151-008	RHOADS, RICHARD S & DEANA	55,875
24-12-151-011	ELSTON, ALEX G & DANIELLE	54,556
24-12-152-022	MCKINNEY, WILLIAM K & JAIM	55,077
24-12-152-038	WILLIAMS, RYAN L & BRANDY	58,736
24-12-301-008	CAGLE, ADRIANA M	42,144
24-12-302-014	YUSMIYANTI, FNU & GOOD, NA	40,297
24-12-303-007	HARDCASTLE, PAUL & MICHELE	36,359
24-12-304-009	LANG, ROBERT	34,620
24-12-304-020	MICKELSON, DENA J	43,803
24-12-304-024	MARR, MELANIE	44,239
24-12-305-019	MASCOTE, JOSE A & CRISTINA	31,502
24-12-327-007	WATSON, LAWRENCE E & SHARO	35,398
24-12-328-007	CASEY, MICHAEL PATRICK J	42,397
24-12-328-024	GARCIA, RUBEN & PATRICIA A	37,216
24-12-352-002	DANEKAS, BRENDON T A	28,499
24-12-352-009	USSERY, WANDA F TRUSTEE W	37,075
24-12-353-006	LEUTIK, MARLENA HAYS	40,920
24-12-355-001	NICOL, ANDREW	33,180
24-12-355-020	CRUZ, JULIO ANTONIO ANGELE	39,087
24-13-152-002	HAYWARD, DAVID R	36,469
24-13-152-004	COWAN, DOUGLAS & DENISE	37,879
24-13-381-024	HAGAN, JOSEPH C, Z DIANE	28,312
24-13-455-001	MAYES, JOANNE ELIZABETH	48,338
24-13-458-005	STRANG, STEVEN C & SAWICKI	75,210
24-13-458-007	MULLENBACH, ALAN & LINDA	79,141
24-13-458-008	PUTNAM GROUP LLC	52,431
24-13-458-009	HEADON, LANCE K & CASSANDR	78,721
24-14-100-019	RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVES O	3,433,290
24-14-228-007	FRY, GLEN MILTON JR & STEP	40,277

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Lynnvile		
19-05-381-003	LINDENWOOD CO OPER	98,412
19-08-400-014	DETIG, JOEL ALAN	1,845
19-16-400-007	RICH, MICHAEL L &	75,040
19-25-200-002	ROUSH SERVICES LLC	86,468

Parcel Number	Property Owner	Assessment
White Rock		
18-08-300-013	ROGERS, JAMES P	47,443
18-08-478-003	BRENNAN, DANIEL	12,217
18-13-400-008	WILSON, JAMES H & FREDDY T	16,754
18-13-400-010	DIEHL, PAUL K TRUSTEE	29,937
18-13-400-011	WILSON, FREDDY T & JAMES H	457
18-17-100-003	RUEFF, JOYCE EILEEN & SHEL	137,175
18-17-226-001	BRENNAN, DANIEL	6,980
18-18-200-006	BENSON, KENT B & NANCY J	112,969
18-24-400-004	KABBAGE PATCH LLC	122,971
18-24-400-011	REINTS, VIRGIL & LUCILLE	5,236
18-25-200-001	AJ HOMES LLC	24,618
18-26-300-003	FRALEY, CLAYTON B & REBECC	65,649
18-27-134-004	SPEED, DAVID C & BARBARA J	71,150
18-29-100-004	LOSECCO, PAOLO & ABBATE-	14,998
18-33-200-006	KEHL, KEITH A	56,112
18-35-100-004	GENSLER TRUST NO 76	516

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Counter-)
Petitioner.)
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The requisite Affidavit for Public ation having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, SAUL VALDEZ, Petitioner/Counter-Respondent, in the above-entitled action, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Ogle County by the Respondent/Counter-Petitioner against you praying for a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and for other relief.
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SPORTS

RTHS Football

Freshman Hubs fall short against Rockford Christian

Rochelle nearly erases four-touchdown deficit in 27-22 loss to Royal Lions

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

Rochelle Hub freshman football team almost came back from a four-score deficit Monday, totaling three

unanswered touchdowns in a 27-22 loss against Rockford Christian. Logan Johnson rushed

for a 5-yard touchdown, while Jackson Smith added a 4-yard rushing touchdown in the game. Carson Lewis connected with Cayden

Moore for a 60-yard touchdown pass.

Lauro Cabral led the Rochelle defense with seven tackles, while Jordan Blyre-

corded six tackles and Ryan Senne totaled two tackles for loss. Riley Damask finished with four tackles and two pass breakups.

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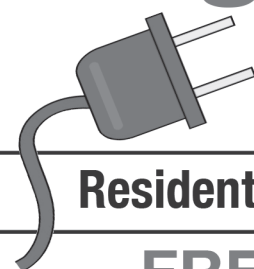
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Mason Moore shakes off a Rockford Christian defender during the Rochelle freshman football game against the Royal Lions on Monday.

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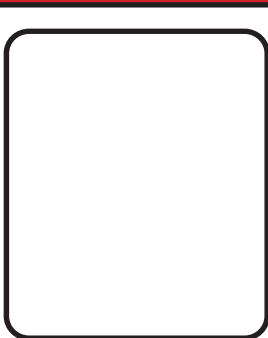
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