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Tyson Foods to require COVID-19 vaccinations

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR



ROCHELLE — Employees of the Tyson Foods facility in Rochelle will soon be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19, a corporate press release said Tuesday.

All Tyson leadership (officers and above) must be vaccinated by Sept. 24, all employees in office by Oct. 1 and all other employees by Nov. 1. All new hires must be fully vaccinated prior to their start date. Employees that are members of a union will be subject to the re-

sults of union bargaining on the issue.

Frontline employees, once fully-vaccinated and verified in Tyson's verification program, will receive \$200 as a thank you for participating, subject to ongoing discussions with unions.

"We did not take this decision lightly," Tyson Foods President & CEO Donnie King said.

"We have spent months encouraging our team members to get vaccinated – today, under half of our team members are. We take this step today because nothing is more important than our team members' health and safety, and we thank them for the work they do, every day, to help us feed this country, and our world."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Johnson Tractor recently sent one of its technicians up in a plane from the Rochelle Municipal Airport. The technician took some aerial photos of the company's new location at 200 Steward Road.

Johnson Tractor relocates, opens largest store yet

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Johnson Tractor recently sent one of its technicians up in a plane from the Rochelle Municipal Airport.

The technician took some aerial photos of the company's new location at 200 Steward Road.

"To see it all come together and getting the aerial shot, that was pretty special to me," Leo Johnson, president of Johnson Tractor, said. "It took 14 or 15 months. But I'm really glad it happened."

Johnson Tractor recently publicly announced its move to the new location, which it's been doing business in since July 6. It previously had a location at 1030 S. 7th St. in Rochelle. The new location is the company's largest of its five retail locations across southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

The family-owned Case IH and Kubota

dealer is planning a celebration to thank customers and team members for 41 years of successful business growth in the fall. The 50,000 square foot building offers customers an open layout with an expo room, a large showroom, a modern air-conditioned service center and parking on 12 acres with new and used inventory.

"The increase in the size and complexity of all modern equipment, be it a 36-row corn planter or a large zero turn lawn mower, drove us to improve our facility to keep up with the demands of our customers, suppliers, and employees," Johnson said. "Rochelle is a key

market for us, and we appreciate the support you have given our dealership for the past 16 years."

Johnson said the main aspect of the decision to move was a shortage of space at its old building. Equipment has gotten larger over the years and requires more space. More parts are stocked than in years past. Johnson Tractor built a similar store in Janesville eight years ago and Johnson said the company learned a lot from that process.

Being able to create an ideal environment for customers and employees was also part of the thinking behind the move.

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Kishwaukee College mandating masks

MALTA — Kishwaukee College announced all individuals regardless of vaccination status will be required to wear masks on campus going forward as of Monday, Aug. 2.

The college based its decision on new guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the CDC.

"The landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic is ever changing," the press release said. "We will return to requiring all individuals on campus to wear masks, whether vaccinated or not, while indoors. Students on campus for any reason – attending class, utilizing campus resources, or studying / using internet services – must wear a mask at all times and practice social distancing."

Ogle County was recently placed in the category of substantial community

transmission by the CDC. More than half of the state is in substantial or high transmission.

The county sent out a press release July 29 "strongly recommending" everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while indoors of areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission and recommended public places and employers require universal indoor masking.

The recommendation was based on increasing cases of 51 per 100,000, and an increasing positivity rate of 4.26 percent and declining ICU availability in the region.

"The pandemic is not over and we must continue to be vigilant in our individual behaviors and our collective behaviors as a community," the press release said.



(NEWS-LEADER FILE PHOTO)

Masks required at Ogle County Judicial Center

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE – Masks will again be required at the Ogle County Judicial Center beginning Aug. 4 regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, an administrative order by Chief Judge Robert Hanson said Tuesday.

The order was put into place due to the "frequently changing" circumstances involving the COVID-19 pandemic and Hanson wrote measures must be implemented to protect the health and safety of those working inside the courthouse and the public to ensure fair and efficient access to justice.

The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Ogle County Health Department currently recommend that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks in public

indoor settings.

All persons, including courtroom personnel, will be required to wear a mask or face covering. A judge retains authority and discretion to allow any person inside a courtroom to remove a mask when necessary for the "fair and effective" administration of justice.

Masking is not required for judicial center employees in offices if six-foot distancing is possible.

The order said all individuals including employees and court personnel should not enter the judicial center if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or the Delta COVID-19 variant and are currently subject to quarantine protocols, have flu-like symptoms, have been directed to quarantine or reside with or have had close contact to someone who is currently subject to quarantine.

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LOCAL NEWS

JOHNSON: New location opens off Steward Road

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“For employees we wanted to create someplace where they drive by on the weekends with their family and they can point out that this is where they work and be proud of it,” Johnson said. “A nice and safe environment for our employees. A comfortable work environment.”

The new facility is visible from the interstate, which was another amenity Johnson wanted from the move. Its previous lot was seven acres smaller than the new location.

Johnson Tractor owned the 7th Street location for 16 years. The City of Rochelle recently purchased that property for \$1.3 million to house and consolidate Rochelle Municipal Utilities employees and equipment.

Johnson said his company was ‘ahead of the curve’ when building during the COVID-19 pandemic. The property was bought nearly three years ago. Building materials have been in a shortage due to supply chain issues and now come at a higher price.

Johnson said the building could have cost between 50-100 percent more if construction started later than it did.

“It was a matter of getting the timing right to build,” Johnson said. “We had our building ordered prior to the pandemic. It got delivered right about the time everything was starting to happen. We were fortunate we beat all of the hefty price increases in steel. And our availability was good because it was already here. We didn’t have any major shortages



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Pictured above is the service shop of the new Johnson Tractor facility located at 200 Steward Road in Rochelle. Johnson Tractor owned its previous location off 7th Street for 16 years before selling the property to the City of Rochelle. Below is a photo of the new stockroom.

or issues in building.”

Johnson said the new location is 99 percent complete. The only supply chain problems seen involved things like shelving for the showroom. The dealership side has seen inventory issues much like car dealerships have due to a chip shortage. Inventory has been “slow” building up after expecting larger inventory in the larger location.

Johnson’s favorite parts of the new building include the expo room for sales, a room for technicians to do online training, a large break room and two overhead cranes in the service shop, which is air

conditioned with a heated floor.

When Johnson started with the company, he was the fifth total employee. Johnson Tractor now has over 100 employees.

“It’s really fun to see stuff go up,” Johnson said. “When the first bit of steel starting going up and the roof came on, it looked like something was actually happening. You drive by and see the progress. When we got it enclosed and we saw all the work on the inside, it was a lot of fun.

“The most exciting part for me was when I’d be gone for a few days and come back and see the progress made.”



Habitat for Humanity, Kitchen Table fundraiser scheduled for Sept. 24

ROCHELLE—Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County and the Kitchen Table will be hosting a fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 24 from 4:30-9:30

p.m. at 7034 S. Klondike Road in Rochelle.

The night will feature Dinner for a Purpose, table trivia, live music by Buzzed by Sonset

from 7-9 p.m. and a 50/50 raffle.

The dinner cost is \$40 person with a choice of cowboy pork chop or halibut, salad, roasted veggies, baked potato and a dinner roll. Reservations are required. Call Vanessa at 815-440-6598.

Local “amateur waiters” will don aprons and serve up a night of fun. Tables can be purchased at a discount of a table for six for \$220 or a table of four for \$140.

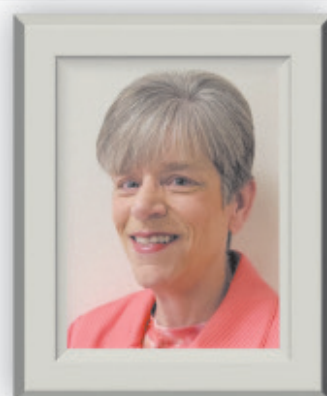
Chef Amadeus, the winner of The Food Network’s “Extreme Chef: Mexican Show-down,” will be cooking. His line of seasonings will be available for purchase and used in the dinner.

Thank you

The family of Mario Messer was moved to feelings words cannot express for the support and encouragement this community offered us at this time of Mario’s passing. How blessed we have been through your kind words and being there. May God’s richest blessings overflow in your laps! Also, Gene expresses thanks for the many cards and best wishes in his old age!

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Mom, Dad, sons, brothers and sisters of Mario



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LOCAL NEWS



Two donors give blood during the Flip Flops and Blood Drops drive at the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District's REC Center on Monday. Sixty-two units of blood were donated, exceeding the blood drive's goal of 50 units. Below are Derek and Gabby Troha with their daughter Lana.



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Flip Flops and Blood Drops drive held Monday

Event at The REC generates 62 units of blood, exceeding 50-unit goal

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Flip Flops and Blood Drops blood drive collected 62 units of blood during its operation Monday at the REC in Rochelle, exceeding its goal of 50.

The drive is in honor of twin sisters Lana and Ellie Troha, who were born prematurely, weighing just over one pound each. While in the hospital, both girls received blood transfusions. Sadly, Ellie passed away at five days old. Her sister, Lana, received eight units of blood within the first five months of her life.

For the past four years, Lana's parents, Gabrielle

and Derek, Rochelle natives, have partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive in honor of her life and in memory of Ellie.

"That's a possible 186 lives saved," Gabrielle said of Monday's 62 units. "It went really well. It was steady and we had all the appointments come in. It was a great turnout. It makes me feel incredibly proud and happy."

Gabrielle said "a ton" of work went into the day that included getting donors to come in and setting up appointments. She had t-shirts made and the Red Cross had to haul all of the equipment in and set up and close down and clean up at the end of the day.

Derek has enjoyed seeing how the drive has gotten bigger and more donors over the years. There weren't any no shows Monday and the drive saw "a lot" of walk-in donors. He enjoyed being able to use the new REC facility. Gabrielle said a good location was hard to find in town in recent years.

Gabrielle previously worked as a Red Cross employee and drew blood in drives just like Monday's.

"It's emotional sometimes," Gabrielle said. "But I love to jump in and help. It's kind of bittersweet. I miss that job a lot but it's nice to not have to worry about that. I can socialize and see everybody."



Save Our Summer blood drive is Aug. 12

ROCHELLE — Rock River Valley Blood Center will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 12 at Rochelle United Methodist Church in Hicks Hall at 709 4th Ave.

This will create a great opportunity to help stock the shelves with needed products for patients in need at our local hospitals. All donors are welcome: current donors, new donors and all blood types!

Donors can make appointments online at rrvbc.org or by calling 815-965-8751. Walk-ins are also

welcome. (The hyperlink can go to your specific event schedule, which you can find here: https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/54122).

The blood center needs to see 800 donors per week as the only provider of blood products and services to 13 regional hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin.

If you're a first-time donor, please bring a photo ID. You can donate whole blood every 56 days. The process is safe and simple, and one unit can save up to three lives.

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Ticket sales will end on Saturday, Aug. 28 at noon, at the Dixon, Ohio and Sublette locations.

Amboy locations will sell until noon on Sunday, Aug. 29.

Depot Days Drum is located at Amboy Food and Liquor.

For more information, check out the Amboy Depot Days 50/50 Facebook page.

Drawing Sunday, August 29 after the Car Show Proceeds to benefit Community Projects

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Residential Latex Paint, Used Oil, Anti-Freeze & Aerosol Product Recycling Event

Saturday, August 14, 2021

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Location: County Annex Building, 909 Pines Rd., Oregon, IL

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Container Size	Total Recycling Cost	County Portion (Subsidized)	Your Cost - First 10 Containers
Quart	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$1.00
Gallon	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
5 Gal. Pail	\$18.00	\$10.00	\$8.00

For more than 10 containers, you pay full cost.

Aerosol Cans/Spray Paint/Single Use Propane Tanks:

Accepted items include aerosol spray cans of paint, auto care/lubricants, food products, insecticides, household cleaners, and personal care products. Some aerosol products may not be accepted. 14-16 ounce propane tanks also accepted. First 10 items are fully subsidized by the Solid Waste Mgmt. Dept. Additional items pay full cost to recycle (\$1/spray can & \$2/propane tank). See website or Facebook for full list of acceptable aerosol products.

Used Oil/Anti-Freeze/Used Oil Filters:

No charge to residents.

Used motor oil, anti-freeze, and used oil filters accepted, 200-gallon limit per vehicle. Empty containers will be returned. Do not bring gasoline, fuels, or other automotive fluids. If you have over 200 gallons, call 815-732-4020 for recycling options.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Zann A. Fell

GENOA — Zann A. Fell, 65 of Genoa died suddenly on Thursday, July 29 at home.

He was born on July 21, 1956 in Sycamore to Roger and Evelyn (Jaeger) Fell. He married Chris Blair on Feb. 4, 1978 and together they raised seven children.

Zann had many hobbies over his lifetime and with each one he brought a passion and excitement that spread to all of us. He was always willing to help a friend and loved his family wholeheartedly. We will forever miss his laugh.

He is survived by his wife Chris, children Heather (Nate) Brown, Brooke (Billy) Tomlinson, Jill (Cory) Boehmer, Kelly (Zach) Collins, Aimee, Ian and Jake (Ally); grandchildren Malerie, Camryn, Rory, Masyn, Briar, McKenzie, Reese, Noah, Nash, Ryan, Luke, Raelyn, Casey (Scoob) and Chrissy; great-grandchild Maverick; mother



Evelyn, sisters Kristy (Bob) Roberson, Shelley (Denny) Trothing, Sandy (Billy) Roberson, Tracy (Steve) Komadina and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, in-laws Richard and Daisy Blair and best friend Hank Skelnik.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Aug. 7 from 4-7 p.m. at the Slater-Butala Funeral Home, 132 W. Main St. Genoa, IL 60135.

To sign the online guest book or write a special memory, go to www.ButalaFuneralHomes.com

ROCHELLE — We do not mourn as those who have no hope... We rejoice because of that hope.

On Saturday, July 31, LaWanna Eldridge experienced the fulfillment of that hope. LaWanna was born to CM and DeLois Elliott (Bethel) on Jan. 9, 1957 in South Bend, Indiana. She married Rick Eldridge on April 6, 1974 at the Rochelle Church of God and they have been married for 47 years.

They raised two children and have seven grandchildren that were her whole world. However, it didn't take long for anyone that was around her to realize that you didn't have to be blood to be loved by her.

LaWanna loved fiercely and impacted so many

LaWanna Eldridge

people throughout her 20 years of service at the Rockford Rescue Mission. She was known for her warm hugs, bright smile, infectious laugh and always an encouraging word.

Though she only had two biological children, she was known as "Mom" to countless others, all of whom could depend on her for care, concern and spiritual guidance... all of the exemplary traits of a godly mother.

LaWanna is predeceased by her mother, Delois. Survivors include her husband Rick Eldridge, father CM (Annie) Elliott, brothers John (Janine) Elliott, Mark Elliott, John (Linda) Lloyd and Buster (Debbie) Lloyd, children Stacy (Ryan) Blackburn

and Chris (Spring) Eldridge, grandchildren Jacob, Abigayle, Kylee, Aubrianna, Joshua, Austin and Colton, nieces and nephews Jeremiah (Cami) Elliott, Johnna Elliott, Shawn Elliott, Amber Lynn (Amadeus) Fuentes and several great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Rochelle Community Hospital, OSF Saint Anthony and the representatives and nurses of the Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network for their care and concern for LaWanna and the family over the past few days.

Cremation care has been provided. A Celebration of Life Service will be Thursday, Aug. 5 at the Rochelle Church of God.



Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. with the service immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rochelle Church of God or online at www.cornerstonebeloit.com to help the family with memorial expenses.

Please visit www.ung-erhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Rochelle Police Department

Five arrested on outstanding warrants

ROCHELLE — On July 30 at 7:12 a.m. Brandt Zies, 59, of Rochelle was cited for improper lane usage. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Sept. 10.

On July 30 at 8:59 a.m. Jeremy J. Holohan, 31, of Ashkum, was cited for speeding 51 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Sept. 10.

On July 31 at 12:02 a.m. Rueben C. Burgess, 31, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On July 31 at 1:33 a.m. Jorge L. Sanchez, 24, of Rochelle was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and speeding 41 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. and transferred.

On July 31 at 4:47 p.m.

Edith Castraneda, 42, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On July 31 at 7:19 p.m. Jared S. Norris, 33, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and posted \$3,206.

On July 31 at 7:34 p.m. Robert J. French, 46, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On July 31 at 7:54 p.m. Shane E. Hanson, 36, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On July 31 at 9:03 p.m. James B. Queen, 45, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On July 30 at 2:27 p.m. Samuel I. Lundquist, 40, of Oregon was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He signed a

promise to comply.

On Aug. 1 at 9:51 p.m. Ambra N. Walker, 35, of Peoria was arrested on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant. She paid \$500 and was given a DeKalb County court date of Sept. 1.

On Aug. 2 at 12:38 a.m. Michael W. Uttecht, 38, of Creston was arrested for driving while license suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia and cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and improper use of registration. He was

released on an I-Bond and given an Ogle County court date of Sept. 3.

On Aug. 2 at 12:38 a.m. Ondrea L. Ward, 28, of Mendota was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of hypodermic needles and possession of drug paraphernalia and transferred.

On Aug. 2 at 10:14 p.m. Pablo Martinez, 23, of Lee was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was given an I-Bond and a Rochelle court date of Sept. 10.



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Ogle County COVID-19 Weekly Update
 As of Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Ogle County COVID-19 Statistics
 Positivity Rate as of July 31st is **2.8%**
 Total Vaccinations Administered: **44,527**
 Total FULLY Vaccinated: **22,198**
 Pct. FULLY Vaccinated: **43.59%**

Masking

The CDC/OCHD strongly recommends masking for all individuals when out in public or while indoors in areas of substantial and high transmission.

Consider Vaccination

Southern Illinois residents have been diagnosed with the Delta variant of COVID-19. It very likely will arrive in Ogle County at some point. We encourage you to consider vaccination to protect yourself and your loved ones against COVID-19 and the mutations of the virus.

Vaccination Locations

Ogle County Health Department
 Oregon or Rochelle offices
 Every Tue-Wed-Thu from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Call **815-562-6976** to make an appointment for either location. Follow OCHD on Facebook or check their website health.oglecounty.org.

Rochelle Community Hospital
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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The Village of Steward celebrated Arbor Day at Wesley Stewart Memorial Park earlier this year. Pictured above are Connie Mace Dowling (left) and Mildred Danekas (right), who helped plant trees.

Village of Steward celebrates Arbor Day

STEWART — On the warm and breezy blue-sky Sunday, May 2, the Village of Steward celebrated Arbor Day at Wesley Stewart Memorial Park.

Village residents and family and friends of the late Emmett Barnes were on hand in the park pavilion to witness the planting of a memorial oak tree for the former village president, who had passed away last February.

The national anthem was sung by the crowd and current Village President Hugh McKiski gave his Arbor Day Proclamation.

Memories were shared of Barnes's legacy to the Village. Steward School eighth grader Lucas Smardo sang "Steward Song," which was written and composed for the centennial by Emmett Barnes and Pauline Barnes Cultra.

The legacy began on a family vacation when they enjoyed nice parks in towns along their way. They knew of nothing stopping Steward from having one also. The current park had a swing set and plenty of open space. Barnes came home

and began imagining and drafting plans.

Then he set out to raise the money. Former Steward resident Connie (Mace) Dowling, whom Barnes had inspired and assisted in her music career, explained that the whole town got behind him to put on Farmers Market Days which were held several summers in a row.

This was also around the time of the Steward's centennial. They had parades, a midway with entertainment, food, games and of course, a farmers'

market!

From the money earned playground equipment was purchased and improvements made. Eventually the pavilion was built.

The tree that was planted in Barnes's memory was a Scarlet Oak. Tree Advisory Committee Chairperson Karen Bonnell spoke about oaks and the part they played in building great civilizations.

She compared Barnes to oak trees. The work he did continues to benefit the community and sever-

al people have stepped up to help maintain and build upon it. To help people identify various types of oak trees, and since this was a musical group of people, Bonnell concluded by teaching "Know, Know, Know Your Oaks" to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

Tree donors Connie and Richard Dowling threw the first shovels-full of dirt to plant the tree, followed by members of the Emmett Barnes family and former Village President Mil Danekas.

The Village of Stew-

ard, for the 17th time, has attained status as a Tree City USA. This is a program through the Arbor Day Foundation where municipalities have an Arbor Day Proclamation, celebrate Arbor Day, have a tree board and an ordinance and spend at least \$2 per capita on trees.

The first Arbor Day was initiated by one man, J. Sterling Morton, 149 years ago in Nebraska. It is now an international event focusing not on the past, but the future. StFor further information, go to arbor day.org.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Facing unknowns and the future

As your mayor, I face many unknowns.

What future mask mandates and other public health mitigations will be imposed because of increasing hospitalizations and mounting COVID-19 case numbers prompted by the Delta variant? And will those adults not vaccinated decide to do so and how will that slow the spread?

The Rochelle and Ogle County positivity rates continue to rise. My hope is that our state and community will not have to go back to strict protocols. To control the severity of the virus, a vaccine is readily available.

Everyone has a right to our own opinions and beliefs about a mass vaccination. Many large gatherings now require proof of vaccination to attend. As for me, I don't regret getting the vaccine to protect myself and those around me. I have tried throughout the pandemic, to set a good example.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the City of Rochelle is growing. Project Jackpot is expected to announce their plans to repurpose and open the former Nippon Sharyo campus, adding jobs to the area.

On Sept. 16, the city is hosting a hiring expo in response to the needs of our local businesses to fill a variety of open positions. The event is sponsored by the City of Rochelle, Office of Mayor John Bearrows, Kishwaukee College, Rochelle Township High School (RTHS) and Rochelle Foods-Hormel.

The Hiring Expo will be held in the Blue Gym at RTHS. Its first hour will be dedicated to ju-

nior and senior students looking for internships, job shadowing and employment opportunities.

Hubs for Hire will expose our students to local commercial, retail, and industrial careers. Thanks to Superintendent Jason Harper and the Board of Education for their collaboration and to those involved in the planning.

The Expo will be open to the public from 2:30-5:30 p.m. We hope to have 40 businesses participate and plan to market this event throughout the Northern Illinois region. A strong workforce is a necessary for growth and sustainability.

I recently had the opportunity to meet and spend considerable time with Governor Pritzker to discuss the issues facing our community in the wake of the pandemic.

We spoke at length about the potential state legislation to prematurely close the Prairie State Energy Campus of which Rochelle has been a part owner of since 2007.

Rochelle remains very pro-active relating to renewable energy, but we must make a reasonable and methodical plan to phase out production at the clean coal plant and replace our energy service with alternate sources of renewables.

The governor seemed very receptive to our position. We also discussed the importance of the Byron Nuclear Power Plant to our region's power grid.

I hope you will continue to enjoy summer activities while keeping you and your families safe. Thank you for the opportunity to be your mayor. I take that responsibility and privilege very seriously.

John Bearrows is the mayor of Rochelle.



John Bearrows

The lynching of Thomas Burke

TWO days before Christmas, 1860 is nearing its end. The Village of Lane has filed with the state for incorporation and all is calm in the soon-to-be city.

A lone man walks the streets, sticking to the shadows, searching for the perfect opportunity. Soon he finds what he is searching for, he drills a hole into the side of a building, lights a fuse, and drops it into the hole.

The fire smolders in the wall for about 20 minutes before breaking into an open flame which spreads up the space between the wall studs to the roof. By the time the fire is noticed, and the fire bell is rung calling volunteers to form a bucket brigade, it is too late.

The conflagration will consume 11 buildings in the 300 block of the west side of Lincoln Highway.

The community rebuilds, wooden building after wooden building springs up, as the business district resurrects. In Feb. 1861, Lane becomes an incorporated Village and Enoch Hinkley becomes the first president and leader of the five-member board.

The summer of 1861 brings the heat, temperatures are high and politically the north and south are moving further and further apart. The sun is setting and a sole figure leaves Taylor's Meat Market with a pocket full of wood shavings and a separatist flier.

He walks behind Spaulding's warehouse. Spaulding's is the perfect target, there is already a hole in the outer wall where a wagon has struck the building. The arsonist

deposits his wood shavings into the hole, lights the paper flier, drops it into the hole and walks away.

By the time he reaches Taylor's barn, where he sleeps, it was bright enough from the fire to see clearly outside. The fire destroys a row of grain elevators between the railroad and Cherry Avenue. Twice in six months the village narrowly avoided destruction. Either an individual or a group was trying to destroy the community. The community was not willing to go quietly. The Bradley Detective Agency was hired to ferret out the culprits.

Agent David Vanderwacker was dispatched to the Village of Lane. Working undercover, David quickly identified a suspect and worked his way into a position of trust. Within days, Agent Vanderwacker had garnered enough evidence to prosecute Thomas Burke for both fires.

On June 19, fears were growing that Burke might flee the area or worse, start more fires. With these concerns, Sheriff Hughes was advised to arrest Burke for the fires.

The arrest was carried out at 3 a.m. By 9 a.m. Thomas Burke sat before Justices Hamaker and Hoadley to hear the charges against him. Agent Vanderwacker was the primary witness.

With stories of confessions for the fires which had occurred, disclosure of plans to start future fires at the Turkington building, John Fulton's barn and Padgett's Hardware, and the threat of murder against a hired boy at Taylors, the dye was cast.

There were few other witnesses and these only to support the testimony of Agent Vanderwacker. Burke

was allowed no defense. The crowd at the Republican Hall was becoming very unruly.

The justices expressed concern for the safety of the prisoner and left the room to decide the best course of action. When the justices left, the mob took over. Thomas Padgett reportedly shouted "I move we lynch him", at the same time pulling out a rope.

William Colditz, Levi Schoemaker, Tom Skelton and Padgett, were said to have tied Burke to a chair, placed a rope around his neck, and at 12:45 p.m. lowered him out the third-floor window.

In less than four hours he had been tried and hung. After hanging, from between one to two hours, the body was cut down and buried.

What of the alleged ringleaders of the lynching? The public sympathies were with the lynchers, and though they were tried, no verdict was found against them.

It is hinted that the jury was packed in their interest. One of the points of defense was that there was no evidence that Burke was dead. No physician examined the body after it was cut down, and there was nothing to show that Burke was dead at the time, he might have died after he was buried.

The stigma of the lynching lingered to the point that the Village of Lane was renamed in 1865. Rochelle was incorporated and moved on. In 1900, the three-story brick where the lynching occurred was demolished and a two-story building erected on the corner of Lincoln Hwy and Cherry Avenue.

Tom McDermott is a historian for the Flag Township Museum and a Rochelle city councilman.



Tom McDermott

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

Rochelle has a wealth of Mexican restaurants in town. Which is your favorite?

"Tecalitlan. But I love Rositas and Los Rancheros in DeKalb as well."

Kathleen Hall Williams

"El Tapatio. Amazing food and excellent margs!"

Emily Vacek

"Tecalitlan then El Sol."

Chris McCarter Ackland

"For tacos, El Sol, for dinners, El Tapatio."

Doug Baker

"El Sol hands down."

Bobby Jo Leon

"Tecalitlan. Delicious food and wonderful family."

Becky Rogers

"El Tapatio, so underrated!"

Lexi Prosser

"Teca without a doubt!"

Mia Ramsey

"El Tapatio, but for al pastor tacos, Tinez in Malta, they have the best al pastor on the planet!"

John Elliott

"El Sol."

Cruz Villarreal

"Tecalitlan by far is the best!"

Deborah Mulford Wooten

"El Señor De Los Tacos! Best Horchata!"

Tiffany Smith

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COMMUNITY

Smardo named Steward Outstanding Citizen

STEWARDS — The Village of Steward announced its 2021 Outstanding Citizen at a brief ceremony at Wesley Steward Memorial Park on July 30. Each year since 2014, Steward has awarded status as Outstanding Citizen to a youth in our area who has demonstrated willingness to share time and ability/talent without other benefit.

An engraved brick is placed in celebration garden in their honor, and a gift card is given.

This year's recipient is Lucas Smardo. He was presented

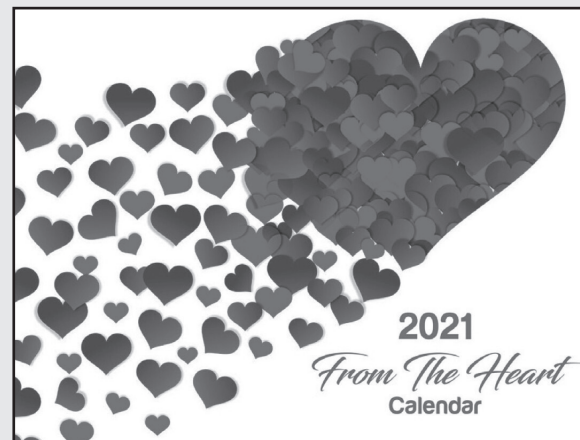
with his brick by Village President Hugh McKiski.

Lucas has willingly shared his singing talent. Most recently, he sang a song for Steward's Arbor Day Celebration when a tree was planted in the park in memory of Emmett Barnes. The song Lucas sang was composed by Mr. Barnes and Pauline Barnes Cultra.

Lucas also sang at eighth grade graduation and has sung solos in Steward's local church throughout his life. Lucas sets a fine example of youth contributing to the community.



Lucas Smardo, pictured at right, was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Citizen Award during a ceremony on July 30 at Wesley Steward's Memorial Park. (Courtesy photo)



July 10 - Mindy Venners, Rochelle, \$25

July 11 - Robinson Scheider (ClarkDietrich), Rochelle, \$50

July 12 - Steve's Complete Automotive, Rochelle, \$25

July 13 - Tiffany Smith, Rochelle, \$25

July 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

July 15 - Rochelle Foods (Matt Thimjon), \$25

July 16 - Chad Wilcor, Franklin Grove, \$25

July 17 - Hourself - ClarkDietrich, Rochelle, \$25

July 18 - David Swanson, Fitchburg, Wis., \$50

July 19 - Vicki Langholf, Yellville, Ark., \$25

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July 27 - Steve Dinges, Rochelle, \$25

July 28 - Frewin - ClarkDietrich, \$25

July 29 - Patrick O'Brien, Leaf River, \$25

July 30 - Marbella Alvarez, Rochelle, \$25

July 31 - Mary Sensenig, Amboy, \$25

Aug. 1 - Kayla Harris, Rochelle, \$50

Aug. 2 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 3 - Lee Dusing, Las Vegas, Nev., \$25

Aug. 4 - Gisela Clayton, Compton, \$25

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug. 10

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Aug. 12

Kevin Sherburne

Hayden Smith

Adam Baker

Aug. 14

Windy Turner

Carter Johnson

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Aug. 28

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Aug. 29

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Aug. 5 - (Thursday) - BLT Sandwiches, Chips, Pasta Salad

Aug. 8 - (Sunday Brunch) - Sausage Gravy and Biscuits,

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Fried Bologna, Oatmeal, Fruit

Aug. 10 - (Tuesday) - Mississippi Pot Roast, Potatoes,

Carrots, Onions, Green Beans, Cornbread

Aug. 12 - (Thursday) - BBQ Ribs, Potato Salad

Aug. 17 - (Tuesday) - Baked Chicken over Brown Rice,

Corn, Salad

Aug. 19 - (Thursday) - Beef Tips over Noodles, Peas, Garlic

Bread

Aug. 20 - (Friday) - Friday Fish Fry!! Cod Fillets, French

Fries, Coleslaw

Aug. 24 - (Tuesday) - Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Potstickers,

Egg Rolls

Aug. 26 - (Thursday) - Chicken over Waffles with Coleslaw

Aug. 31 - (Tuesday) - Lasagna - Beef, Salad and Garlic

Bread

Sept. 5 - (Sunday Brunch) - Sausage Gravy and Biscuits,

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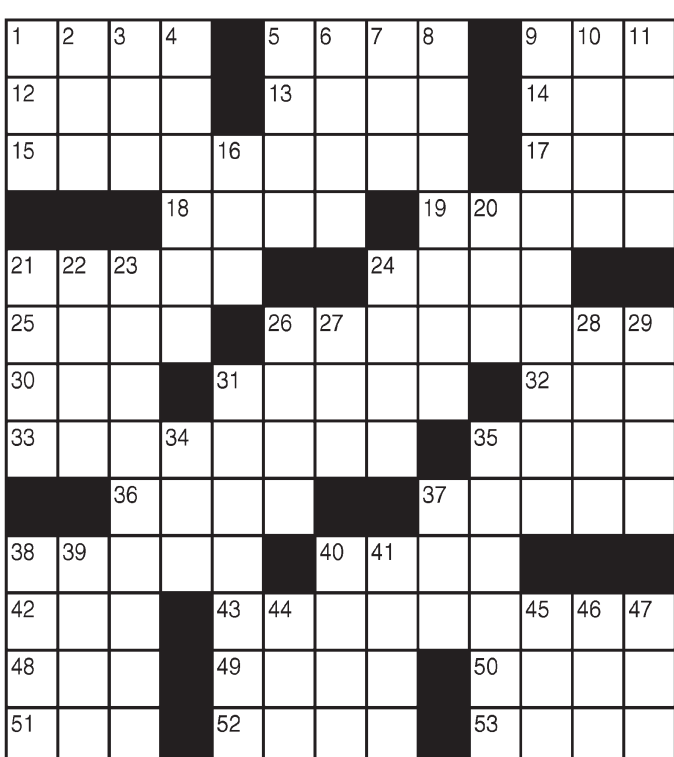
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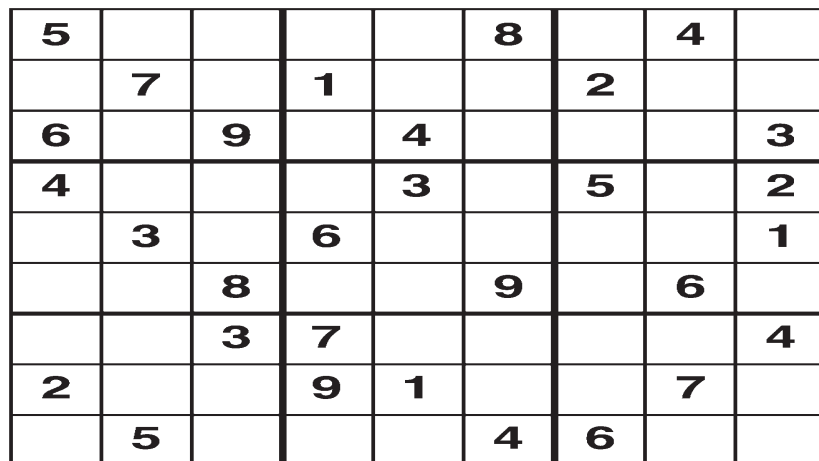
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Weekly SUDOKU

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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

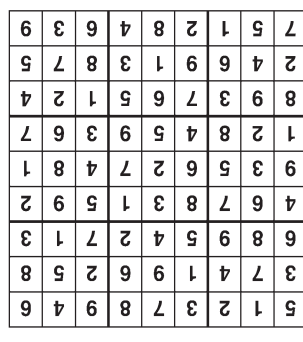
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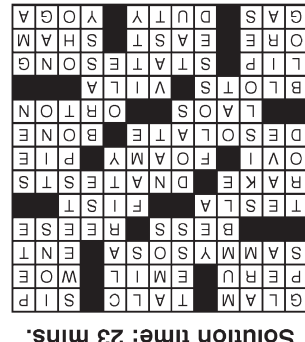
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



Answer

King Crossword

When a man tries to compel you to buy a boat, would you consider it a sales pitch?

CryptoQuip

ON THE FARM

Simple safety protocols that can protect hunters

HUNTING is a big business in North America. In 2017, more than 15 million people hunted in the United States. The National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that sportsmen and women contribute nearly \$9.4 million to the economy every day.

Millions of hunters take to forests and fields every year. Seasoned hunters and novices alike can benefit from revisiting some safety procedures before their first outing this season.

Weather

Weather should be a consideration whenever people spend a significant amount of time outdoors. Hunters typically leave before dawn and arrive home after dusk. Hypothermia is a very real risk for hunters who may be out in snow or wet conditions. It's possible to get hypothermia by overdressing as well. Sweating and then being exposed to dropping temperatures puts people at risk for hypothermia. Hunters should dress in layers with moisture-wicking materi-

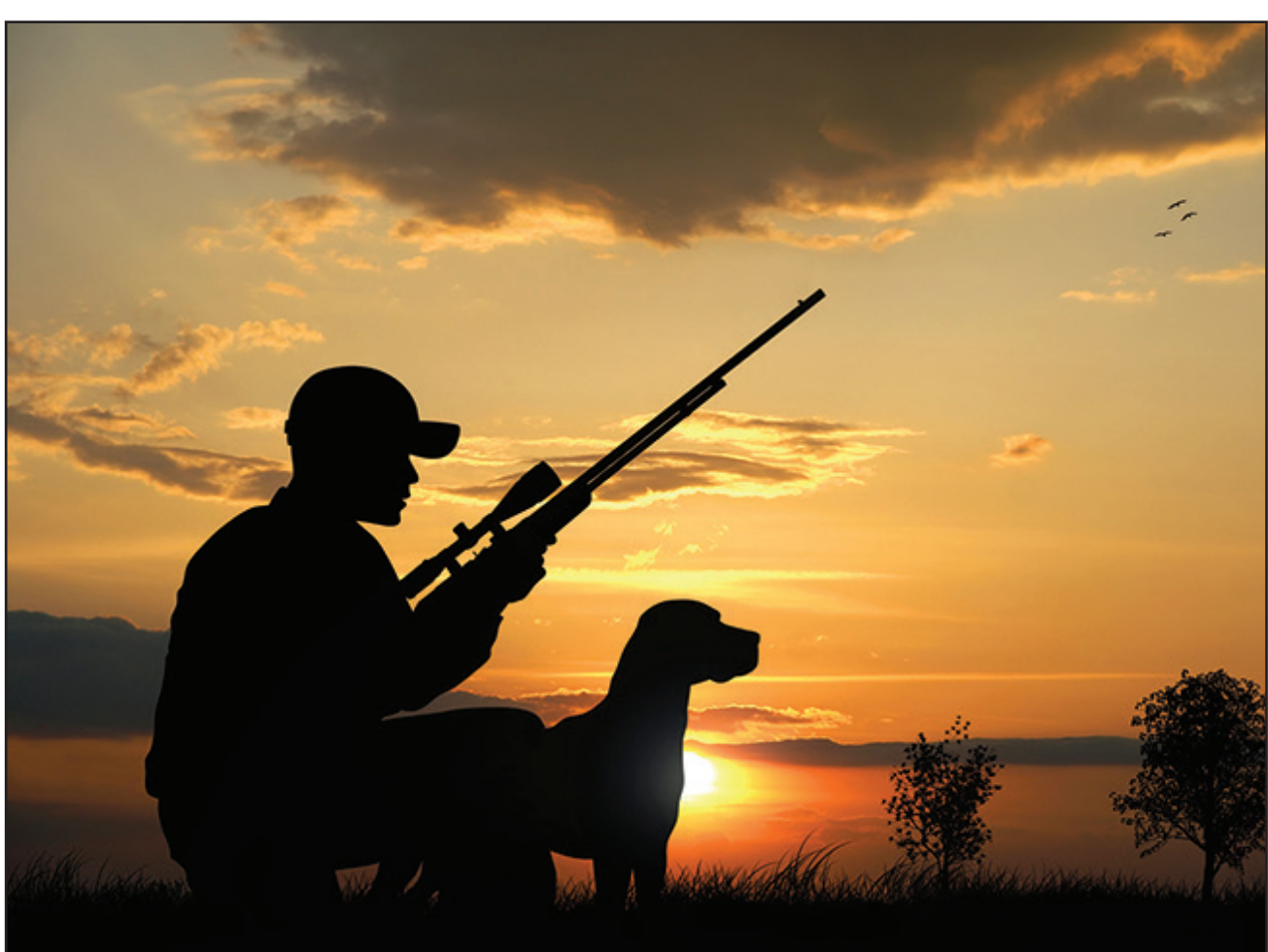
als and a water-repellant outer layer. In addition, check the weather forecast before heading out as a last second precautionary measure.

Firearm safety

Firearm safety is a critical component of safe hunting. Hunters use rifles, shotguns and other firearms. Each gun is different, so hunters need to familiarize themselves with new firearms before using them. The following are some additional firearm safety tips, courtesy of State Farm Insurance and Southern Land Exchange.

- Always treat a firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Only point at what you plan to shoot.
- Clearly identify your target and what is beyond it.

- Fire within the zone-of-fire, which is the 45-degree area directly in front of each hunter.
- Firearm chambers should be emptied when guns are not in use.
- Use appropriate ammunition.



- Never modify or alter the gun.
- Never cross a fence, jump a ditch or climb a tree with a loaded gun.
- Never rely on a gun's safety.

Additional tips

Hunters should al-

ways let others know where they will be when leaving in the morning. If something should happen, people back home can alert authorities if something goes awry. Always check equipment and maintain it properly. Equipment should include

gear colored in hunter's orange. That extends to dogs if they are accompanying hunters on a trip. This makes hunters more visible to other hunters. Also, carry a first aid kit, a charged mobile phone or a satellite phone to maintain contact with others in case

of emergencies.

These are just some of the safety protocols that should be followed when hunting. Non-hunters should exercise caution during hunting seasons, particularly when entering forests and areas that hunters frequent.

A sign of summer winding down

BY RON KERN

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A sure sign that summer is winding down when you see the school bus pass your house in the early morning.

Seems like growing up, the summer ended abruptly on a Monday morning in late August when the bus pulled up at the end of the drive and you knew those carefree days had ended. I guess it's true that all good things shall pass.

Hoping that this year kids can have a normal learning experience in school, in the classroom and with a teacher and other students. It just seemed very odd last year to see kids learning over a Zoom meeting or such without any interaction.

Shoot, the interaction was the only thing that made school fun for me.

So as we trek along let's just keep hoping we stay on track.

Training

Illinois Farm Bureau members are invited to enroll in upcoming statewide Anhydrous Ammonia

Certified Grower Training sessions to fulfill state requirements on mandatory safety training.

Free certified grower trainings will be offered on six dates in fall 2021 through a partnership with Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) and Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association (IFCA).

The following dates and locations will host the upcoming sessions. Training starts at 1 p.m. at all locations: Sept. 7: Days Inn, Rock Falls, Sept. 8: Knox Agri Center, Galesburg, Sept. 9: Poe's Catering, Springfield, Sept. 10: Unique Suites, Charleston, Sept. 13: Asmark Institute Agricenter, Bloomington and Oct. 4: Asmark Institute Agricenter, Bloomington.

Attendance is limited for each session. Growers may register at <http://www.ilfb.org/NH3> to guarantee their seat and learn more information.

Illinois growers and grower farm operators who transport or apply anhydrous ammonia, or otherwise maintain anhydrous ammonia equipment, are now required by state regulation (8 IAC 215) to

complete certified grower training. The full text of the current regulations is available at: <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/008/00800215sections.html>

Growers and grower farm operators have until April 1, 2022 to be initially certified and must participate in refresher training every three years. As a reminder, Anhydrous Ammonia Certified Grower Training can also be fulfilled online at <https://onenet.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=128037>.

Questions and assistance with the training content can be answered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 217-782-3817.

IFB was heavily involved in discussions leading up to this regulatory change and throughout the rulemaking process. IFB has continued running a full campaign to educate members about the training requirements.

We have also prepared a new set of marketing material for use by the county Farm Bureaus to announce in-person training opportunities.

New materials, as well

as previous materials, can all be found on the Leaders' Portal at: <https://ilcfb.org/engage/governmental-affairs-commodities/natural-environmental-resources/anhydrous-ammonia/>

Additional in person training opportunities will be available in early Spring 2022. IFB will continue to communicate these additional opportunities as they become available.

Meeting

The Ogle County Farm Bureau has announced that they will host their annual member meeting on Sept. 9, 2021 at St. Mary's Community Center in Oregon.

The meeting marks the 104th anniversary for the Ogle County Farm Bureau, which was started in 1917.

Ogle County Farm Bureau members and their families are invited to attend the Sept. 9 meeting and participate in the dinner and business meeting of the organization.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a roast pork dinner. Following dinner, Ogle County Farm Bureau President, Keith Poole, will convene the annual business meeting of the members.

During the business session members will elect directors for the Farm Bureau organization, receive committee and board reports and conduct business as scheduled prior to the meeting.

Guest speaker is Illinois Farm Bureau Vice-President Brian Duncan.

Tickets for the annual meeting must be purchased in advance for \$5 each. Tickets can be obtained from the Ogle County Farm

Bureau office in Oregon or from directors of the organization.

For more information on the meeting or on obtaining tickets contact Ron Kern at the Ogle County Farm Bureau at 815-732-2231.

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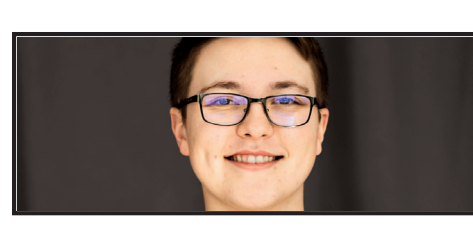
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FINDING HER ROLE

RTHS alum Maddi O'Rourke recaps her freshman softball season at Kish.

See page 2 for more details

Rochelle Little League

Statebound sluggers

Junior League team qualifies for Illinois Little League State Championship

STERLING — The Rochelle Little League 14U Baseball All-Stars finished 1-1 at the Sterling Sub-State Championship tournament on Saturday, defeating Twin Rivers 11-9 before falling 9-8 against LaSalle. Rochelle successfully qualified for the Illinois Little League Junior League State Championship tournament, which will begin on Wednesday at Floyd J. Tilton Park in Rochelle.

Twin Rivers

Ethan Goodwin started on the mound for Rochelle, throwing four innings and striking out eight batters. Mark Green entered in relief, logging three innings and finishing with two strikeouts. Twin Rivers took the early lead, scoring four runs on four singles in the top of the first inning.

After Twin Rivers added one run in the top of the second inning, Rochelle scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Green drew a bases-loaded walk to plate Ryan Senne before Tony Milburn scored on an error. Twin Rivers extended its lead with two runs in the top of the third inning, but Rochelle responded with



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Little League 14U Baseball All-Stars successfully qualified for the Illinois Little League Junior League State Championship tournament. The 14U team went 1-1 at the Sterling Sub-State tournament over the weekend. The team includes Caden Goodwin, Ethan Goodwin, Mark Green, Frankie Pelan, Van Gerber, Ryan Senne, Jack Pavlak, Tony Milburn, Colten Manning, Keagan Albers, Reece Harris, Parker Slattengren, Gavin Neale and Deegan Schabacker. The team is coached by Jason Goodwin, Ryan Pelan and Jeff Slattengren.

four runs in the bottom of the third inning. Goodwin doubled and scored on an RBI single from Frankie Pelan before Jack Pavlak belted a two-RBI double to bring Pelan and Colten Manning home. Pavlak scored on an RBI single from Keagan Albers.

Trailing 7-6, Rochelle went ahead with three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Caden Goodwin walked and scored on an

RBI groundout by Pelan to tie the game at 7-7. After Green scored on a wild pitch, Gavin Neale smacked an RBI single to bring Ethan Goodwin home.

Twin Rivers evened the game with two runs in the top of the sixth inning. An RBI single from Senne and a bases-loaded walk by Green plated two Rochelle runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

LaSalle

Frankie Pelan started for Rochelle, throwing five innings and striking out two batters on the mound. Rochelle took a 3-0 lead with three runs in the top of the first inning. Pelan brought Caden Goodwin home on an RBI single before Gavin Neale drew a bases-loaded walk to score Mark Green. Reece Harris plated Ethan Goodwin with a fielder's choice grounder.

Back-to-back RBI doubles from Ethan Goodwin and Pelan plated two Rochelle runs in the top of the second inning. Trailing 5-0, LaSalle answered with three runs on two singles and one double in the bottom of the third inning. LaSalle tied the game with two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning before scoring two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 7-5 lead.

An additional two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning extended the LaSalle lead to 9-5. Rochelle finished strong with three runs in the top of the seventh inning. Ethan Goodwin singled and scored on an error before Ryan Senne's RBI groundout brought Pelan home. Harris singled and scored on a passed ball to make it a 9-8 game. A lineout to the pitcher ended the game.

RTHS Tennis

Rochelle hosts 2021 Summer Tennis Tournament

Several winners crowned across multiple divisions Saturday afternoon

ROCHELLE — Local tennis players of all ages gathered at Rochelle Township High School on Saturday for the 2021 Rochelle Summer Tennis Tournament. Several winners were crowned across multiple divisions including men's, women's, senior, adult, high school and junior high.

Rockford's Chris Voelker and John McKenzie won the Men's Doubles title with 24 points while Oregon's Andy Eckardt and Cherry Valley's Steve Merema took second place with 12 points. Rochelle's Lizzie Cartwright and Oregon's Kristy Eckardt won the Women's Doubles title with 18 points while Freeport's Stephanie Dinderman and Stephanie Waddell took second with 14. Kristy Eckardt won the Women's Singles title with 24 points while Naperville's Samantha Hathaway took second with 16 points. South Beloit's Jordan Fenwick won the Men's Singles title with 23 points, edging out Rockford's Matt Trowbridge, who took second place with 23 points.

Freeport's Stephanie Dinderman and Ed Schrademeier won the Adult Mixed title with 25 points while Andy Eckardt and Kristy Eckardt took second place with 24 points. John McKenzie and Matt Trowbridge won the Senior Doubles title with 22 points while Rochelle's John Prabhakar and Roy Threlkeld took second place with 13 points. Geneseo's Alex Slaymaker and Sam Mosbarger won the High School Boys Doubles title with 31 points while Rochelle Township High School's David Wanner and Peter Forsberg took second place with 21 points.

Geneseo's Grace Schilling and Aubrey Brumbaugh won the High School Girls Doubles title with 15 points while Rochelle's Lauren Jackson and Francesca Williams took second with eight points. Peru's Carlie Miller won the High School Girls Singles title with 15 points, edging out Brumbaugh, who took second with 15 points. Alex Slaymaker won the High School Boys Singles title with 28



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Several local tennis players brought home awards from the 2021 Rochelle Summer Tennis Tournament at RTHS this past weekend. Four RTHS players including David Wanner and Peter Forsberg (left) as well as Francesca Williams and Lauren Jackson (right) took home awards during the tournament.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

points while Sycamore's Jon Locascio took second with 20 points. Oregon's Sarah Eck-

ardt won the Junior High title with 12 points while Sycamore's Luke Curtis took second with 11 points.

Oregon's David Eckardt finished in third place with seven points. See page 3 of Wednesday's Rochelle

News-Leader sports section for more photos from Saturday's summer tennis tournament.



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RTHS football team battles at Byron 7v7 tournament

The Rochelle Township High School varsity and fresh-soph football teams competed in the Byron High School 7-on-7 tournament this past weekend. Several local schools duked it out on the gridiron including Rochelle, Byron, Rockford Jefferson, Eastland-Pearl City, Genoa-Kingston, Forreston and Stockton. The Hubs are less than one month away from kicking off the 2021 season against Woodstock on Aug. 27. Seniors Josh Lloyd (top left), Nate Burdin (top right) and junior Trey Taft (bottom) were three of the many varsity players who took part in the tournament over the weekend.



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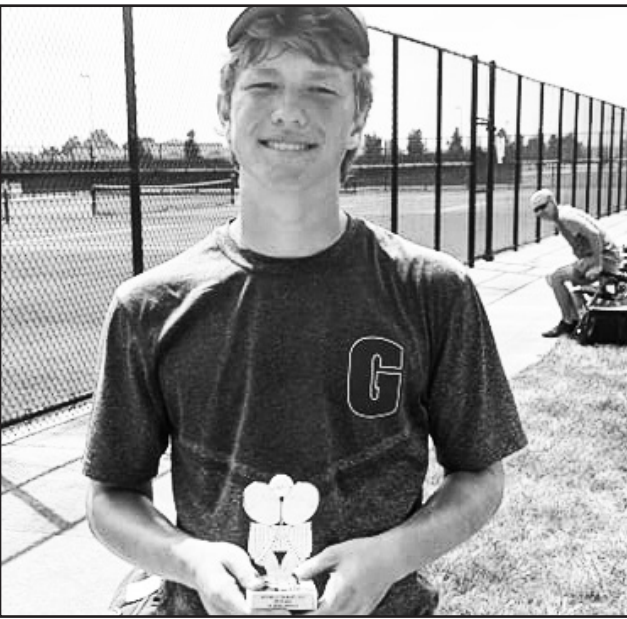


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Winners crowned at 2021 Rochelle Tennis Tournament

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NIU Football

Hammock adds Onyebuagu to coaching staff

Huskie standout returns to NIU football as tight ends/fullbacks coach

DEKALB — Northern Illinois University head football coach Thomas Hammock added another Huskie to his coaching staff naming former NIU offensive lineman Jason Onyebuagu as the Huskies' tight ends and fullbacks coach on Monday.

"We couldn't be more excited to have Jason come back to NIU and be a part of what we're rebuilding," Hammock said. "He was a very successful former player here who understands the hard way, understands the history and everything about this program, and he can relate that to our players."

"He has a demeanor about him that I think fits well with our players and having another guy on the staff that brings experience with the offensive line gives us that much more pop in the run game. That's what we want to be able to do is run the ball effectively this year, and having Jason as part of the staff here will help us do that."

This is the second time Hammock was able to draw Onyebuagu to NIU. A four-year letterwinner for the Huskies from 2006-09, Onyebuagu was Hammock's first signee during his tenure as an assistant coach at NIU. A 10-year collegiate coaching veteran, Onyebuagu brings a wealth of coaching experience and success with him back to DeKalb.

"This is one of those situations that words can't describe," Onyebuagu said of returning to NIU. "I'm coming back home to where I laid the groundwork and put in a lot of hard effort with people you love and people that grew to be life-long friends. Now I get to breathe life into these young men here at the University as part of our football program, it means everything."

Onyebuagu returns to his alma mater after spending the 2020 season at Southeast Missouri State where

he served as offensive line coach. Prior to his season at SEMO, Onyebuagu was the offensive line coach at Arkansas-Pine Bluff in 2019.

During his longest coaching stint at North Carolina Central, Onyebuagu worked as offensive line coach (2014), running game coordinator (2015-16) and co-offensive coordinator (2017-18) over a five-year period. He helped lead the Eagles to four-straight winning seasons (2014-17) in that stretch.

In 2016, NCCU captured the outright MEAC title, received its first national ranking as a Division I FCS program and earned a trip to the Celebration Bowl. The Eagles also defeated then-No. 9 ranked North Carolina A&T and broke the school's single-season record for total offense with 4,614.

A native of Indianapolis, Onyebuagu began his collegiate coaching career in 2011 as an offensive graduate assistant at the University of North Carolina. In two seasons working with the Tar Heels' offensive line, UNC earned a bid to the 2011 Independence Bowl. In 2013, Onyebuagu moved on to Syracuse where he spent the 2013 season as an offensive graduate assistant for the Orange. He was a member of a staff that led the Syracuse to a berth in the 2013 Texas Bowl.

The third NIU graduate on staff, joining Hammock and defensive ends coach Travis Moore, Onyebuagu participated in all 51 games of his Huskie career. A first team All-MAC selection in 2009 and member of former NIU head coach Jerry Kill's Leadership Council, the Warren Central product helped lead the offensive line of the No. 1 rushing team in the league as the Huskies averaged 195.2 rushing yards per game. Onyebuagu, who also earned third team All-MAC honors

in 2008, was a member of three bowl teams during his NIU career.

Onyebuagu, who graduated from NIU in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, began his coaching career in 2010 as an assistant offensive line coach at his alma mater Warren Central High School.

After spending most of his career coaching offensive line, Onyebuagu is eager for the challenge of coaching a different position group.

"I think all coaches are looking for a challenge," he said. "To learn a new position and new details I haven't had to focus on in the past couple years has been a big challenge for me and has pushed me to continue my growth as a coach."

NIU opens the season at Georgia Tech on Sept. 4 before welcoming fans back to the stands at full capacity in Huskie Stadium beginning with the home opener versus Wyoming on Sept. 11. Kickoff for the game is at 12:30 p.m. and the game will honor First Responders and Health Care Heroes, while also serving as a Welcome Back Fans celebration.

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OF)
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H. VRANA,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the
death of GEORGE H.
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No. 0740 (July 28, Aug.
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been filed.
No. 0814 (Aug. 4, 11,
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NIU Football

MAC Football Media Day signals symbolic start of 2021 season

DETROIT — Northern Illinois University head coach Thomas Hammock, offensive lineman Brayden Patton and running back Clint Ratkovich represented NIU at the 2021 Mid-American Conference Football Media Day Tuesday as the annual gathering of coaches and student-athletes from across the league signaled a symbolic start to the 2021 football season.

The morning began with breakfast at Ford Field as the Huskies fueled up for a morning of interviews. Following breakfast, the NIU contingent settled in at their assigned table before

the first stop of the day, at the Cleveland.com/MLive.com booth where all three were interviewed for that outlet's MAC Preview Show (watch here). From there it was upstairs where ESPN3 hosts Michael Reghi and Dustin Fox spoke to both Hammock and Patton, highlighting the development of the young Huskies, new and returning faces on the Huskie offense and the excitement surrounding the return of fans in 2021. Watch the ESPN3 MAC Media Day Show (NIU segment occurs in last 45 minutes).

"We love our roster," Hammock told ESPN3. "We're not limited in experience. We're very experienced, we have starters coming back and we've also seen tremendous

growth that has happened with our football team. It's very exciting, we're young, we're building for the long term and guys are ready to roll."

After MAC Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher's address to the assembled media, coaches, student-athletes, bowl partners and athletic directors, the media interviews continued as reporters from the Northern Star, Huskies On Tap, the Daily Chronicle, The Athletic and more stopped by to chat with Hammock, Patton and Ratkovich.

Patton, whose father, James, was an assistant coach at Eastern Michigan last year before moving to Miami, was greeted by both EMU head coach Chris Creighton and Miami head coach Chuck Martin. Ratkovich, who transferred to NIU for his senior season from Western Illinois, soaked up the Mid-American Conference knowledge and Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) atmosphere. Between interviews, the two continued to add to their story on the niuhuskies Instagram account as part of the takeover they started on Monday. Follow niuhuskies on Instagram and see the highlighted story.

Additional stops on the Media Day schedule included an interview with Sirius XM Radio for Hammock as they taped segments for use

throughout the preseason, an appearance on the "Call to MAction" Podcast for Ratkovich and Patton and various additional podcasts and MAC public service announcements. That was after the players spent time Monday afternoon in a photo/video and social media shoot with the MAC staff. Monday's schedule included a student-athlete session with Steinbrecher and a "fowling" outing.

With more than 75 "freshmen" on the 2021 Huskie roster, including first, second and third-year players, NIU garnered 29 points in the preseason media poll to rank sixth in the West Division voting. Ball State (114) led the way in the west while Kent State (112 points) was tabbed as the favorite in the East Division. Six different teams received votes as the MAC Championship game winner.

The Huskies returned to DeKalb Tuesday with just over two weeks remaining until the start of preseason practices on Aug. 5. NIU opens the season at Georgia Tech on Sept. 4 before welcoming fans back to the stands at full capacity in Huskie Stadium beginning with the home opener versus Wyoming on Sept. 11. Kickoff for the game is at 12:30 p.m. and the game will honor First Responders and Health Care Heroes, while also serving as a Welcome Back Fans celebration.



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