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The Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Fish Fry has been scheduled for Aug. 6.
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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Stock+Field reopened as a surprise in Rochelle on Wednesday after a change of ownership and being closed in recent months.

Stock+Field reopens

New name to be revealed soon

BY JEFF HELFRICH
 MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Stock+Field reopened as a surprise in Rochelle on Wednesday after a change of ownership and being closed in recent months.

The R.P. Acquisition Corporation — a wholly owned subsidiary of R.P. Lumber Co., Inc. — purchased the Stock+Field assets out of bankruptcy court in April 2021 and has

been working to reopen 22 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Based in Edwardsville, R.P. Lumber Co., Inc. is a family-owned retailer that operates 72 full-service hardware and building material stores throughout Illinois, Missouri, Wyoming, and Iowa.

A corporate representative of The R.P. Acquisition Corporation said the store's doors won't be closing again and in "the next

couple of weeks" a new name and full rebrand will be announced and signage and logos at the store will be replaced.

Last month, Stock+Field took suggestions online for the new name with the intention of announcing its choice this month. The corporate representative declined to reveal the name or any clues to what it might be on Wednesday.

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Man charged with aggravated robbery

BY JEFF HELFRICH
 MANAGING EDITOR

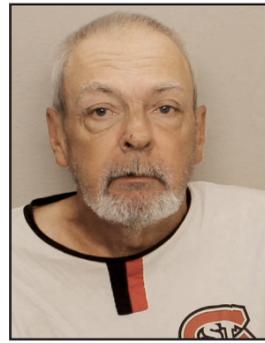
ROCHELLE — A Rockford man was charged with aggravated robbery Tuesday after an incident at Central Bank in Rochelle, Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby said.

Rodney Beese, 63, of Rockford entered the bank and presented a note to a teller demanding money and implied he had a weapon and that others may be involved, Rochelle Police Detective Terry Inman said.

Rochelle Police responded to a panic alarm at 1:56 p.m. and a report of a suspicious incident and a male leaving the scene, Higby said. Beese was given money before leaving the bank, Inman said.

Rochelle Police said it was originally believed that Beese presented a note outside at the drive-up window, but the incident actually occurred inside.

After getting a description of Beese, a Rochelle Police patrolman located a man fitting his description nearby at the Colonade Motel and he was



Rodney Beese

identified and arrested. An undisclosed amount of money was recovered with Beese, Inman said.

"I don't know if he was armed at the time, but we didn't find any weapons," Inman said. "As far as I know, it was just him. I believe the money we recovered was from the bank. Everything was turned over to the FBI. We don't have the amount."

Since banks are federally-regulated, the FBI became involved and will be handling the investigation. Local jurisdictions like Rochelle can't charge bank robbery, that would be up to the FBI, Higby said.

Beese was transported to the Ogle County Jail following Tuesday's events.

Land boundary agreement approved

Creston board: Rochelle Landfill could close at end of 2040

BY JEFF HELFRICH
 MANAGING EDITOR

CRESTON — The Creston Village Board approved a series of agreements at its Tuesday meeting that would result in the Rochelle Landfill closing by or on Dec. 31, 2040.

The landfill would close earlier if there is no remaining capacity. In order to ensure that there is no remaining capacity, the annual limit for waste that can be disposed of at the landfill would increase to 650,000 tons per year.

The agreement is conditioned upon the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency granting a final and non-appealable order to eliminate the need to exhume cell one of the Rochelle Landfill.

Both the village and the City of Rochelle engaged an expert to review the need for exhumation and found there is currently no leakage from the landfill and exhumation would not be needed, Creston



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Creston Village Board approved a series of agreements at its Tuesday meeting that would result in the Rochelle Landfill closing by or on Dec. 31, 2040.

Village Attorney Dave Tess said.

The City of Rochelle will need to approve that

agreement and two others at its Monday meeting for the plan to move forward, Tess said. All agreements

are contingent upon each other. All must pass or all fail. An IEPA approval process will also follow

that would take eight months to a year.

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LOCAL NEWS



Agatha Knaak

Knaak celebrates 101st birthday

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Agatha Knaak celebrated her 101st birthday on Thursday at Liberty Village in Rochelle.

Family and friends joined her for a celebration. Happy birthday was sung three times and a sign was put up in the common area. Knaak called the response and celebration “overwhelming.”

“Just to take life as it comes,” Knaak said when asked what she’s learned in 101 years. “Keep the Lord in your mind all the time and he’ll make things work out alright for you, whatever it is.”



Kishwaukee College Foundation bids farewell to outgoing directors

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Foundation welcomed new members to its Board of Directors while bidding farewell to outgoing members during their May annual meeting.

Geri-Dee Hayden, T.J. Irving and Jackee Ohlinger retired from their positions on the board of directors upon completion of their terms. The foundation board helps establish policy and steer the direction of the foundation, which provides financial support for college initiatives through scholarships and program enhancement.

Hayden, a Rochelle resident, ended a tenure on the board of directors that started in 2010. She most recently served as the board’s treasurer. Hayden will continue her work with Kish in a new capacity as she was elected to the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees in April.

Hayden said her own experience attending a

community college, along with taking advantage of scholarship opportunities, prompted her to join the foundation board where she helped continue those opportunities for Kish students.

“What I have enjoyed the most is the individual stories and how these students grow and succeed. To play a small role in that is special,” Hayden said. “The foundation has a bright future and will be very important to the continued success of the college.”

Ohlinger was appointed to the board of directors in 2019. The Rochelle resident and Kish graduate said she felt her interests aligned with the foundation’s goals, which made it an easy choice to take on the role and help the foundation board through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I served a very short term on the board, but I was proud of the ded-

ication and innovation during a most unusual time that advanced our mission,” Ohlinger said. “I am a proud alumnus of Kishwaukee College and serving on the foundation board allowed me to give back. I am thankful for the opportunity to be among fabulous individuals striving to make a difference.”

Amy Oster, account director & vice president of OC Creative in DeKalb, and Michelle J. Pease, community development director for the City of Rochelle, have been appointed to the board of directors to fill the vacancies.

Each semester, the foundation awards hundreds of scholarships to Kish students, which are made possible through generous gifts from members of the community, local business and industry, and area associations. To learn more about the foundation and its board of directors, visit www.kish.edu/foundation.

Myroth graduates from Marquette University

MILWAUKEE — This spring, Paige Myroth of Rochelle, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Myroth earned

a bachelor’s degree in biomechanics. Myroth was one of 2,301 students to graduate from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its

140th commencement with a series of events, including graduate recognition ceremonies at American Family Field and a baccalaureate mass on campus.

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LOCAL NEWS

4-H blue ribbon livestock auction set for July 31

OREGON — The annual 4-H blue ribbon livestock auction has been set for Saturday July 31, and it is going virtual. The 4-H auction committee invites the public to support 4-H project work by bidding on a quality 4-H animal!

The auction will start at 3 p.m. online. It will feature 4-H market hogs, lambs, beef animals, goats, poultry and rabbits as well as beef, swine, lamb and goat carcasses.

Live animals may be purchased and sent to a locker or may be bought and resold at a slaughterhouse. Transportation to processing plants will be provided. A floor price will be set according to the current market trends the day of the auction. A list of current market prices will be available. Pork and lamb carcasses will be sold whole. Beef carcasses will be sold in halves.

Auction order will be: beef carcass, live beef, sheep carcass, live sheep, swine carcass, live swine, dairy basket, dairy & meat goat wethers, poultry, rabbits, beef, sheep and swine.

Auction flyers and online buyer registration are available in the Ogle County Extension Office

and online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>. Bidding arrangements can be made for interested parties who are unable to attend. Call 815-732-2191 for more information.

Project exhibits

Ogle County's 302 4-H club members in 14 clubs will showcase approximately 615 4-H project exhibits and 750 project animals during the 2021 Ogle County Fair, Oregon, July 28 through Aug. 1.

4-H Fairs are held nationally to allow youth the opportunity to exhibit projects that have resulted from in-depth yearlong studies of areas that interest them.

As part of the exhibition, non-animal exhibitors meet one-on-one with project judges to receive feedback about their displays and gather ideas for future project expansion.

Animal judging tests 4-H'ers abilities to produce, maintain and select healthy animals with excellent breeding and market potential. Animal showmanship classes provide 4-H'ers with the opportunities to develop and refine their animal presentation skills.

At the 4-H Fair, competition exists at two levels. 4-H'ers first compete against themselves for exhibit ratings. Every exhibit — animal or non-animal — is assigned a rating of blue, red or white.

Blue ratings are awarded to youth with entries that meet class guidelines and represent high-quality work. White ratings are assigned when entries do not meet class guidelines or exhibits are of low quality. Red ribbons are assigned for exhibits falling somewhere in between.

Once ratings have been assigned, all of the blue award winners compete against one another for the chance to become class champions or overall division winners. A number of blue-awarded non-animal exhibits are also selected each year to represent Ogle County 4-H at the Illinois State Fair.

Beyond the competition and learning, the Ogle County 4-H Fair is a celebration! It marks the end of a year of youth development, club and county activities and community service, new friendships, and family building.

Many thanks go to the hundreds of 4-H leaders, helpers, fair committee

members, judges, auctioneers, and supporters who make this annual educational extravaganza possible.

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. For information, call the Ogle County Extension Office at (815) 732-2191 or visit on-line at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

The 4-H year will begin again on Sept. 1. The fair is an excellent place to explore 4-H and decide if it might be right for your family. Youth, ages 5-18 by Sept. 1, 2021 can join for the coming year. You can visit various clubs to find the right fit or create your own.

4-H schedule

The 2021 Ogle County 4-H Fair will be held in conjunction with the 168th Ogle County Fair in Oregon. The fair will be open to the public from July 31-Aug. 1.

Visit the 4-H Fair to see local 4-H club members in action with their animals and experience the wide array of displays and presentations they have created for showcase in the exhibit building.

4-H competitions and

special events are set as follows:

Wednesday, July 28: exhibit building open to the public from 3-9 p.m., 4-H swine check-in, weigh-in and stalled from 3-6 p.m., 4-H sheep, rabbit, poultry, goats and dairy check-in and stalled from 5-8 p.m., 4-H beef check-in, weigh-in and stalled from 5-8 p.m. and 4-H bucket calf clinic at 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 29: 4-H dairy goat milk production milk-out at 7:30 a.m., 4-H swine show at 8 a.m., exhibit building open to public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 4-H rabbit show at 10 a.m., 4-H dairy show at 11 a.m., 4-H sheep weigh-in from 3-4 p.m., 4-H sheep show at 5 p.m., 4-H beef show at 5 p.m., 4-H bucket calf check-in from 5:30-6 p.m., 4-H bucket calf judging at 6:30 p.m. and 4-H dairy goat milk production milk-out at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 30: 4-H goat show at 9 a.m., exhibit building open to public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 4-H poultry show at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 31: exhibit building open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., virtual blue ribbon livestock auction at 3 p.m. and master show-

manship contest at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 1: exhibit building open to public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., exhibit building check-out from 3-6 p.m., animals check-out for families with last names beginning with E-L at 2 p.m., animals check-out for families with last names beginning with M-Z at 3 p.m. and animals check-out for families with last names beginning with A-D at 4 p.m.

The Ogle County Fairgrounds is located two miles west of Oregon just off Illinois Route 64 on Limekiln Road. Daily admission to the fair is \$8 for individuals four years old and up on Wednesday, July 28 through Sunday, Aug. 1, and includes carnival rides.

Discounted fair passes are available at Casey's in Polo, Oregon, Mt. Morris, Byron and Stillman Valley.

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. If you are interested in learning more about 4-H or want to get involved, contact Ogle County Extension at 815-732-2191 or visit online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

STEM Café: The Physics of the Olympics

DEKALB — On Wednesday, July 14, two Northern Illinois University physics professors will discuss the physics of the summer Olympics at an online STEM Café.

The online STEM Café begins at 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Registration and more information at go.niu.edu/Olympics.

"There's a huge amount of interesting physics and science that will take place during the summer Olympics," Associate Professor Jahred Adelman said. "It can all be understood without using any complicated mathematics, and in most cases, without any math at all."

According to Adelman, the basic concepts of Newton's Laws, conservation of energy and conservation of momentum can explain what happens when a diver jumps off the platform, when a gymnast pushes off the vault or when a soccer player kicks the ball.

"Thinking about sports from the perspective

of a physicist can lead to surprising insights," Adelman said.

Adelman, a particle physicist whose research focuses on the Higgs boson and particle accelerator technologies, will be joined by fellow particle physicist Professor Mike Eads.

While both professors focus much of their research on understanding matter and energy at the tiniest, subatomic level, Adelman says particle physics nonetheless has

a foundation in older descriptions of the mechanics of larger objects.

"The physical laws describing everything taking place in Tokyo 2021 are no different from those that explain everyday life, from driving a car to walking to work to taking the train," Adelman said. "But their everyday nature makes these laws anything but routine. The more we understand these rules, the more extraordinary and special they become.

People may not know it, but they are already physicists! We all intuitively understand and use Newton's Laws without even realizing it."

Adelman and Eads share a love of sport, and they relish the chance to apply knowledge of physics to the sports we all love.

"Thankfully, being good at a sport is not a requirement for understanding it," Adelman said.

NIU STEM Cafés are

part of NIU STEAM and are designed to increase public awareness of the critical role that STEM fields play in our everyday lives. They are supported by Bayer Fund and

Thermo Fisher Scientific. For more information, visit go.niu.edu/stem-cafes or contact Judith Dymond, Ed.D., at 815-753-4751 or jdymond@niu.edu.



Join us for a Celebration of Life for Dale Bryant on July 13 at 10 a.m. at Lawnridge Cemetery. Dale was a custodian at Central and Tilton schools for many years and was married to his wife, Shirley, for 38 years. He is remembered by his children Steve, Larry, Linda and Carol, his stepchildren Randy, Jeff, Pam and Mark, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Steven Todd Utley

ROCHELLE — Steven Todd Utley, 60, born April 30, 1961, passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 29 after a long illness with family near.

Loving and loved son, brother, father, papa, cousin, uncle, nephew and friend, Steve was born and raised in Rochelle, the son of James (Jim) and Delores (Lois) Marler-Utley.

Steve graduated from Rochelle Township High School with honors and later attended Northern Illinois University. He was always on the honor roll and was recognized in Who's Who. He married Kathy Whitten Utley in 1986 and they had two children, Stephanie and Jeremy.

Steve was a hard worker, working rotating shifts as an operator at the Byron Nuclear Plant to

provide for his family. He was well liked by his coworkers and made many friends during his time there.

Some of Steve's many loves included riding dirt bikes and motorcycles, listening to music, spending time with family and watching football.

Steve was a simple man with a kind and generous heart. He always wanted to make sure everyone around him was comfortable. He never wanted or asked for anything from anyone and was the absolute hardest person to buy gifts for.

Steve was a one of a kind person who was incredibly proud of his children and loved his mother dearly. We will miss his smile, his laugh and his eye rolls. We will miss ordering pizza and watching football games and Law & Order with



him.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Jim Utley, and his brother, Tim Utley.

Steve is survived by his mother, Lois Utley (Walter Lee), daughter, Stephanie Utley, son Jeremy Utley (Stephanie Nolan-Utley), step-daughter, Mary Williams, grandsons Braxton and Jace, girlfriend, Cindy, and many aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins and friends.

There will be a celebration of life for Steven on Saturday, July 17 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the VFW in Rochelle.

Obituaries

Ronald G. Hotchkiss

ROCKFORD — Ronald G. Hotchkiss DC, 83, a native of Ashton, a successful and respected Rockford chiropractor for many years, passed away quietly after a long illness on July 2 at Serenity Hospice in Oregon.

A gifted anatomist and dedicated physician, Ron practiced in Rochelle and later in Rockford for over four decades with patients coming to him for care from all parts of the U.S. As an expression of his commitment to his patients and people everywhere needing spinal care, Ron was also an inventor and late in his career developed and received a patent for a portable neck therapy device for home use.

Ron is predeceased by the love of his life and wife of 52 years, Dolores in 2018; beloved granddaughter, Elaine Ray

Isenberg of Marysville, Washington in 2019; parents, Claude and Euna (nee Thompson) Hotchkiss of Ashton; and sister, Norma Lee (Hotchkiss) Muhlach of Ashton.

Ron is survived by his devoted and loving sister, Wanda (Hotchkiss) Weishaar of Ashton; stepsons, Zane Adams and wife, Melissa, of Cartersville, Georgia and Jack (Rick) Ray of Renton, Washington.

Children most often mean grandchildren too and Ron opened his generous heart to a granddaughter in Washington state; five grandsons in Washington, Georgia, North Carolina and Texas; and their families for three great-granddaughters in Washington and Texas; and four great-grandsons in Washington, Texas, Georgia and North Carolina.



Funeral Services will be held Wednesday July 14 at 11 a.m. at Grace Family Church, 3202 Pleasant Valley Road, Rockford, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Graveside interment services will be at Restland Cemetery in Mendota at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to Grace Family Church in Rockford. The family wishes to thank Christenson Funeral Home, Rockford, for their kind services. www.rockford-funerals.com.

William Dean Powell

TOPEKA, Kan. — William Dean Powell, 87, of Topeka, Kansas passed away peacefully on July 6, 2021.

Bill was born on Aug. 25, 1933. The son of the late Howard and the late Esther "Trompeter" Powell in Marshall County, Illinois. He graduated from Sparland High School and later enlisted in the Army.

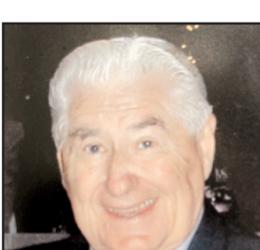
After serving his country, he returned to Illinois to attend Bradley University. Upon graduation, he started his career with Del Monte Foods and later became the Plant Manager in Pauline, Kansas where he retired in March 1989.

Bill was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed watching

the St Louis Cardinals, Notre Dame Fighting Irish and, of course, the University of Kansas.

He coached basketball, baseball and softball. Through years of coaching, he developed many friendships along the way. Bill is the beloved husband to L. Elaine Powell, loving father to Maureen "Reenie" (Keith) Olson, step-father to Michelle and Michael Taylor and a dear grandfather to Drew and Peyton Olson. He was a fond brother to the late Ellen McCully and the late Howard Powell. Bill was a dear uncle to many.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, July 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the



Lake Shawnee Shelter House No. 2, 3410 SE Leisure Lane, Topeka, Kansas 66605.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Midland Hospice Care at 120 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, Kansas, 66606.

Arrangements by Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale. For information call 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

Patricia L. Troxel

ROCHELLE — Patricia L. Troxel, 70, passed away Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Patty was born on Oct. 7, 1950 to Edwin C. and Edna Mae (Atkinson) Williams in Rochelle. On Oct. 28, 1988, she married William H. Troxel, Jr. in Rochelle. He preceded her in death on July 16, 2009 along with her parents, son, Timothy Smith, step daughter, Jeneen Troxel and two brothers: Lowell and Russell Beck.

Patty is survived by two daughters: Christina (Adam) Smith-Espitia of

Rochelle and Susie (Corey) Kreider of Rochelle; three step daughters: Dayna, Deanna and Jan; brother, Chuck Beck; three sisters: Doris (Larry) Bolhaus, Bonnie Bamborough and Carolyn (Don) Williams; and nine grandchildren: Kory, Joseph and Kaylyn O'Toole, Taylor and Trent Kreider, Saige and Skylar Hippelli, Devyn Absher and Ambra Walker.

The visitation will be from 5 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 13 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The



funeral service will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 14 at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle. A memorial will be established. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Rochelle Police Department

Officers make several arrests

ROCHELLE — On July 6 at 7 a.m. Alexxius M. Hicks, 26, of Carol

Stream was cited for speeding 66 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone and possession of cannabis. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Aug. 13.

On July 6 at 11:56 a.m. Randell J. Welch, 54, of Stillwater, Oklahoma was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Aug. 13.

On July 6 at 1:54 p.m. Rodney Beese, 63, of Rockford was arrested for aggravated robbery and transferred to the Ogle County Jail and later to FBI custody.

On July 6 at 10:29 p.m. Joshua Hoole, 36, of Marion was arrested on outstanding warrants from Ogle County and Williamson County and transferred.

On July 7 at 7:50 p.m. Darrell A. Williamson, 47, of Rochelle was arrested on two outstanding

Ogle County warrants and transferred.

On July 7 at 9 a.m. Jacob L. Scarbrough, 25, of Rochelle was arrested on three outstanding Ogle County warrants and transferred.

On July 8 at 3:18 a.m. Maria E. Galvin, 59, of Belvidere was cited for no insurance. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Aug. 13.

On July 8 at 5 p.m. Stephanie A. O'Neill, 32, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended. She was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Aug. 13.

On July 9 at 12:33 a.m. Justin N. Balaban, 28, of Rochelle was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting a peace officer and possession of hypodermic syringes.

He was released on an I-Bond and given an Ogle County court date of Aug. 13.

Something to Think About
 Jeff Beverage
 Director



EMBALMING PROCESS
 The embalming process essentially involves replacing the blood and other bodily fluids with a preservative such as formaldehyde. Embalming is required by law only under certain circumstances, but families that intend to have a public viewing of the body usually choose to have it done, embalming preservative powers give them more leeway in scheduling a funeral.

Embalmers are adept at restoring natural features that have been injured or to people who die after a long illness. They have a range of techniques to deal with various difficulties. They can replace missing hair, rebuild fractured features, or disguise the effects of

the drastic weight loss from a long, wasting illness. Before it is placed in the casket, the body is dressed and prepared for viewing. Hair is shampooed and set, and men get a shave. Families are sometimes encouraged to bring in a recent photograph of the deceased to help guide them.

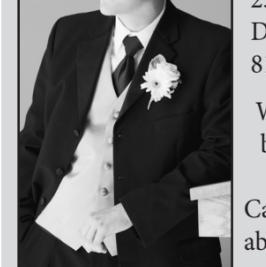


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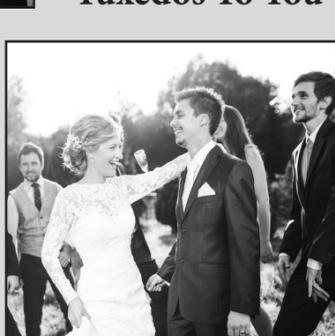
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RELIGION

Are You Ready for an Upgrade?

DO you enjoy your life? Are you living with real peace, joy and fulfillment? Or are you stuck in the pain of past mistakes, abuse, injustices or some other hurt you've endured?

I know what it's like to live in "survival mode," just getting through each day and dreading a lot of what I had to do. I also know how life-changing it can be to discover the truth that God wants us to enjoy our lives. John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, until it overflows]" (AMP).

Before I discovered this scripture, I didn't understand that God meant for me to have a joy-filled

life. I loved God and was a born-again Christian, and yet I was miserable. But John 10:10 clearly shows us that Jesus didn't die for us just so we could be miserable until we go to Heaven.

He came so we can "have and enjoy life" now...in this life. And we can have this life if we'll choose to trust God and do what He shows us to do to become healed in our soul—our mind, will and emotions.

Face the Truth and Find Freedom

We all experience heart-ache or wounds from abuse or injustices of some kind. Getting hurt, hurts. But getting well hurts, too. One

reason people stay broken is because there is pain in the healing process. It requires us to face the truth about ourselves—where we are and how we got there. And I know how hard this can be.

Because of the severe abuse I experienced for years before I left home at the age of 18, I was angry, insecure, suspicious, manipulative and controlling. I wasn't able to have healthy relationships because I didn't like myself, which made me critical and judgmental of everyone else.

I used my past to justify my bad behavior until God spoke to my heart and said, "Your past is the reason you are the way you are, but don't let it be the

excuse to stay that way."

As I grew in my relationship with Christ, I learned the truth about His love for me...that He knew all about me and He loved me anyway.

I was no surprise to God—He knew what He was getting when He chose me. And the same is true for you. The truth is we will always have some imperfections, but Jesus didn't come for the healthy—He came for the sick! That means we all qualify for help from God.

Pick Your Pain

The healing process is not easy; it takes time and we often make progress little by little. But the truth is you'll either have the pain of change or the pain

of staying the same. The question is: Are you tired of putting your energy into being miserable and mad all the time? Or are you ready for an upgrade?

The thought of staying the same is scary to me. It makes me shiver to think I could still be the way I used to be more than 40 years ago now. Even though there was a lot of pain getting from there to where I am today, I can honestly say there has been more joy than pain. God gave me the grace to never give up, and if He did it for me, He'll do it for you!

Ephesians 2:10 says, "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (NIV). God's plan for you is good, and

He wants to help you take your journey through the healing process so you can become everything He created you to be. You can trust Him to always be with you and to give you the strength to do everything you need to do (Philippians 4:13).

I really want to encourage you today to refuse to settle for less than the joy-filled life Jesus wants you to have. Face the truth about yourself and understand that if your soul has been severely damaged by abuse, abandonment, rejection, loss or anything else, the journey to wholeness won't be easy. But I promise you the joy you'll gain on the other side—the upgraded life you'll have in the end—will far outweigh the pain of the process.



Joyce Meyer

Rochelle Area

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

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Calvary Lutheran Church, LCMC - "To Know Christ and to Proclaim Christ in Word and Deed" - 19 Perry Road, Lee, IL 60530 (the intersection of Perry Road and W. County Line Road) Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship is from 9-10 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. (Summer hours are: Worship at 9:30 a.m. & Fellowship at 10 a.m.) We invite all to join us each Sunday. Rev Martha Uecker Nelson, Pastor. A Grief Counseling group is offered each third (3rd) Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. Call (815) 824-2825 or email calvarychurchlee@gmail.com for more information. Worship services are posted live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Calvary-Lutheran-Church. Our website is calvarychurchlee.org.

Church of Christ, Minister Dominic Venuso. Hillcrest Ave. and Erickson Rd. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Free Bible Correspondence Course (815) 562-6572.

Church of God/Iglesia de Dios, Rochelle Church of God invites you to its bilingual services every Sunday at 3pm. La iglesia de Dios en Rochelle te invita a sus servicios bilingues cada domingo a las 3pm. We hope to see you. Te esperamos. Iglesia de Dios Evangelio completo. 222 1st Ave., Rochelle, Illinois., 61068.

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Elim Reformed Church, 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-6811. Email goelimchurch@gmail.com Website www.goelimchurch.org Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Rev. Marv Jacobs

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church - An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgrace.com. Sunday morning worship on our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgrace.com / www.facebook.com/placeforgrace

Flagg Center Community Church of God Faith of Abraham, 13741 E. Flagg Rd., corner of Flagg and Center Road, Flagg Center. Pastor Ron Macy. Phone 815-899-6229. Thursday night Bible study 6:30 p.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Preaching Jesus Christ crucified, buried, resurrected, ascended and returning to earth to establish God's Kingdom. Also preaching the unity of God and the sleep of the dead.

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

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

Living Water Community Church 405 N. Main St, Rochelle. Phone: 815-561-6249, Website: www.lwccr.com, Like us on facebook, Non-Denominational, Casual, Christ Centered. Pastor Bobby Gardner, Worship Director, Wes Carr, Youth Director, Adrian Daugherty. Services: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 10am. Radio: 1060 WRHL every Sunday 8:30-9:00am. Nursery, Toddlers and Children's Ministry 1st-5th meet during each weekend service. Small Groups, Life Groups and discipleship workshops available. 7C's Mission- located at 1135 Lincoln Hwy, Light lunch, Hygiene & Clothing items available the last Saturday of each month from 10:00am-1:00pm.

New Hope Fellowship (Church of God - Anderson, IN), 1501 10th Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068. Service: Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., (815)561-8400, www.NHFchurch.net Pastor: Dan Sergeant. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

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

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

LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

With freedom comes responsibility

I loved watching the Rochelle fireworks display on the Fourth. Lots of bangs and flashes. I think we all missed that last year.

Kudos to the fire department folks for putting on a safe and colorful show. I am not a hockey fan, and had never heard of Matiss Kivlenieks until this week. He is a goalie for the Columbus Blue Jackets in the National Hockey League.

Or at least, he was. The youngster died in Michigan over the Fourth when a misguided firework set off at a gathering hit him in the chest.

Fireworks are dangerous toys. If you are trained, like our firemen, then you might be OK shooting them off. But anyone else is looking for trouble, whether it be blowing off fingers or setting a garage on fire.

I am old enough to remember when Yard Jarts were banned because someone got hit in the head by the steel spiked dart and died. Action was quickly taken to ban the darts.

Yet every year we read about people killed or maimed by legal fireworks.

Maybe the fireworks sold to the public should be limited to a certain amount of explosive material.

And why do people think it is fun to shoot them off well into the night and next morning? Yes, the Fourth of July

is a celebration of our freedoms, but with freedom comes responsibility, the responsibility to be a good citizen and a good neighbor.

Passports and the postal service A big thank you to the folks at the local post office. I did not realize my passport was expiring in a few months and am planning

a trip. They helped me with sending it overnight and including return overnight postage to speed up the process.

It is all my fault. I did not check the passport and did not realize it expired in November. I also did not realize you could not travel overseas with a passport that was expiring within six months of your trip.

Now it is a race against time.

Wisconsin accident There was a horrific accident on Interstate 39 and 90 in Wisconsin over the Fourth. A local couple was involved, with their car flipped in the carnage. Luckily, I understand they escaped with just some bumps and bruises.

Thank heavens for air bags and seat belts.

Bank robbery A bank robbery in Rochelle?

Holy cow...I thought all the stolen cars recently were pretty bad. But a bank heist?

By the way, crime does not pay.

Terry Dickow may be contacted at terrydickow@gmail.com



Terry Dickow

How has your communication been?

RECENTLY, I've been thinking a lot about communication and what is involved for it to be effective.

During the month of June, over 20 members of the Northwest Illinois Incident Management Assistance Team deployed to Volk Field in Wisconsin for an exercise called Patriot21, as well as the Rockton Chemtool fire.

Members of the team come from many different backgrounds including local fire departments, emergency management, hospital groups and law enforcement. Following the tornado in 2015, I realized the need and benefit of incident management teams (IMT) and I became heavily involved in the Illinois IMT, Northwest IL IMAT, and the Eastern Area IMT.

Incident management teams bring a framework of nationally-qualified, position-specific individuals, to help organize the chaos of any event whether natural or manmade.

As the incident commander, my job is to make ensure every-

one is working in unison and this can only be done through effective communication, something we preached constantly at the recent exercise.

The need for clear and concise communication has to be bi-directional and was extremely crucial in Patriot21. This exercise was hosted by the Wisconsin National Guard and incorporated not only multiple National Guard air wings from across the country but also the following organizations: Wisconsin State Police, Nebraska State Police, Maine State Police, Illinois Urban Search and Rescue TF1, county and state emergency managers and multiple private organizations.

Managing a group of over 1,000 individuals, multiple air operations and a half dozen different work sites is a difficult task on the best days; however, without effective communication, response of this magnitude is impossible.

What I came to quickly realize is the communication has to flow both ways and the messages have to be understood by

both parties. This was evident in the communication between the civilian and military organizations involved in this exercise.

We both spoke the same language but the meanings and acronyms caused issues. These breakdowns in communication are the same issues we face in our everyday life whether it's with a loved one, at work or a civic organization, communication is key.

Without effective communication, ideas cannot be fully understood and problems cannot be solved. The responsibility for clear communication requires participation by both parties.

I would implore you to take this effective communication challenge and become engaged in the future. Not only the future of our local community or county but also our state.

We hear a lot from the politicians in Springfield but have they heard from you? Has the County Board heard from you? Has your city council heard your concerns? How has your communication been?

Brian VanVickle is the Sheriff of Ogle County.



Brian VanVickle

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

In honor of Saturday's 34th Annual Rochelle News-Leader Hot Dog Day, how do you prefer to eat your hot dogs? Are you a ketchup believer? Do you go for the relish and onions?

"Ketchup, mustard and tomatoes."
Andrew Heiserman

"Whatever you think tastes good."
Doug Baker

"Potato salad and baked beans on it."
Jamie Gadson

"BLENDER. Then CHUG."
Cody Dale

"Coleslaw, maybe a little mustard."
Kimberly Diane Ekes

"Chili and cheese."
Jimmy Rot

"Mustard, onions and sometimes relish. Depends on the day."
Rachel Marie

"Chicago style."
Jim Farthing

"Mustard and onions!"
Lori Helfrich Miller

"Just mustard."
Carolyn Capes

"Chicago dog."
Allen Huhn

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COMMUNITY

Kishwaukee College announces spring 2021 dean's list

MALTA — The Office of Student Services at Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the spring 2021 dean's list.

To be eligible for dean's list honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kishwaukee College with a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Rochelle: Rebecca Bunger, Marisol Garcia, Kaitlynn

Ost, Olivia Ramos, Ilse Molina, Diego Escobar, Amber Boehm, Jasmine Mondragon-Cervantes, Brandon Villa, Jaelyn Kammes, Lillian Fulgencio, Brooke Myroth, Johnathan Nguyen, Jaderi Ibarra, Allison Seebach, Macey Ryan, Lillian Robertson, Sarah Plyman, Melanie Higueros, Nicholas Albers and Kaylee Sergeant.

Creston: Austin Childers. Lindenwood: Anna Roush. Malta: Rachel Hutcheson. Steward: Makenna Ferrari, Keri Glavac and Raynah Marks.



- June 15 - Donna Chick, Paw Paw, \$25
- June 16 - Nancy Carr, Davis Junction, \$25
- June 17 - Crystal Fiegenschuh, Princeton, \$25
- June 18 - Sarah Flanagan, Rochelle, \$25
- June 19 - Patricia Rodgers, Rockford, \$25
- June 20 - Cassie Cecil, Rochelle, \$500
- June 21 - Amy Hatfield, Rochelle, \$25
- June 22 - Jane Cassidy, Rochelle, \$25
- June 23 - Patricia Mahan, Illiopolis, \$25
- June 24 - Anne Aubry, Whitefish Bay, Wis., \$25
- June 25 - Spencer Hayden, Rochelle, \$25
- June 26 - Diane May, Volvo, \$25
- June 27 - Emily Shrimplin, West Brooklyn, \$50
- June 28 - Cheri McGee, Rochelle, \$25
- June 29 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- June 30 - Tom Ellis, Steward, \$25
- July 1 - Colette Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$25
- July 2 - Peggy Nowicki, Madison, Wis., \$25
- July 3 - Johnson Tractor, Rochelle, \$25
- July 4 - Gabriela Ortiz, Rochelle, \$
- July 5 - Rotary, Rochelle, \$25
- July 6 - Rex Renner, Rochelle, \$25
- July 7 - Mungor - ClarkDietrich, Rochelle, \$25
- July 8 - Arlyn VanDyke, Rochelle, \$25
- July 9 - Don Stevens, Oregon, \$25
- July 10 - Mindy Venners, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

Rochelle's Jackson named to Augustana College dean's list

ROCK ISLAND — Brielle Jackson, majoring in biochemistry from Rochelle, was among

the students named to Augustana College's 2020-21 spring semester dean's list.

Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of

3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the spring term.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- July 12**
Zach Walker
Gene Messer
Thayde Sullivan
Danica Thompson
- July 14**
Eli Jones
Peggy Messer
- July 15**
Seriana Carpenter
Julia Jackson
Courtney Jones
- July 17**
Carolyn Overstreet

- July 19**
Eric & Kati Johnson
- July 20**
Corey Lawrence
Zack Lawrence
Aaron Doering
Courtney South
- July 21**
Gavin Arnold
- July 22**
Kayla Peterman
John & Deb Wooten
Alexie Smith

- July 23**
Elmer Lopez
- July 24**
Paige Komadina
Juliana Kann
Jackson Kann
- July 26**
James Friestad
- July 27**
Pastor Angelo & Debbie Bonacquisti
Brian & Kelly Smith
- July 28**
Marisa McGuire

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

- July 13 (Tuesday) - Chicken Fettuccine with broccoli, salad, garlic bread
- July 15 (Thursday) - Beef Pot Roast with carrots, onion, potatoes, corn and cornbread
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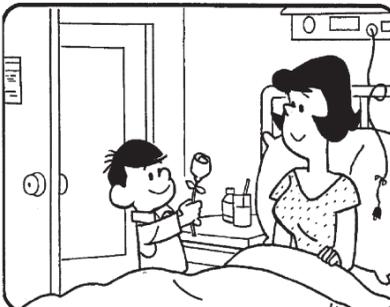
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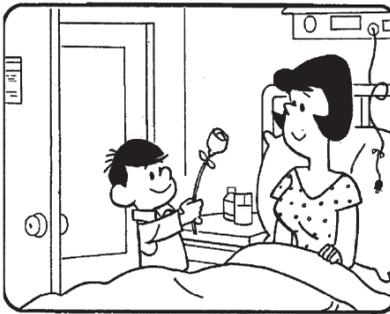
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HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rose stem is longer. 2. Straw is missing. 3. Cord is shorter. 4. Gown is different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Dooknoh is lower.

Super Crossword

BACKWARD WORD-BUILDING

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Really ruffle	1 Rival of FedEx
6 Bozo	2 With 6-Down, yield a profit
9 They may fly at half-mast	3 Hot stretch
14 "— Mia" (Abba hit)	4 Macaroni shape
19 São —	5 "Such a pity"
20 Sway to and —	6 See 2-Down
21 TV's Greene or Michaels	7 Popped up
22 S	8 Two-pronged vehicle
23 S	9 Well-spoken
26 Asinine	10 E-giggle
27 "— -Dick"	11 Dog's yap
28 — -Ball	
29 2007 Disney princess	
31 Add a letter before that to spell ...	
37 Above, to bards	
38 "How dumb of me!"	
39 Fearless	
40 Orbit, e.g.	
42 Foliage unit	
44 In the manner of	
45 "The Zoo Story" playwright	
50 Bozo	
52 Add a letter before that to spell ...	
57 Close amigo	
59 Really ruffle	
60 Wet-weather headgear	
61 Hay fever explosion	
62 Former Israeli PM Golda	
64 Big fusses	
66 Capitol's top	
67 Add a letter before that to spell ...	
71 "I know! Pick me!"	
74 Novelist Jaffe	
75 Two before X	
76 Deadly	
80 Fruity, sourish dessert	
82 The Cowboys, on a sports ticker	
83 Falsify	
85 Add a letter before that to spell ...	
89 Pear, apple and quince	
90 Main artery	
91 Essen "a"	
92 He married Lucy	
94 Moor growth	
95 Tennis great	
99 Young — (toddlers)	
101 '60s Pontiac muscle car	
102 Add a letter before that to spell ...	
109 Alveolar trill, as in Spanish speech	
110 Tofu source, to Brits	
111 Long stretch	
112 Perfect little kid	
113 Add a letter before that to spell ...	
120 Gettysburg victor George	
121 C-3PO, e.g	
122 Stanley Cup gp.	
123 In snazzy clothes	
124 Media biggie	
125 Tabby cries	
126 Dems' rival	
127 Bergen dummy Mortimer	
12 Wildebeest	
13 Composer Prokofiev	
14 En — (as one)	
15 1989 Disney princess	
16 Metric "thousandth" (soft drink)	
17 — Yello (soft drink)	
18 Thus far	
24 Germ killer in a can	
25 Connery of film	
30 "— be an honor"	
31 Subjects	
32 In direct confrontation	
33 "Trauma: Life in —" (old TLC series)	
34 Guzzled, e.g.	
35 Ill-gotten gains	
36 Shimmery gem	
41 Bride-to-be's clothing drawer	
43 Lumberjack, at times	
45 Nickname of Onassis	
46 Phyllis' last name on the old sitcom "Phyllis"	
47 — chic (hippie-inspired fashion)	
48 Mild cheese	
49 Italy's Villa d'—	
51 Brand of tea	
53 Jacob of social reform	
54 Part of ETA	
55 "No —!" ("Sure thing!")	
56 Studio tipods	
58 Old-time actress Dolores	
63 Water quality org.	
64 Onetime ring king	
65 Longtime soap actress Hall	
68 Movie mogul Marcus	
69 Bird beak	
70 Tonto player Johnny	
71 Gymnast Korbut	
72 Seat of Hawaii County	
73 Sharif of "Chel!"	
77 Uniform liquid suspension	
78 Zend — (Zoroastrian scripture)	
79 Rent check collector	
81 Org. with putters	
82 Levi's fabric	
84 Subject	
86 Univ. division	
87 Hidden mike	
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LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Stock+Field store in Rochelle reopened on Wednesday. The store is currently in the process of building up its inventory with new merchandise. The store is also still hiring new employees despite a good amount of previous employees returning.

S+F: Rochelle store building up inventory, hiring staff

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Stock+Field stores are in the process of building up their inventories after the ownership transition. “You’ll continue to see more and more inventory,” the corporate representative said. “Our various merchandise categories will continue to build. Brands like Carhartt, Stihl, Cub Cadet and Ariat, those brands see us as a brand

retailer. It takes a while to get that inventory in. We think we’ve done good work on it so far.” A sign at the store said new merchandise will be arriving daily and listed brands such as Red Wing Shoes, Under Armour, Columbia, Levi’s, Wrangler, Wolverine, Eddie Bauer and Lee.

Assistant Rochelle Store Manager Brian Richert said the brands the

current ownership offers have been received well by customers in the store. “We have better products,” Richert said. “That’s the feedback we’ve heard from customers so far.” Rochelle Store Manager Lindsey Collins said customers Wednesday were “pretty steady” and the store is still hiring, despite a “good amount” of previous employees returning.

R.P. Acquisition Corporation’s representative said the priority over recent months has been getting the stores open. “We really are trying to save jobs,” the corporate representative said. “There may not be full inventory yet, but we can put people back to work.” Another big priority for the new ownership group is wanting to hear from customers along with wanting

to be involved in each local community. The corporate representative wanted customers to know that despite using the old name for now, things have changed in stores. “We’re not Stock+Field,” the corporate representative said. “We’re not the old ownership group. Inventory and merchandise will get better and better. The frustrations people have had in those

stores in past years will be alleviated soon. “We want to express to new and old customers a sincere thank you. We know they’ve been frustrated. Thank you for being patient with us and giving us a try as we work through supply chain issues.” New store hours at Stock+Field are Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.

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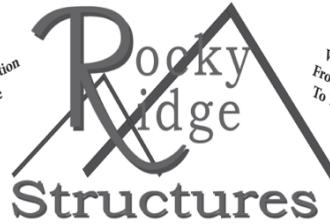


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LANDFILL: Creston-Rochelle agreement approved

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As part of the landfill agreement, the village will receive approximately 124 acres of land east of the current landfill. 83 acres of that was farmland the village sold to the operator. It will also get money from the landfill operator, Tess said. As part of the agreement, there would not be a new landfill within five miles of the village limits of Creston.

If the need to exhume cell one is eliminated, the City of Rochelle will not have to expend \$850,000 for its portion of the exhumation costs. The agreement would also eliminate the city's responsibility to pay \$750,000 towards the Mulford Road improvements. Lastly, the operator will make a payment of \$1.46 million to the city and a donation of \$40,000 to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation.

"This doesn't happen without strong leadership from both communities,"

Tess said. "It's been a 3-4-year-long process. It started with reviewing and obtaining reports on what the right thing is to do. I want to make it clear, to do this and what Rochelle will do, a strong consideration was given to possible environmental impact."

The second agreement Creston approved and Rochelle will vote on Monday involves an intergovernmental agreement between the two municipalities that ensures that both take the necessary steps to bring the landfill deal to fruition.

The third agreement Creston approved involves jurisdictional boundary lines. The village and Rochelle have been working on that type of deal for 20 years, off and on, Tess said. It would allow for both municipalities to know where lines are and smoother development to take place.

Under the agreement yet to be approved by its city council, Rochelle would have the land west of Mul-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

As part of the landfill agreement with the City of Rochelle approved by the Creston Village Board on Tuesday, the village will receive approximately 124 acres of land east of the current landfill.

ford Road and Creston would have land east of Mulford Road. The section between Interstate 39 and Mulford Road would be a shared revenue district.

For the recently-built Pilot Travel Plaza, Rochelle

will pay Creston \$500,000 after the city has been reimbursed for the amount of its infrastructure costs from all revenue derived from the plaza no later than 5 years after the agreement.

Creston will get 25

percent of the tax revenues going forward in the shared revenue district.

"We think this all really benefits the village," Creston Village President Tom Byro said. "Creston is right there, why can't we get

benefits off that land? We think it's a good one. It's a 20-year agreement. It's a benefit for both entities. More businesses could pop up there. We want Creston to have a say so. It's within a mile and a half of Creston."

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The volunteer fire department's primary fundraiser was canceled in 2020 and postponed from its steadfast first Friday in June due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meal includes all you can eat fish or hot dog,

chips, beans, bread, potato salad and drink. Cost is \$8 for adults over 13, \$5 for children and free for children under 3. Carry-outs are also available. Contact Ryan Schweitzer at 630-292-0303 or rmschwei@aol.com for details.

Rochelle students among Western Illinois graduates

MACOMB — Mason Tyler Lamb, Christopher Ronald Lewis, Alexus Lynne Lowe and Taylor Juleen Nobles, all of Rochelle, were among a total of 1,017 students who earned academic degrees or post-baccalaureate certificates after the Spring 2021 semester at Western Illinois University. Lamb graduated magna

cum laude with a bachelor of science, law enforcement & justice administration. Lewis graduated with a doctor of education in educational leadership (pre-K-12). Lowe achieved a bachelor of social work and Nobles graduated with a bachelor of science in forensic chemistry. Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 679 graduates.

Academic distinction was awarded to baccalaureate graduates who achieved high grade point averages. This includes: Summa Cum Laude, 3.90 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; Magna Cum Laude, 3.75-3.89 GPA; and Cum Laude, 3.6-3.74 GPA. Master's and doctoral degrees were earned by 272 graduates, including three doctoral (Ed.D.) graduates.

Rochelle's Forsberg named to Wheaton College dean's list

WHEATON — Wheaton College student Cara Forsberg of Rochelle was named to the dean's list for

the spring 2021 semester. To earn dean's list honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student

must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

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SPORTS



DANCER OF THE YEAR

RTHS Chellette Taylor Ponto was named Rock River Valley Dancer of the Year.

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RTHS Boys Track

Building for the future

Hubs looking to improve in sprints and relays next season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub track and field team leaned on its success in the field events this season. Developing more athletes in the sprints and sprint relays will be the key for head coach Dale Bergeson and his staff as the Hubs look to build on their results this year.

Rochelle finished sixth in the Interstate 8 Conference Championship meet and 10th in the IHSA 2A Sectional at Rochelle Township High School this season. The Hubs secured three victories in head-to-head competition including one over Rock Falls on Senior Night and two conference wins against Morris and Plano. The 2020-21 season was Rochelle's first under Bergeson.

"Based on all of the circumstances and COVID-19, I thought the boys worked really hard," Bergeson said. "Their times and their distances improved dramatically. We saw a lot of improvements and we received a lot of praise from other coaches for how our kids conducted themselves. We're definitely looking forward

to seeing how much we improve next year."

The Hubs will lose two key contributors in the field events including thrower Oscar Aguirre and former IHSA State Championship qualifying triple jumper Trevor Goodwin. Rochelle will return a pair of top-scoring field-event specialists, however, in junior thrower Zach Sanford and junior jumper Ryan Simmons, who each recorded third-place finishes at the sectional meet. Sophomore Hayden Inman could also return to lead the Hubs in the pole vault next season.

"Our goal was to get better in the throwing events this season," Bergeson said. "Oscar and Zach really stepped up and they scored the majority of our team points in the shot put and discus. We want to get better in our relays, especially the 1600 and 3200-meter relays... I think back to five years ago where we had three of our four relay teams make the state meet. That's an area we need to improve on for next season and I think we're capable of doing that."

Several distance runners will be eligible to return next year includ-



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Landon DeLille (left) and junior Ethan Wells (right) each stepped up in the sprints and sprint relays for the Rochelle Hub track and field team this season. Both runners could be big contributors next season.

ing juniors Josue Huerta and Hayden Smith. Rochelle could also return multiple junior sprinters including Simmons, Ethan

Wells, Michael Ramsey, Luke Orlikowski and Max Orlikowski. Sophomore Landon DeLille and freshmen Irving Escalante and

Caleb Wyssbrod made an impact on the varsity team as well.

"We need to see some improvements in the dis-

stance crew," Bergeson said. "I think we'll see that with more time over the offseason to run more miles."

RTHS Girls Track

Lady Hubs show growth despite small roster

Several newcomers step up for Rochelle varsity team

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Despite a smaller-than-normal roster and a lack of varsity experience, head coach Alison Vrana was impressed with the growth shown by young members of the Rochelle Lady Hub track and field team this season. With multiple freshmen stepping up to the varsity level, Vrana and the Lady Hubs will look to turn that experience into results moving forward.

The Lady Hubs finished sixth in the Interstate 8 Conference Championship meet and seventh in the IHSA 2A Plano Sectional this season. Rochelle recorded four meet victories including one over Rock Falls on Senior Night and three against Sandwich, Seneca and Ottawa. The Lady Hubs will lose three seniors in distance runner Heidi Cruz and throwers Afi Gati and Kiya Porter. "Our season showed a lot of promise and I was happy that our girls had

a chance to compete," Vrana said. "Our team was small, but I thought we placed well in our meets and I'm looking forward to next season. We'll have 12 of our 15 girls back and we're hoping to have more girls come out who didn't come out this year. I thought we did well given the circumstances."

Rochelle will return two key juniors next season in sprinter Liberty Hayes and high jumper Teagan Meyers, who qualified for the IHSA 2A State Championship this season. Three underclassmen, including sophomore Baylie Sutton and freshmen Alivia Henkel and Kylie Smith, earned varsity starts in both the sprints and sprint relays. Junior Sara Johnson will headline a distance crew that includes sophomores Yuelma Ortiz and Ahtziri Zepeda.

"I thought the field was our strongest area," Vrana said. "Our throwers were really strong and we had a lot of points come out of the pole vault. I'd like to see us get better on the



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Juniors Liberty Hayes (left) and Sara Johnson (right) will be two key returning athletes for the Rochelle Lady Hub track and field team next season.

track. We definitely have some promising young talent there and I think

we'll have a few more placers in those events next year. We want to start

developing some leaders, and I think Teagan and Sara can be those leaders

who step up and mentor our freshmen and sophomores next year."



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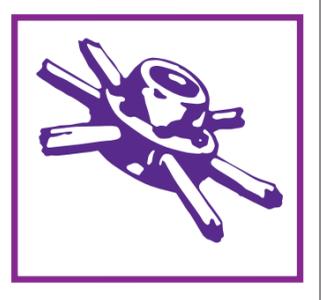
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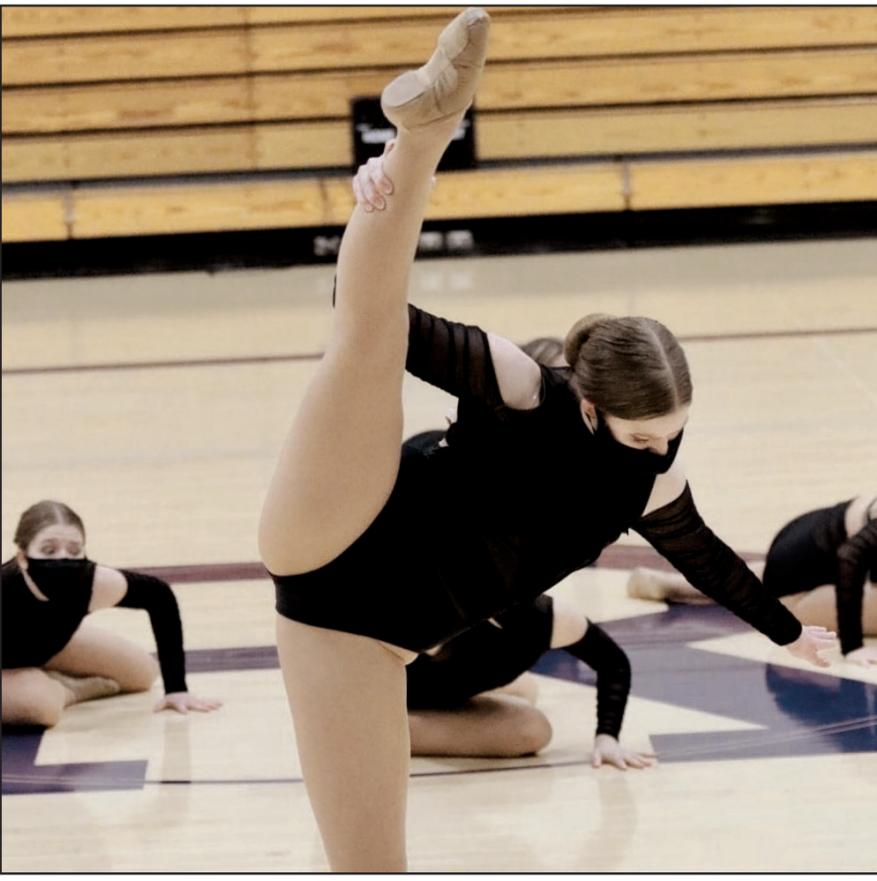


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Junior Taylor Ponto was named the 2021 Rock River Valley High School Dancer of the Year. Ponto was one of four Rochelle dancers who were named honorees.

Ponto named Rock River Valley Dancer of the Year

BY RUSSELL HODGES
 SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE student-athlete Taylor Ponto was not expecting to be named the 2021 Rock River Valley High School Dancer of the Year. But when the virtual awards ceremony took place this past month, Ponto was shocked to learn she had been selected as this year's award winner. Ponto was one of four Rochelle Chellette dancers (Kayla Keilman, Jessica Vagle and Miranda Dubek) who were recognized as Rock River Valley High School dance honorees this year. Six Rochelle student-athletes were selected as honorees including Ponto, Keilman, Vagle, Dubek, Megan Thiravong (golf) and Ben Harvey (wrestling). Ponto and Keilman were each named dance finalists.

"It makes me really grateful for all of the ways in which my coach and my teammates have encouraged me to be a better dancer," Ponto said. "My confidence in my dancing has improved more than anything. It has helped me in both my performances and my ability to learn new skills. I want to be able to master much harder skills, like a front aerial,

in the future... My favorite part about being a Chellette is seeing the way we've grown as a team throughout the years. We're all very supportive of each other and I will always treasure our accomplishments."

Ponto, who will be a senior this coming school year, has been with the Rochelle Chellette dance team for three years. Ponto has helped lead the Rochelle dance team to each of the last three seasons, with the Chellettes finishing as high as sixth place during the 2019-20 season. Ponto was named an All-Conference First Team honoree and an Academic All-Conference honoree by the Interstate 8 Conference this season.

"I want to challenge myself to achieve more difficult techniques for my senior season," Ponto said. "I believe we can make it to the state meet with coach [Kass] Smith's encouragement and amazing choreography. I would love for this group of seniors to say that we made it to the state meet all four years of high school. I have always loved learning different routines and different styles. I get excited when coach Smith shows me a video and says, 'learn this!'"

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SPORTS

Rochelle Little League



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The Rochelle Little League 12U Softball All-Stars opened the District 19 Championship tournament this week, splitting games against Sterling and Rock Falls. The team includes Aeriss Williams, Mary Chadwick, Maya Esparza, Dylan Etes, Leiya Smith, Jaylyn Pointer, Briel Metzger, Camryn Metzger, Camryn Ranken, Vivian Novak, Audrina Rodriguez, Phelicity Lopez, Dakota Hamilton and Jaclynn Lira. The team is coached by Brad Metzger, Tiffny Smith and Stephanie Rodriguez.

12U Softball All-Stars battle at District 19 tourney

Rochelle takes down Rock Falls after opening-round loss to Sterling

ROCK FALLS — The Rochelle Little League 12U Softball All-Stars teed off the Illinois Little League District 19 Championship tournament this week, splitting games against Sterling and Rock Falls. Rochelle opened the tournament with an 18-1 loss against Sterling before bouncing back with

a 23-6 victory over Rock Falls. Rochelle will face Freeport in the consolation semis.

Sterling

Rochelle totaled five hits and two walks in the loss to Sterling on Wednesday. Dylan Etes and Phelicity Lopez each recorded hits in

the first inning, while Mary Chadwick drew a walk in the second inning. Jaylyn Pointer walked and Audrina Rodriguez reached on a hit in the third inning.

Rochelle scored its lone run in the fourth inning, when Jaclynn Lira recorded a hit and scored on an RBI base hit from Aeriss Wil-

liams. Sterling took a 1-0 lead in the first inning before plating 11 runs in the third inning to go ahead 12-0. Sterling then scored six runs in the fourth inning.

Rock Falls

Rochelle blew Rock Falls away in the first inning, scoring 15 runs with all nine

starters crossing home plate at least once. Six Rochelle players including Jaylyn Pointer, Phelicity Lopez, Aeriss Williams, Vivian Novak, Camryn Metzger and Audrina Rodriguez scored twice in the frame. Rock Falls recovered with five runs in the second inning to make it a 15-5 game.

Camryn Ranken and Briel Metzger each scored for Rochelle in the third inning, giving the team a 17-5 lead before Rochelle added six more runs in the fourth inning. Dakota Hamilton delivered a three-run triple, while Metzger and Dylan Etes each scored after drawing walks.

NIU Football

Huskies well represented on Steele's teams

Richie and Rudolph headline Preseason All-MAC Team

DEKALB — The Northern Illinois University football team is well represented on Phil Steele's Preseason All-MAC Team as 13 Huskies were named to the squad the magazine announced this week.

The list features five Huskie offensive players, four defenders and four specialists and is headlined by first team selections wide receivers Tyrice Richie and Trayvon Rudolph, who made the team as a kick returner. NIU placed three Huskies on both the second and third teams each and five on the fourth team.

Offensive lineman Marques Cox, cornerback Jordan Gandy and defensive tackle James Ester were named to the second team, while center Brayden Patton, linebacker Devin Lafayette and kicker John Richardson earned third team selections.

Of the 27 fourth teamers on the preseason all-MAC list, five are Huskies. Tailback Harrison Waylee leads the contingent which also includes defensive tackle Devonte O'Malley, punter Matt Ference, long snapper Erik Abrell and Miles Joiner, a tight end who transferred to NIU via Youngstown State.

A 2020 first team All-MAC selection, Richie led the Huskies and ranked

fourth in the league in receiving yards with 597 on 53 receptions, both career bests. Richie, who tallied four 100-yard receiving games last season, was second on the team in scoring with four touchdown receptions.

Rudolph made an immediate impact for in his first season collegiate football, earning Freshman All-America honors by the FWAA and *The Athletic* as a kick returner and was named a second team All-MAC in 2020. Rudolph and Richie ranked first and second, respectively, in all-purpose yards as well.

Patton, who earned second team All-MAC last season has made 18 consecutive starts, nine at center and helped pave the way for a Huskie offense that averaged 367.5 yards. Cox and Patton were integral in helping Waylee top the 100-yard rushing mark in each of his last two games. Waylee led the Huskies in rushing with 456 yards.

NIU's leading tackler from a year ago, Gandy made 41 stops in his first season as a Huskie en route to a spot on the second team of the 2020 All-MAC squad. The DeKalb native added a team-best seven pass break ups and an interception. Safety Devin Lafayette, who earned third-team All-

MAC honors last season, was right behind Gandy with 36 stops, a tackle for loss, a sack and interception.

Defensive tackles Ester and O'Malley proved to be a potent combination for the Huskies last season. Ester had a breakout season last year, leading all NIU interior linemen with 17 tackles, eight solo, including two tackles for loss. O'Malley saw action in all six games and tallied five tackles, including three tackles for loss and two sacks, a team best.

Richardson, who led NIU in scoring last season, was a perfect 14-for-14 on extra point attempts and was 7-of-9 on field goal attempts. He hit a season-long 46-yarder in the season finale at Eastern Michigan. NIU's all-time leading punter, Ference boasts a 41.5-yard per punt career average. He finished second in the MAC with 31 punts and seventh in the league with a 42.2-yard average. The man responsible for getting the ball to Ference and Richardson, Abrell snapped on 31 punts, nine field goals and 14 point after touchdowns.

Joiner, who comes to NIU via Youngstown State as a graduate transfer, tallied 521 yards receiving and seven touchdowns on 33 receptions during his career with the Penguins.



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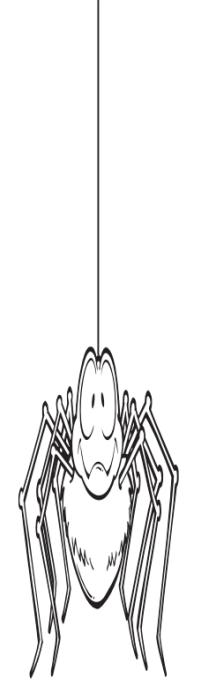
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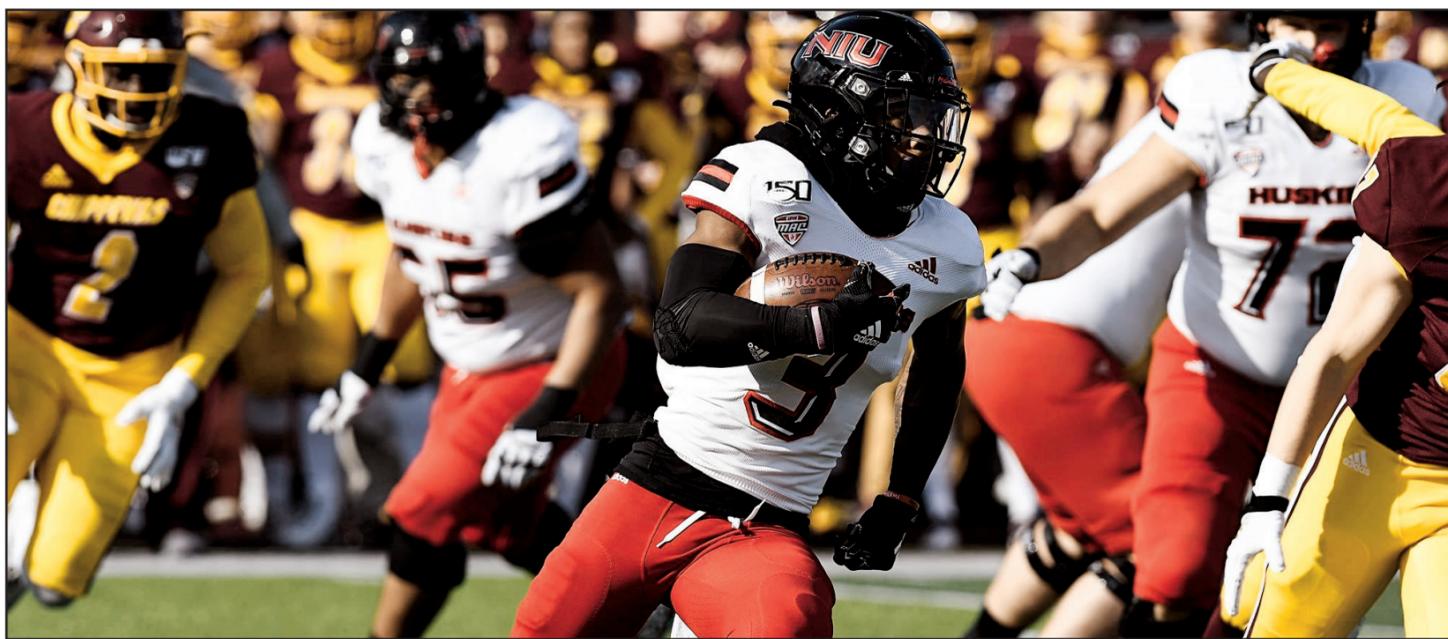
Richie, Patton, Richardson and Rudolph named to First Team

DEKALB — Nine Northern Illinois University Huskies have earned recognition on the PFF 2021 Preseason All-MAC Football Team release today, including first team selections Tyrice Richie (Chicago/Homewood-Flossmoor HS), Brayden Patton (Ellettsville, Indiana/Edgewood HS), John Richardson (Orland Park/Brother Rice HS) and Trayvon Rudolph (Crete/Crete-Monee HS).

In addition to those four, NIU redshirt freshman James Ester (Detroit/Cass Tech) and second year freshman Daveren Rayner (Indianapolis, Indiana/Lawrence Central HS) received spots on the PFF preseason third team along with senior punter Matt Ference (St. Louis, Missouri/Lafayette HS) and senior punt returner Cole Tucker (DeKalb/DeKalb HS). Senior Kyle Pugh (Chicago Heights/Bloom Township HS) was an honorable mention choice at linebacker.

Richie, a 2020 first team All-MAC wide receiver, accounted for 42 percent (53 of 127) of the Huskies' total receptions a year ago and was one of the three highest-graded receivers in the MAC, according to PFF. They give him strong marks for breaking tackles and making contested catches.

Patton, a "super senior" in 2021 who has started 26 games at either guard or center over the last three seasons, was the top-rated center on PFF's preseason



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team. He finished 2020 ranked second in PFF's grades of MAC centers and was the fourth-highest player at that position among Group of Five players according to the website.

Richardson enters his third season as NIU's starting kicker in 2021 having made 21-of-27 field goals and all 44 of his PAT tries over the last two seasons. His field goals include a pair of game-winners and a career-long 51-yard three, in 2019.

Named a 2020 Freshman All-American at kick returner by both The Athletic and the Football Writer's Association of America (FWAA), Trayvon Rudolph ranked second in the nation in combined kick returns while averaging 23.9 yards on 30 returns.

Ester has played in 10

games over the last two seasons, including all six games in 2020 when he finished ninth on the team with 19 tackles and had a pair of tackles for loss and a sack. In his first year with the Huskies in 2020, Rayner made 27 tackles and broke up three passes with a pair of tackles for loss and a sack.

Another of NIU's six "super seniors" for 2021, Ference already owns nearly every NIU single season and career punting record, including punting average, which stands at 41.5 yards per punt with 46 punts of 50 yards or more as a Huskie. Tucker's sure hands and consistency as a punt returner — with 33 returns in 32 career games played — helped him secure a spot on PFF's third team.

Pugh has compiled 186 tackles and 12.5 tackles for

loss in a 34-game career that dates back to his arrival on campus in 2015. The NIU super senior had already received a sixth

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In June, 13 Huskies

were named to Phil Steele's Preseason All-MAC Team with Richie and Rudolph named to the first team by that publication.

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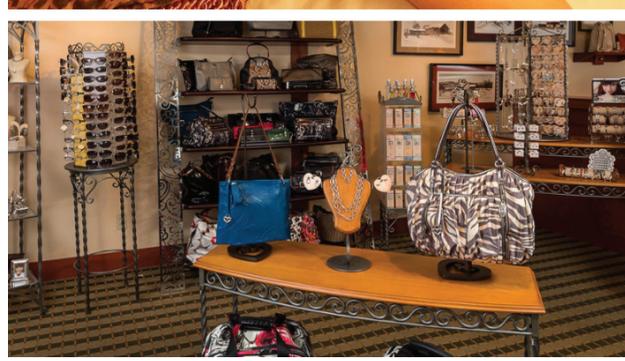
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