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### Informational meeting

An informational meeting is planned for Sunday for an upcoming holiday fundraiser. **See page 3**

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## Local World War II vet turns 98

Cote still has vivid memories of his proud service to country

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

UNITED States Army veteran and Rochelle resident Bert Cote was born in a small Canadian town in 1921. His parents relocated to Rochelle when he was 3 years old and raised their large family in the “Hub City.”

Growing up in Rochelle in the 1920s and 1930s, Cote and his 16 siblings enjoyed running around town and playing on train cars for fun.

“Our lives were happy, we were always out running around and playing in the stock yard, we never caused any trouble but we had a lot of fun. We would run around on top of the tankers trying to get each other playing tag,” said Cote, who recently celebrated his 98th birthday.

He remembers one time, trying to jump from one tanker to the other when he missed his footing. He fell down in between a cement wall that had iron poles sticking out of it. He came out completely unharmed, but says that the poles could have gone right through him.

When Cote was teenager, one of his brothers was killed in World War II, serving as a gunner on the USS Carrier Wasp when it was shot down in action. Cote was anxious to join the fight for the United States during the war and enlisted in 1943.

“I was in the service from 1943 to 1946, it was a little late but I was still in there for the action,” explained Cote.

During his time in the service, Cote served in the U.S. Army as one of five men assigned to a mortar crew in the second armored division under the command of famed General George S. Patton. The division consisted of multiple tanks and halftracks that would help pave the way through Europe for other troops to follow.

Cote recalls one specific story that has stuck with him.

“We were in a convoy riding down the road when the lead tank in the convoy decided to cut across a field. Right when the first tank got off the road, a shot came from his right and hit the tanks track causing the whole convoy to come to a stop. The tank then turned its cannon and shot over towards a hay bale where the shot had come from, after a while of everything being quiet, everyone got out and snuck around to see what they could see,” explained Cote. “We discovered it was a civilian who had been forced to shoot the tank, and the shot from the tank had hit him right in the middle of his chest.”



Bert Cote, a local World War II veteran, recently turned 98.

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## Case dismissed against Florida man

OREGON — A Florida man was released and charges dismissed following an alleged stabbing incident in June.

William Shively, 36, of Florida, had been charged in Ogle County court with the Class 3 felony offense of aggravated battery as well as misdemeanor charges of battery and criminal damage to property following the incident on June 18 in the parking lot of the Grubsteakers restaurant located at the intersection of IL Route 251 and IL Route 64 in Rochelle.

According to court records, Shively was involved in an altercation with a man and a woman in which the man suffered a stab wound to his leg. All three were treated at hospitals for injuries.

Shively, who has remained in Ogle County Jail under a \$50,000 bond since the incident, was et for a bench trial on Sept. 30; however, the woman - who lives out of state - did not want to return to testify at trial and the man - who also lives out of state - could not be located.

## Hay, Rochelle!

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – Hay bales throughout town have been getting decorated with many different designs as Rochelle prepares for their fourth annual Hay Day.

Hay Day is an annual family-friendly fall festival that will take place on Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Rochelle. The festival itself will feature many different vendors and activities for the entire family to enjoy.

These activities will include a petting zoo, giant inflatables, crafts, a pumpkin decorating contest and a children’s costume parade that is returning for the first time in many years.

There will also be live music from Templetons and a magic show performed by Brian Holt at the event.

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(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

Creativity is popping up all over Rochelle in the form of decorated hay bales. Check out the nearly 50 decorated bales around town including this one, located at IL Route 38 and Currency Court.



(PHOTO BY BRAD JENNINGS)

Ogle County State’s Attorney Eric Morrow announced his re-election bid Tuesday morning.

## Morrow announces bid for re-election

OREGON — On Tuesday morning, Ogle County State’s Attorney Eric Morrow announced his campaign for re-election.

Morrow, a Republican, was first elected to the position in 2014 to fill out the term of John “Ben” Roe who was elected Resident Circuit Judge. Morrow was re-elected Ogle County State’s Attorney in 2016.

After being introduced by Retired Ogle County Resident Circuit Judge Michael Mallon Ogle County State’s Attorney, Morrow, publicly announced his bid on the steps of the historic Ogle County Courthouse in Oregon.

“It is truly an honor to once again have a retired Resident Circuit Judge of Ogle County and Chief Judge of the 15th judicial circuit announce my candidacy for re-election as your Ogle County States Attorney. I am humbled that Judge Mallon has again agreed to Chair my campaign, and is working very hard on my behalf,” Morrow said. “I would like to welcome everyone here today for the official announcement of my campaign for re-election to the office of Ogle County State’s Attorney.”

Morrow continued his announcement by highlighting his experience as Ogle County State’s Attorney.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Honor Flight quilt raffle a success

**AMBOY** — On Thursday, Sept. 26, the Lee County Honor Flight Committee drew the winning raffle ticket for the patriotic quilt at the VFW in Dixon during the Queen of Hearts event.

The winning ticket was purchased at the Amboy Car Show by Coral Sanders, of Rochelle. The beautiful patriotic quilt was made and donated by Suzie Wanner of Dixon. Wanner's donation of the quilt for the raffle raised money to help send area veterans on the next Lee County Honor Flight.

The Lee County Honor Flight Committee has sent nearly 400 area veterans to Washington D.C. over the past nine years through the Quad-Cities Honor Flight Hub.

The flight and all amenities are free to the veterans. Guardians who accompany and assist the

veterans on the flight pay \$400.

The committee will be raffling a second beautiful quilt made and donated by Edith Cater of Dixon in the near future. The committee wishes to thank Wanner and Cater for their generosity in making and donating these beautiful quilts. Through the raffle tickets purchased and individual donations received at various area events held this summer, the committee has raised enough money to send three area veterans on the next Lee County Honor Flight.

Veteran applications and guardian applications for the next Lee County Honor Flight are available at the Dixon VFW or through committee members. All area veterans who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam are eligible for the Honor Flight at this time.



(PHOTO BY TONJA GREENFIELD/AMBOY NEWS)

Lee County Honor Flight Committee members Roger Wittenauer, pictured left, and Jim Travi, pictured right, are pictured presenting the Lee County Honor Flight quilt to raffle winner Coral Sanders of Rochelle.

## Plow Day to be held Oct. 12 and 13 on Meurer Farm

**ASHTON** — The LHAEA Plow Day will be held on Oct. 12 and 13, 2019, beginning at 8 a.m., at the Merle Meurer Farm, two miles north of Ashton, on Illinois Route 38, east side of the road.

A loader tractor will be available. Lunch by Teri's Chili will be provided.

Merle has inside space available for lunch.

Come join us to plow or bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day.

Rain date will be Oct. 19 and 20.

For more information contact Brad Estock at 815-757-1460 or Mike Jahn at 814-440-0691.

## Judge Lee to run for circuit judgeship opening

**DIXON** — Judge Douglas E. Lee on Oct. 4 will formally announce he is running for the circuit judgeship opening created by the retirement of Judge Daniel A. Fish.

"I made my intention to run for this seat publicly known some time ago," Lee said, "but now that nominating petitions are being circulated, I believe it's appropriate to formally announce my candidacy."

Lee will announce his candidacy twice on Oct. 4, first at 8:15 a.m. in the old Lee County Courthouse in Dixon and again at noon in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Square in downtown Freeport.

Lee, 57, is currently sitting in the seat formerly held by Fish, which traditionally has been located in Dixon. When Fish retired in July, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Lee to fill the remainder of Fish's term. Before taking the circuit judgeship, Lee served as associate judge in Lee County.

"It was an extreme honor to be appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill Judge Fish's term," Lee said. "I'm working as hard as I can to maintain our Circuit's reputation for outstand-



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**Judge Douglas E. Lee**

ing circuit judges."

Lee is one of eight circuit judges in the 15th Judicial Circuit, which contains Lee, Stephenson, Ogle, Carroll and Jo Daviess counties. As one of the three at-large circuit judges, Lee must run in every county in

the Circuit.

Before taking the bench, Lee practiced commercial and civil law for 27 years with Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger Lee & Considine and its predecessor firms in Dixon. Before returning home to Dixon in 1991, Lee practiced for four years with the Washington, D.C. office of Baker & Hostetler.

"I believe my 31 years of experience prepared me well for the bench," Lee said. "Over a period of time like that, you see a little bit of everything and practice before a wide range of judges."

Lee graduated summa cum laude from the Northwestern University School of Law and magna cum laude from the University of Illinois.

Lee's community commitment has included service on the boards of directors of KSB Hospital, Open Sesame Child Care Center, the Dixon Area of Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Lee County Industrial Development Association.

Lee, who also served eight years on the Dixon school board, was named Dixon's Citizen of the Year in 2001.

Lee and his wife, Ann, have two adult children.

## Ashton Fire Department to host breakfast

**ASHTON** — The Ashton Fire Department will host its annual spring breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 7 a.m. – noon at the Mills and Petrie Memorial Building.

The menu includes: pancakes, eggs,

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Class tour of hospital



Students from Yuliana Cintora's third grade class at Central School recently visited Rochelle Community Hospital. At left, Itzel Ortiz, laboratory phlebotomist, shares information about what she does and talks about blood cells before the students view a slide under the microscope.

## Gearing up for Operation Christmas Child

Meeting set for Sunday

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** — An informational meeting about Operation Christmas Child will be held in Rochelle during the first week of October.

Operation Christmas Child is a national event that aims to help children in poverty stricken areas across the globe. For the program, shoeboxes are filled with different items varying from school supplies, certain hygiene products and small toys.

The boxes are then shipped to different countries and distributed to children in need.

"These children are in the dumps or slums looking for food to sell, so they are going to really poor regions," explained meeting organizer Bea Chaplin.

The program has certain guidelines on what can and cannot be included in the boxes.

Things that cannot be included in the boxes are body wash, shampoo, anything camouflage or toy guns.

The upcoming meeting will take place on Oct. 6, at 2:30 p.m., at the Faith Lutheran Church located at 14206

E. Flagg Road in Rochelle. The meeting will include two presentations from guest speakers — the first is a PowerPoint presentation from a representative who has been on several trips to distribute the shoeboxes and the second presentation will include more specific information on where the boxes will be sent.

The main purpose of the meeting is to inform and hopefully increase the number of participants.

"We hope to inform more people and create more interest in the project," added Chaplin.

The meeting is free, open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Organizers from the church are asking anyone who would like to participate or learn more about this project to come out and support the cause.

"I would encourage anyone to come out and learn more about this project," said Chaplin.

For more information on the project or the upcoming meeting contact Susan Minas by phone at 815-761-7864 or by email at [Sminas59@gmail.com](mailto:Sminas59@gmail.com).

## Scholarship applications for Spring 2020 accepted now through Oct. 18

**MALTA** — The Kishwaukee College Foundation gave out \$430,000 in scholarship funds to students last year. Foundation scholarships reward and encourage student achievement, leadership, and involvement, and provide financial assistance for books, fees and tuition.

Students are selected on a competitive basis according to each scholarship's specific requirements. The Foundation's

scholarship application for Spring 2020 is now open. Applications must be received by Oct. 18.

Foundation scholarships are made available through the generosity of donors. Current and new students who will be attending in Spring 2020 are eligible to apply. Information about specific scholarship requirements and application procedures is available online.

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itself on providing affordable, quality education. Scholarship opportunities are one way to alleviate tuition costs. Additional scholarship opportunities will be available through Kishwaukee College in early 2020.

For additional information about Kishwaukee Foundation scholarship opportunities and to complete an application, please visit [www.kish.edu/kcfscholarships](http://www.kish.edu/kcfscholarships).

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**NAMI Sauk Area has scheduled their 2019 fall Family to Family classes. If interested in participating in these classes beginning in October in Rochelle, please contact Tracy Brooks (815) 761-7654 or Barbara Rogers (815) 234-4716.**

**Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:30pm and Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 11:30am beginning October 16th and ending November 16th. Classes will be held at Rochelle Community Hospital, 900 N. 2nd St., Rochelle, IL.**

Classes are limited to 20 participants and phone registration is required. This NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is sponsored by NAMI Sauk Area and is funded entirely by donations.



# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Bernice Hagemann

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Bernice A. “Bernie” Hagemann, 80, of Stillman Valley died suddenly Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 in Swedish-American Hospital, Rockford. She was born April 12, 1939 in Rochelle, the daughter of Marvin and Verdel (Gittleston) Burkhart and attended Steward Schools. Bernice married Tom W. “Hages” Hagemann on Nov. 12, 1955 in Steward; he died Oct. 26, 2006.



Bernie was employed many years at Rochelle Printing. She also helped her husband in farming, which continued along with raising Belgian draft horses, after their moving to “The Hill” in Stillman Valley in 1964. Bernie also worked the past 32 years in maintenance at the Byron Post Office. She was a member of the Belgian Draft Horse Association since 1969 and enjoyed horse shows, in which she had earlier competed, and horse sales. She also enjoyed activities with the Byron Seniors, travel and garage sales.

She is survived by her daughter, Cindy Timm of Stillman Valley; sons, Curt (Kris) Hagemann, Bill (Judy) Hagemann and Buck (Jenny) Hagemann, all of Stillman Valley; grandchildren, Megan (Ryan) Behn, Morgan (Matt) McCartney, Mikah (Zach) Diehl, Bryant (Stephanie) Hagemann, Bryce Hagemann, Katie, Mandy and Butch Timm, Brittany (Dan) Dwyer and Travis Hagemann; eight great-grandchildren; and brother, George (Karen) Burkhart of Steward.

She is also predeceased by her parents; infant daughter, Susan Lynn; and son-in-law, Rob Timm.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Stillman Valley, with Pastor Randy Snider of Cornerstone Family Church, Byron officiating. Burial will be in Mouth of Stillman Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the funeral home.

A memorial fund has been established. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### COTE: Proud of time in service

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Some other memorable experiences Cote remembers from the war includes Patton coming in person to visit the troops serving in the second armored division. Cote went up to him and shook his hand. He also got the opportunity to meet president Dwight D. Eisenhower when he came for a meeting and shook the hands of the soldiers in his division.

During the three years that Cote was in the service, he earned one medal and was fortunately never seriously injured. Although on one close call, the soldier directly behind Cote was shot in the hand that was holding onto Cote.

“One time we were getting attacked and our commander yelled for everyone to hit the dirt and there wasn’t a place to hide except for the four-inch-deep tracks



(COURTESY PHOTO)

that the tanks had left in the dirt. So, I laid down there and my buddy laid down behind me with his hands almost touching my feet. Then I felt my right foot go up in the air, but didn’t think anything of it because I didn’t feel anything,” said Cote. “But then when they quit shooting at us, I looked back and my buddy was holding his hand and his

fingers had been shot off. This was one of the first few weeks in combat and I never saw him again after that.”

Cote also had six brothers and three brothers-in-law who all served in the WWII. When looking back on it he says that he is very proud of serving his country and he would do it all the same again if he had the

choice. “I am pretty proud, I did my duty and I was glad,” added Cote.

*This is the first part of a series reflecting on the service life of local war veterans. Rochelle veteran Jim Moorhead, another Rochelle resident who just turned 99 will be featured in an upcoming edition of the News-Leader.*

### BID: Morrow announces re-election plans

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“Over six years ago at my announcement of my candidacy for the office of Ogle County State’s Attorney, I shared my belief that the State’s Attorney is a critical officeholder for any county in the State of Illinois and that I believed that he or she should reflect the values of the community that they serve. That belief still rings true today and during the nearly five years that I have served as your State’s Attorney I have reflected those values through honesty, dedication and hard work.”

As State’s Attorney I have built and maintained an office that has served this county well. The level of experience of the attorneys in our office is unmatched in any office of our size. I have been a practicing attorney in Ogle County for nearly two decades. Three of the four assistant State’s Attorney’s in our office have at least that much legal experience. This experience means that our office is equipped to successfully prosecute any and all possible types of cases and bring offenders to justice. Attorneys with this level of experience also are able to recognize that all cases and fact patterns are unique and require unique resolutions,” Morrow added.

During his time as State’s Attorney, Morrow has also built his staff to provide for the citizens of Ogle County.

“In addition to the legal ex-

perience in our office, we have a professional and experienced team of support staff which provide great customer service to our citizens. I am especially proud of the services which we provide to those who have been the victims of crimes in Ogle County. Above all, we strive to assist those who have been harmed by the crimes of others,” he said.

Morrow has increased the level of technology in the State’s Attorney’s Office and has moved toward automation of the office to increase efficiency and streamline the flow of information. In collaboration with our Circuit Clerk Kim Stahl, a computerized case management system in the State’s Attorney’s Office which is funded by court system user fees and not tax payer dollars has been implemented.

“The paramount duty of the State’s Attorney is to safeguard public safety. As a result, my office has vigorously prosecuted violent offenders and those who prey on the citizens of Ogle County,” Morrow said. “These offenders need to be punished and incarcerated to protect the public. We also recognize that there are some offenders who commit non-violent offenses due to substance addiction. These offenders require a different approach.”

Morrow was part of the founding team of the county’s New Horizon Drug Court program.

“In 2009, I was a part of the founding team of the Ogle County

New Horizons Drug. Since our drug court was started, this program has helped non-violent drug addicted individuals who have committed crimes get their lives on track and become productive and law-abiding citizens. Make no mistake, this is not a program for violent offenders and the individuals in drug court are held accountable,” Morrow said.

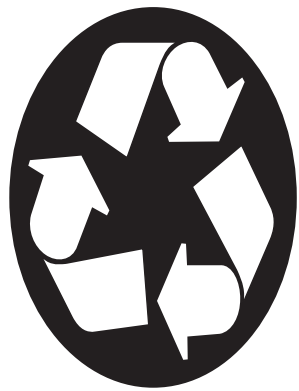
During his tenure as State’s Attorney, Morrow has worked with the judiciary, probation, law enforcement and community partners to expand the drug court model into a DUI court which makes roadways safer.

“The expansion has been accomplished without an increase in staffing in the State’s Attorney’s office. These problem-solving courts bring together many resources to save our county money, and most importantly prevent crime in our communities,” Morrow explained. “I am very thankful to all the good people of Ogle County who have supported me. All of your efforts are appreciated. In order to continue the good work that we are doing in the State’s Attorney’s office, I am again asking for that support.”

#### Meet and greet

A meet-and-greet fundraiser for Morrow will be held on Oct. 16 at the Rochelle VFW from 4 to 7 p.m.

“I am asking for your vote on March 17th, to continue to serve as your Ogle County State’s Attorney,” Morrow concluded.



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### HAY: Festival planned for Oct. 12

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The first year this event was held, the city was hoping to get 20 people and businesses to sign up and decorate a bale. Since the creation of the event, it has continued to grow each year with there being

a total of 49 bales being decorated this year.

The event happens to be taking place during fire protection week, so the Rochelle Fire Department will also be hosting an open house for anyone that would like to tour the station.

### Hunter safety course set

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Police Department, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, will be hosting a hunter education class taught by certified instructors.

The purpose of the class is to promote responsible hunter conduct, discuss the importance of wildlife management laws and regulations, and to encourage the safe handling of firearms and firearm ammunition. Through hunter education, students obtain a better understanding of their obligations to other hunters and to themselves.

There is no charge for the classes and parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

The class will consist of two sessions, which are Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20. The scheduled times for the classes are 1 to 6 p.m. both days and attendance on both days is mandatory.

The class will be held at the Rochelle Masonic Lodge 500 Lincoln Hwy. Rochelle. To register for a class, call the Rochelle Police Department at 815-562-2131. You can call anytime day or night, but call early as there is a 40 student maximum for each class.

#### Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Rochelle Police, the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

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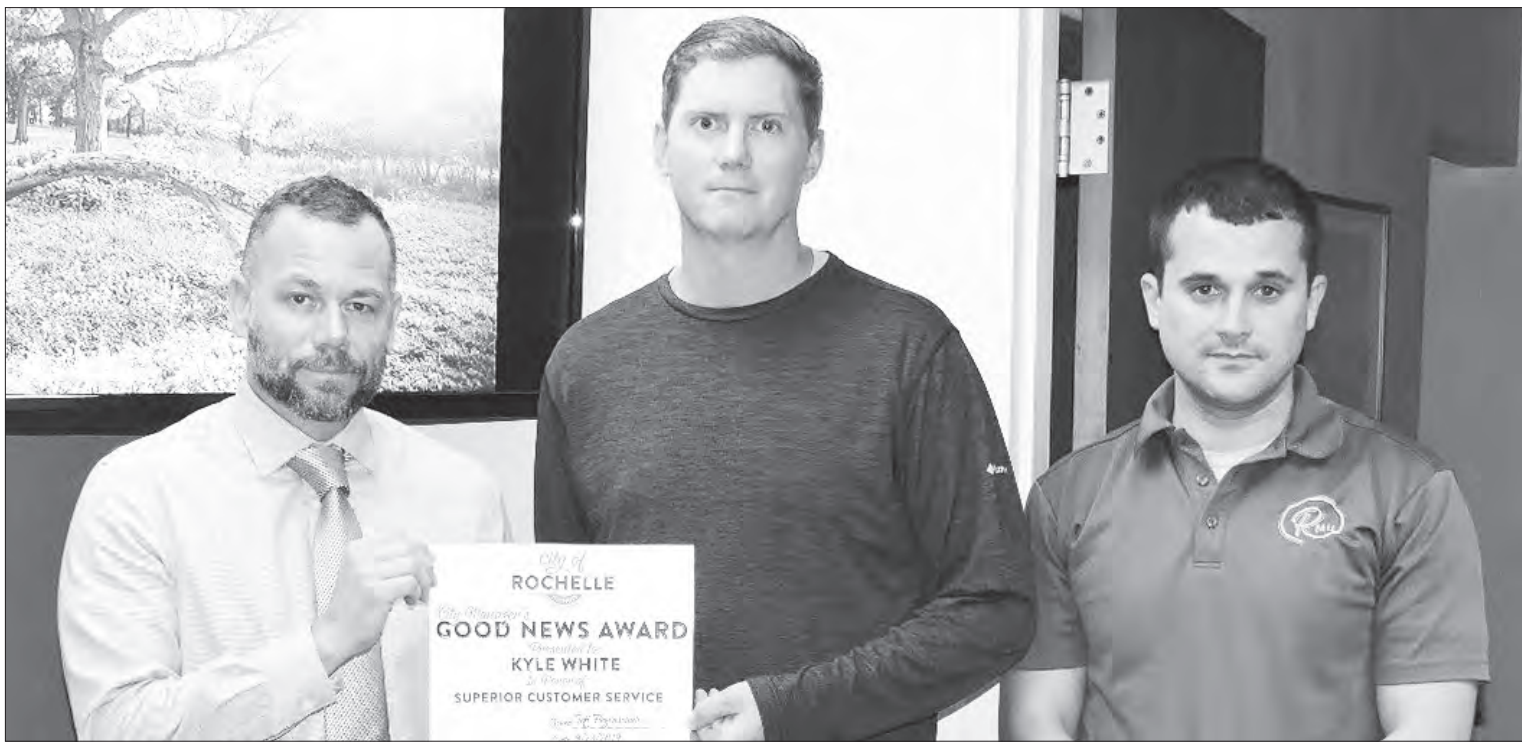
# LOCAL NEWS

## City of Rochelle news



During last week's Rochelle City Council meeting, Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows (center) presented Toby Lindeland and Blake Toliver with a framed proclamation recognizing Public Power Week. Lindeland and Toliver accepted the proclamation on behalf of RMU.

During last week's Rochelle City Council meeting Kyle White, from the city's water department, and was recognized for going above and beyond for a customer on oxygen while he was at the home for a meter change recently. Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh (left) and superintendent of water Adam Lanning (right) presented White with the Good News Award.



(PHOTOS BY JOHN SHANK)

## Man arrested and charged with DUI

On Sept. 27 at 11:42 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Boyd G. Greenwell, 58, of Rochelle, for a DUI. He posted I-bond. His court date is set for Nov. 8.

On Sept. 28 at 3:14 a.m., Rochelle police cited Sabrina Grayson, 21, of Rochelle, for improper lane usage and driving with no insurance. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date

is set for Nov. 8.

On Sept. 29, Rochelle police arrested Hayley D. Christy, of Rochelle, for endangering the life/health of a child. She posted \$150 bond. Her court date is set for Oct. 30.

On Sept. 29 at 11:48 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Chaz R. D. Rosson, 31, of Rochelle, for domestic battery and

a felony. He was transported to jail.

On Sept. 30 at 1:56 p.m., Rochelle police cited Melissa L. Henriksen, 38, of Rochelle, for speeding 52 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date is set for Nov. 8.

On Sept. 27 at 1:29 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Owen B. Denninger,

52, of Maple Grove, Minnesota, for failure to yield when turning left. He posted I-bond. His court date is set for Nov. 8.

On Sept. 30 at 11:34 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Anmarie R. Kunts, 28, of Sandwich, for criminal trespass to property and resisting a police officer. She was transported to jail.

## Teen arrested after trying to elude police

On Sept. 30 at approximately 1:30 a.m., Ogle County deputies attempted to stop a vehicle on Illinois Route 251 at Illinois Route 64. The vehicle fled from deputies and was later stopped on Flagg Road near Rochelle after striking stop sticks. After conducting an investigation it was learned that the vehicle was stolen from Rockford. The 16-year-old female driver was taken into custody and charged with aggravated fleeing to elude, driving while

suspended, and speeding. She was transported to a juvenile detention center where she will be held pending a court appearance.

**Sept. 28**

On Sept. 28 at approximately 10 p.m., Ogle County deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevy Lumina in the 7600 block of North River Road. After conducting an investigation Kieth Britsch, 54, of Oregon, was arrested for driving while license revoked. Britsch was

transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

**Sept. 29**

On Sept. 29, at 3:05 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop, for a registration violation at Willow Road and 1st Street in Forreston. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Kolby J. Morningstar, 20, of DeKalb, for driving on a suspended license. Morningstar was taken to the Ogle County jail and held in lieu of bond.

## Kishwaukee College offering Food Sanitation and Forklift Operator Training courses

**MALTA** — Kishwaukee College is offering Food Sanitation and Forklift Operator Training courses on Oct. 19. Food Sanitation is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in room B1274 on campus. Forklift Operator Training will run 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room E130 on campus.

Food Sanitation is key for anyone working in the food service industry. The class covers safe food handling practices from start to finish. Participants are required to pick up the class textbook in C2150 prior to class. Cost of the textbook is included in the course fee. The class costs \$185.

After completion of the Food Sanitation course, participants are qualified to take the Illinois Food Service Sanitation Certification exam, which is administered at the end of the class session. After passing the exam, the State of Illinois will assess a \$35 cer-

tification fee. The certificate is good for five years.

During Forklift Operator Training class, participants will learn the basic knowledge and skills needed for safe powered industrial lift truck operation. Class includes lecture, discussion, video presentation, and hands-on training. The class costs \$149.

After successful completion of a written exam and a driving skills class, students will receive an operator's permit. The permit allows students to participate in on-site testing which must be administered by an employer.

For more information, visit [www.kish.edu/foodsantiation](http://www.kish.edu/foodsantiation) or [www.kish.edu/forklift](http://www.kish.edu/forklift). To register for Food Sanitation or Forklift Operator Training, contact administrative assistant Tricia Hernandez at [thernandez@kish.edu](mailto:thernandez@kish.edu) or call 815-825-9441.

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# LOCAL VIEWS

## Guest column

### Kishwaukee supports all students on their individual educational journey

LAST spring, I received an e-mail from Kishwaukee College alum Madison Hunt. I remember Madison well from her time at Kishwaukee College. She played on the volleyball team, served as treasurer on Student Government, spoke at the Foundation Gala and gave the student address at Fall 2018 commencement.

Madison's e-mail reminded me of the important work community colleges do: Help students come into their own on their unique educational path. Some students come to Kishwaukee College and gain all the skills or credentials they need for their career. For others, though, Kishwaukee College is their first step before transferring to a university. We are proud to serve all students, no matter their goal.

Madison came to Kishwaukee College because she knew she would get personalized attention while saving money. She began her college career while at Sycamore High School, earning 21 credit hours through dual credit, and walked across Kishwaukee College's graduation stage with her associate degree.

At Illinois State University now double-majoring in integrative marketing communication

and organizational leadership, Madison has taken on increasing leadership positions at the university including becoming pledge class president of the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi.

I am proud of Madison's work and all the great work our students do once they leave us. Kishwaukee College is committed to supporting all students and celebrates each of their successes. Madison is one of many who are becoming leaders amongst their peers and helping the next generation rise.

An excerpt from Madison's unsolicited e-mail:

*[I miss Kish and the staff dearly. I am emailing you to say thank you. My time at Illinois State University has been more than I could ever ask for [...] I have had so many opportunities here at ISU but wouldn't have been able to secure any of them without everything I learned at Kish. Thank you for providing the best educational environment for Kish students to grow and be who they really are. Kish gave me a second home and a place I'm proud to say I come from. It is one of the first things I tell people, and something I talk about often in any interview. I hope you and everyone and Kish are doing well. I can't wait till I can come home and visit Kish.]*

Dr. Laurie Borowicz is the president at Kishwaukee College



Dr. Laurie Borowicz

## Letter to the Editor

### Strange behavior baffles writer

Dear Editor,  
It may be the strangest thing I've personally witnessed on an athletic field.

Over the years I've seen my share of strange things through playing, watching, coaching and covering sports events for local newspapers, but nothing quite like this.

Like most people my age, I grew up playing what you might call the traditional American sports. Soccer was not among them. I probably would have played soccer, but it wasn't offered then.

Over the years, however, I've learned to appreciate soccer, which I actually like very much. I understand most of the rules, and I know the difference between a red card and a yellow, and I can distinguish a goal kick from a penalty kick. It's just the little things I don't understand, those things you pick up by simply playing the game and being around it.

Recently, I was covering a high school soccer match between Rochelle and a visiting team. The Hubs had jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead when the visiting players and coaches began berating the officials, loudly protesting every call they didn't agree with - which was most of them.

At one point, one of the opposing coaches actually ordered one of the referees to stop talking to one of his players, claiming it was upsetting the player. As far as I could tell - and I was standing near their bench - the

coach never said anything to his player, only the referee.

But that wasn't the strangest part.

That came a few minutes later, late in the first half, when one of the visiting players suddenly plopped down on the field near his own team's bench and began yelling at his own coach. "My leg hurts," the player yelled. "I told you this was going to happen. You might as well take me out because I'm just going to sit here until you do. I'm not getting up."

Instead of saying anything back, the coach did as he was told, taking the young man out until he had rested up and then reinserted him later.

I know I haven't been involved in sports for a long time, but I have never seen anything like that. Maybe it's the culture of the sport, or the state of young people today, or simply that I'm getting older, but I couldn't believe that a teenager could talk to his coach that way and get away with it.

When I was growing up, we were taught to respect all adults, especially those who had the authority to play us in games we wanted to play in and those who could kick us out of those same games. If we had a problem with a coach, we just complained to our friends and teammates, which is the All-American way. We never dreamed of doing what that young man did.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that all soccer players, or even all teenagers, act this way. That

wouldn't be fair - or accurate. I didn't see any of this happening on the Rochelle side of the field. And not all of the opposing players acted this way, either, only a small handful. In fact, in a true act of sportsmanship, one opposing player helped a Rochelle player stretch out a leg cramp until the Rochelle trainer could get to him. Which was a great gesture on his part, and the way we hope all our young people act.

It may be interesting to note that once the visitors took the lead, they suddenly stopped complaining. Now that, I do understand.

On a humorous note, Maggie Duval, a senior on the RTHS varsity volleyball team, may be my favorite high school players ever. Recently, following Rochelle's upset win against LaSalle-Peru, she answered my bumbling questions before I even had a chance to ask them. Either she's a very perceptive young lady or I'm just predicable. Either way, it made my task easier so I don't care.

Finally, during that match, an L-P player hit a volley so high it actually knocked down the covering of one of the air ducts. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

The incident doesn't quite rank with the strangest things I've ever seen, but - pardon the pun - it's up there.

Doug Oleson  
Rochelle

## VOICE ON THE STREET

### Question:

**Currently, the House of Representatives is conducting an impeachment inquiry over whether the president withheld approved military aid to Ukraine unless the country's president investigated Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden. Do you believe there will be enough evidence found to impeach the president? Should the president be impeached?**



**"Yes, because of all of the innuendos that have come up, there are too many unanswered questions."**  
Joan Ackland



**"Yes, he has made some mistakes."**  
Epifanio Lara



**"No and no. I haven't studied the issue much, but my gut says he is not guilty."**  
Steve Woita

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# COMMUNITY

## Senator Stewart to host seminar in Rochelle

**SPRINGFIELD** — State Sen. Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) will host two free community events in October to help constituents learn more about the federal Medicare program.

On Oct. 9, Stewart will host a Medicare Informational Seminar from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Carroll County Farm Bureau, Naaman Diehl Auditorium in Mount Carroll.

On Oct. 10, Stewart will host a Medicare Informational Seminar from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Rochelle City Hall, Council Chambers, 420 N. 6th St. in Rochelle.

Facilitated by the Il-



Sen. Brian Stewart

linois Department on Aging, the Medicare seminars include information about who is eligible, coverage details, and how to get help with out-of-pocket expenses.

For more information, call Stewart's office at 815-284-0045.

### CALENDAR

#### Wed., Oct. 2

1:30 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednesday)

#### Thu., Oct. 3

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes grilled pork chops, three-cheese mac 'n cheese, peas, roasted veggies and salad. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.

7 p.m. — "Peace for your Heart" AL-ANON meeting is held each Thursday at Hicks Hall in Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Ave. (every Thursday)

#### Sat., Oct. 5

5 to 7 p.m. — Rochelle Rehab will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at 318 Fourth Ave. (Rochelle VFW), Rochelle. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children age 4-11. Dine-in or carry-out is available.

#### Sun., Oct. 6

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Brunch will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes oatmeal, sausage gravy and biscuits, Kentucky hot brown bake.

#### Mon., Oct. 7

5 to 6 p.m. — Rochelle Christian Community free Monday supper for all in need. The supper is served at St. Patrick Parish Center, 244 Kelley Drive.

6:30 p.m. — Group



### FROM THE HEART DAILY CASH WINNERS

Sept. 19 - Matt Moore, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 20 - Lisa Baker, Mount Morris, \$25

Sept. 21 - FTH event purchase, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 22 - John Fawcett, Rochelle, \$50

Sept. 23 - Alanna Ketenum, Amboy, \$25

Sept. 24 - Will McLachlan, Mendota, \$25

Sept. 25 - Dustin Frieders, CHS-Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 26 - Prosper Agbetrobu, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 27 - Jennifer Diehl, Oregon, \$25

Sept. 28 - Sonja Byars, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 29 - Sarah Meadows, Rochelle, \$50

Sept. 30 - Dean Richardson, Sycamore, \$25

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

Hope meets in the RCH Health & Wellness Center Conference Room. Provides support with depression and bipolar disorder. Affiliated with the Rock River Mental Health Association. (every Monday)

#### Tue., Oct. 8

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes Salisbury

steak, mashed potatoes, green beans or Brussels sprout salad, bread and butter. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.

#### Wed., Oct. 9

1:30 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednesday)

#### Thu., Oct. 10

5 and 6 p.m. — The Steward United Methodist Church Women will hold its annual turkey supper in the church fellowship hall, 507 Main St., Steward. Dinner is \$6 for children ages 5-10 and \$12 for adults. Children 4 and under eat free. Meals include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, coleslaw, cranberry sauce and pie. Carryouts are available from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Seating by reservation at 5 and 6 p.m. For reservations call Pat Arne at 815-396-2486 or e-mail rparnehome1@fronteir.com.

#### Mon., Oct. 14

5 to 6 p.m. — Rochelle Christian Community free Monday supper for all in need. The supper is served at St. Patrick Parish Center, 244 Kelley Drive.

6:30 p.m. — Group Hope meets in the RCH Health & Wellness Center Conference Room. Provides support with depression and bipolar disorder. Affiliated with the Rock River Mental Health Association. (every Monday)

#### Sun., Oct. 20

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. — The Eswood Drive-Thru Pork Chop Dinner will be on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Eswood Elementary School at 304 North Main Street in Lindenwood. Ogle County Pork Producers will be cooking Headon's Pork Chops for the event. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12 for a two-chop meal, \$10 for a one-chop meal, or \$5 for a hot dog meal. You can also call Eswood School at 815-393-4477 to purchase your meals in advance.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Oct. 2</b> Noah Owens Sammy Lopez Mason Bolhous	<b>Oct. 20</b> Veda Lopez
<b>Oct. 3</b> Valerie Aleman	<b>Oct. 22</b> Kayleigh White
<b>Oct. 5</b> Gabe Zellers	<b>Oct. 24</b> Brittany Brown
<b>Oct. 8</b> Jose Avila Ralph Papke (91)	<b>Oct. 25</b> Bianca Herrera
<b>Oct. 9</b> John Oleson	<b>Oct. 28</b> Stephanie Wiginton
<b>Oct. 14</b> Samantha Zellers	<b>Oct. 30</b> Bryce Weems
<b>Oct. 15</b> Rivers Estock	<b>Oct. 31</b> Jack Powell
<b>Oct. 17</b> Kati Johnson Preston King	Angel Weyhrauch

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



## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- Donkey
- Portion of an act
- Mischievous tyke
- Hawaiian garland
- Overuse the mirror
- Ultra-modern prefix
- Clarified
- Auto fuel
- Upper limb
- Lack
- Uses tweezers
- Long story
- A billion years
- Male offspring
- Jockey's handful
- "No — luck!"
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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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.

Clue: R equals T

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Answers

Because that fellow who bakes pies and Danishes is sickly-looking. I guess he's a pasty chef.

CryptoQuip answer



# STATE NEWS

## Sterigenics to 'exit' Willowbrook

Sterilization company linked to increased cancer risk cites 'unstable legislative and regulatory landscape'

BY JERRY NOWICKI  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

**SPRINGFIELD** — Sterigenics, a medical supply sterilization company linked to increased cancer risk in the DuPage County area, said Monday it plans to “exit its ethylene oxide sterilization operations in Willowbrook.”

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, chronic exposure to ethylene oxide, used in some medical supply sterilization and manufacturing processes, can cause increased cancer risks, negative reproductive effects and other major medical problems.

Since February, Sterigenics was prohibited from using the gas by a seal order from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which effectively forced its closure. A consent agreement between the state, DuPage County and Sterigenics approved earlier this month gave the company clearance to install the necessary equipment for its facility to reopen, however.

Sterigenics said in a press release Monday it could “not reach an agreement to renew the lease on its Quincy Street facility in Willowbrook in the present environment,” and blamed the “unstable legislative and regulatory landscape in Illinois” for its decision not to reopen.

There are two bills — House Bill 3885 and House Bill 3888 — cur-



(CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY JERRY NOWICKI)

**Sterigenics, a medical supply sterilization company linked to increased cancer risk in the Willowbrook area, announced that it will exit its ethylene oxide operations in the DuPage County village. The company, which has been the subject of public backlash for more than a year, cited an ‘unstable legislative and regulatory landscape’ as its reason for closure.**

rently moving through the Legislature that would, respectively, give home rule municipalities greater authority to ban emissions of the gas and phase out its use over a period of years. They are expected to be on the table for discussion when the General Assembly returns for fall veto session on Oct. 28.

Both measures would build upon Senate Bills 1852 and 1854, which were signed into law earlier this year creating what both sides agreed were the strictest regulations on ethylene oxide in the nation.

State Sen. John Curran, a Downers Grove Republican who was among the first public officials to speak out against the company, was the Senate sponsor of one of those regulatory bills. He also opposed any avenue for Sterigenics to reopen.

“This is tremendous news for the people of Willowbrook and the sur-

rounding communities,” Curran said in a statement. “The risks involved with this facility reopening were simply too great to the public health. This announcement from Sterigenics is the direct result of the tireless advocacy of Stop Sterigenics and other community organizations who have proven once again that when we all work together, we will not be stopped. Now it is our job to remain vigilant in continuing to protect the

health of those we serve.” Stop Sterigenics is a grassroots group from the Willowbrook area that mobilized against the company. On Twitter, the group said Sterigenics “messed with the wrong community” in response to a tweeted statement from Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

“Sterigenics’ decision today represents a significant development, demonstrating that Illinoisans will come together to protect the health and wellbeing of all our residents — which has been my goal from the beginning,” Pritzker said in the statement. “From shutting down their operations

in February to enacting the nation’s strongest law regulating ethylene oxide, we sent a clear, unified message that we will take all possible steps to protect residents’ health.”

Stop Sterigenics also said it would continue to push for further regulation of ethylene oxide. That was echoed by House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, who is sponsoring the bill that would give home rule municipalities the authority to ban ethylene oxide emissions.

“Sterigenics got the message that we were never going to let them reopen their doors and poison our communities again,” said Durkin, who represents the Willowbrook area.

Sterigenics was just one of 26 facilities in Illinois permitted to use or emit ethylene oxide, an IEPA spokesperson said in July. Two others — Vantage Specialty Chemicals and Medline Industries — are located in Lake County and have faced increased pushback from community members in recent weeks, including from the activist group Stop ETO in Lake County.

Rep. Rita Mayfield, a Waukegan Democrat, represents that area and is carrying the bill that would phase out emissions of the gas in Illinois except in sparsely populated areas over a period of years.

Last week, Pritzker’s office said the governor was receptive to further regulation of ethylene oxide.

“Upon taking office, Governor Pritzker’s administration shut down

Sterigenics,” said spokesperson Jordan Abudayyeh. “During the shutdown, the Governor asked the General Assembly to pass the strictest possible law on ethylene oxide emissions. It’s clear now that the legislation was insufficient so during the upcoming veto session, the Governor expects that the General Assembly will strengthen the law they passed this spring. He is committed to signing the measure and the administration will strictly enforce it.”

In its release, Sterigenics blamed such regulatory talk for the company’s closure.

“Hospitals and patients around the United States and the world depend on Sterigenics for vital, sterilized medical products, and we cannot provide them with the certainty they require while operating safely in a state that will suspend operations of a business despite the company’s compliance with applicable rules and regulations,” the press release said.

Last week, representatives of the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization and the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois sent a letter to General Assembly members to oppose “any additional efforts to further restrict or ban the use of ethylene oxide in Illinois.”

“The economic hit of an ethylene oxide ban would be significant, with an initial loss of at least 1,500 jobs in Illinois, including unionized positions,” they said in the letter.

## Board of education schedules budget hearings in four cities

Input sought ahead of January budget request to governor, General Assembly

BY JERRY NOWICKI  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Illinois State Board of Education has scheduled four hearings in different parts of the state to gather input in the coming weeks for its budget request that will be sent to the governor and General Assembly in January.

In a news release announcing the hearings, Illinois Education Superintendent Carmen Ayala touted the state’s evidence-based funding formula, which was passed in August 2017.

“Illinois has made historic investments in Evidence-Based Funding and early childhood education that have transformed entire communities,” Ayala said in a statement. “The voices of educators and community partners must be front and center as we advocate for the adequate and equitable resources our students need to continue to grow.”

That formula separates school districts into four tiers based on how far they are from adequate funding. Each district receives an adequacy target determined by a number of factors impacting student performance, such as class size, number of low-income students, English language learners and students with special education needs.

Any new funding added to the formula each year is directed first to Tier 1 schools, which are the districts that are furthest from adequacy. Per the formula, no district can receive a lesser base funding formula than they did the year before.

The formula’s goal is to bring all school districts up to a point of 90 percent adequacy by 2027, but that would require an estimated additional \$4.83 billion over that span, or \$660 million annually, according to ISBE.

The legislation that initiated the evidence-based formula calls for \$350 million in increased state funding to the formula

every year. In the fiscal year 2020 budget, passed in June, the General Assembly dedicated an added \$375 million to the formula.

For the first year of the formula, the new funding represented about 4 percent of the state’s total \$6.836 billion investment in the formula, and 89 percent of the new funding went to Tier 1 schools.

At its June meeting, ISBE shared data showing there were 307 school districts in Tier 1, 348 in Tier 2, which received 10 percent of new funding, 58 in Tier 3 and 140 in Tier 4.

That data also revealed the average percentage of adequacy for Tier 1 districts grew from 59.2 percent to 61.5 percent in the first year of the formula. That percentage shrunk from 74.4 percent to 74.2 percent in Tier 2, while Tier 3 moved from 94.8 percent to 95 percent and Tier 4 shrunk from 130.1 percent to 128.7 percent.

The upcoming hearings will be facilitated by ISBE Finance and Audit Committee Chair Jane Quinlan.

The hearings will take place:

- Immediately following the board’s regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at East St. Louis Public Schools Administration Building, 1005 State St., East St. Louis

- From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Bloomington High School Senior Cafeteria, 1202 E. Locust St., Bloomington

- From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Dr. Nick Osborne Primary Center CORE Classroom, 401 N. 30th St., Mount Vernon

- From 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the James R. Thompson Center Room 16-503, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago

Feedback can also be submitted online at [www.isbe.net/budget](http://www.isbe.net/budget). All individuals, including those planning to attend a hearing in person, should submit their funding requests through the online form.

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# SPORTS



## HUBS TOP SANDWICH

The Rochelle boys soccer team won its Interstate 8 Championship opener.

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## RTHS Golf

# Historic victory

Thiravong shoots 76, becomes first RTHS girl to win conference title

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — There weren't any players who could keep up with Lady Hub junior Megan Thiravong when Rochelle Township High School hosted the Interstate 8 Conference Girls Golf Championship at Fairways Golf Course on Tuesday.

Thiravong used her knowledge of the home course to her advantage, firing 76 over 18 holes to win the tournament by five strokes. Thiravong made history with the victory, becoming the first RTHS female to win a conference championship. She placed second in the Northern Illinois Big 12 Conference her sophomore season after taking third as a freshman. "It's an honor to represent Rochelle," Thiravong said. "We had such a great time today... The course was in great condition, especially with all the rain we've had recently. Playing

this course all season long gave me the upper hand, and I knew where I needed to hit the ball."

Thiravong carded 41 over the front nine, with her lone birdie coming on the par-5 eighth hole. The junior finished with 35 over the back nine to end the afternoon five strokes ahead of Plano's Faith Malloy (81). Thiravong is the first RTHS player to win a conference title since Matthew Brennan shot 75 at Yorkville nine years ago.

"I think my putting has been pretty good recently and I think that's helped my score," Thiravong said. "Not getting on the green in regulation hurts some players, so getting those one-putts and two-putts into the hole are great advantages to have as I go through the rest of the season."

Thiravong and the Hubs will play one more regular season tournament on Saturday before beginning the IHSA Regionals next week. Thiravong will compete in



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Junior Megan Thiravong (middle) became the first RTHS girl to win a conference golf championship after shooting 76 to finish first in the Interstate 8 Conference meet on Tuesday. Above is Thiravong with athletic director Rich Harvey, head coach Glen Mehrings and her parents Chico and Watsana Thiravong (left to right).**

the IHSAA Class 1A Stillman Valley Regional at Byron's PrairieView Golf Club on Thursday, Oct. 10.

The Rochelle golf team took seventh place out of

eight teams in the Interstate 8 Conference Boys Golf Championship at Sugar Grove's Bliss Creek Golf Club on Monday. Junior Reese Kirk led the Hubs

with 94, while freshman Griffin Ohlinger added 101. Sophomore Shepard Hayes finished with 104 and sophomore Levi Lawhorn totaled 112.

The Rochelle boys will participate in the IHSAA Class 2A LaSalle-Peru Regional at Seneca's Oak Ridge Golf Course on Monday, Oct. 7.

## RTHS Girls Tennis

# Lady Hubs drop home matches to Mendota, Morris

Dickey, Young notch No. 1 doubles win against Trojans

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Sophomore Melissa Young and Jordin Dickey gave the Rochelle girls tennis team an early advantage over Mendota on Monday. But the Trojans took four straight varsity points over the Lady Hubs to win the nonconference match 4-1 and drop Rochelle to 2-9 overall.

Dickey and Young topped Mandy Pappas and Natalie Orozco 6-2, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles to put the Lady Hubs ahead 1-0. Mendota tied the match when Hannah Ambler won 6-4, 6-2 over Rochelle junior Anna Guevara at No. 2 singles, and the Trojans went ahead 2-1 after Eve McDowell and Izabella Nunez edged out Rochelle senior Caitlin McMurray and junior Melanie Gonzalez 3-6, 7-5, 10-7 at No. 3 doubles.

Mendota took the final two matches, with Mary DeFore topping Rochelle senior Ruth Gardner 6-4, 6-1 at No. 1 singles. Rachel Brand-



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Senior Ruth Gardner returns the ball during Rochelle's match against Mendota on Monday.**

ner and Ashleigh Collins snuck past Rochelle junior Sawyer McGee and sophomore Emma Hicks 7-5, 7-5 at No. 2 doubles.

## Morris

The Rochelle girls tennis team saw its losing streak rise to a season-high 10 matches on Tuesday, when the Lady Hubs fell by a score of 5-0 against Morris. Rochelle dropped to 2-10 overall with the loss.

Senior Ruth Gardner

played a close first set against Libby Wright at No. 1 singles, falling 6-7, 1-6. Junior Anna Guevara hung tough with Maegan Warcynski at No. 2 singles, losing 4-6, 4-6. Sophomores Jordin Dickey and Melissa Young fell 0-6, 2-6 against Kyle Kjellesvik and Grace Lines at No. 1 doubles.

Junior Sawyer McGee and sophomore Emma Hicks split the first two sets with Sophie Menen-

ga and Sophie Pfaff at No. 2 doubles, falling 7-6, 6-7, 5-10. Senior Caitlin McMurray and junior Melanie Gonzalez came close in the first set with Darcy Ancel and Maddy Hughes at No. 3 doubles, losing 6-7, 0-6.

Rochelle will face Newman Central Catholic on Wednesday before hosting the Interstate 8 Fresh-Soph Conference Championship tournament at RTHS on Saturday.



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**Senior Caitlin McMurray goes to her forehand during doubles play Monday.**





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**Jared  
Montano**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Soccer*

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

*A: Seven years.*

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

*A: The teamwork and how fast the games are.*

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

*A: Biology because I like having group work and labs.*

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

*A: Paulo Dybala because he's a very good soccer player.*

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

*A: Lionel Messi because watching him play when I was younger got me into the sport.*

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

*A: To be a professional soccer player because of my dedication to the sport.*

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

*A: Barcelona, Spain because it's nice out there.*

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

*A: Having friends and hanging out with them.*

**Jace  
Whitehead**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Soccer*



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

*A: About six years.*

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

*A: I enjoy the team aspect of the sport.*

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

*A: Spanish because I like seeing how much I improve over time.*

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

*A: Granit Xhaka because he's a midfielder like I am.*

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

**model and why?**

*A: My grandma because she's positive all of the time.*

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

*A: To be a professional soccer player.*

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

*A: I'd like to go to England so I could watch Arsenal play.*

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

*A: I like that I get to play the sport I love with my friends.*



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# SPORTS

RTHS Boys Soccer

## Hubs dominate tourney opener

Rochelle cruises over Sandwich 7-0

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The battle for the Interstate 8 Conference Championship has kicked off, and the Rochelle boys soccer team will look to make its claim for the title after a dominant performance against Sandwich in the opening round Tuesday evening.

Behind four goals from junior Brayan Orozco and three more from senior Max Torres, the third-seeded Hubs had no trouble with the sixth-seeded Indians, winning 7-0 and improving to 11-4 on the season. Rochelle will face the second-seeded Kaneland Knights on the road Thursday in the semifinal round.

“Two-touch soccer and getting rid of the ball quickly was important for us,” said senior midfielder Carlos Nambo, who recorded two assists in the win. “We trusted our teammates... We need to keep our intensity up against Kaneland and we need to play as a team. We need to keep our cool and we can’t let anything affect us.”

While the Indians pushed the ball deep into Rochelle territory to open the game, the Hubs wound up striking first. Nambo brought the ball up from the defense and sent in a pass to Orozco, who scored in the first minute to give Rochelle a 1-0 lead. The Hubs extended their advantage after junior midfielder Zane Walters played Torres for a goal in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute. “We played an ex-

cellent game,” junior midfielder Josh Hurtado said. “We need to keep our intensity up throughout the game and we need to be constructive with each other and spread positivity.”

Freshman forward Jared Montano went back and forth with Orozco near the right sideline in the 37<sup>th</sup> minute, with Orozco booting in a pass from Montano to make it a 3-0 game. The Hubs continued pressuring Sandwich in the second half, as senior defender Gyvanziel Quinonez went down on a foul in the Indian penalty box in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute, leading to a penalty kick conversion by Torres.

The goal was Rochelle’s first of three over the next three minutes of play. Orozco, Nambo and Torres connected with two consecutive passes for a goal in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute, and Orozco took a breakaway in for another score in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute. Walters put the finishing touches on the victory, sending in an assist from the middle to Orozco for Rochelle’s final goal in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Thursday’s semifinal contest will be a rematch from Sept. 10, when Kaneland fell down early but rallied to knock down Rochelle 7-2. The Hubs are cruising on offense, however, totaling 31 goals over their last four games while allowing only three scores despite senior keeper Alexis Quintanilla and freshman keeper Jarret Milan out with injuries.

“We all put our heads down during that game,



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Junior Juan Cincire shields a Sandwich midfielder during conference tournament action on Tuesday.**

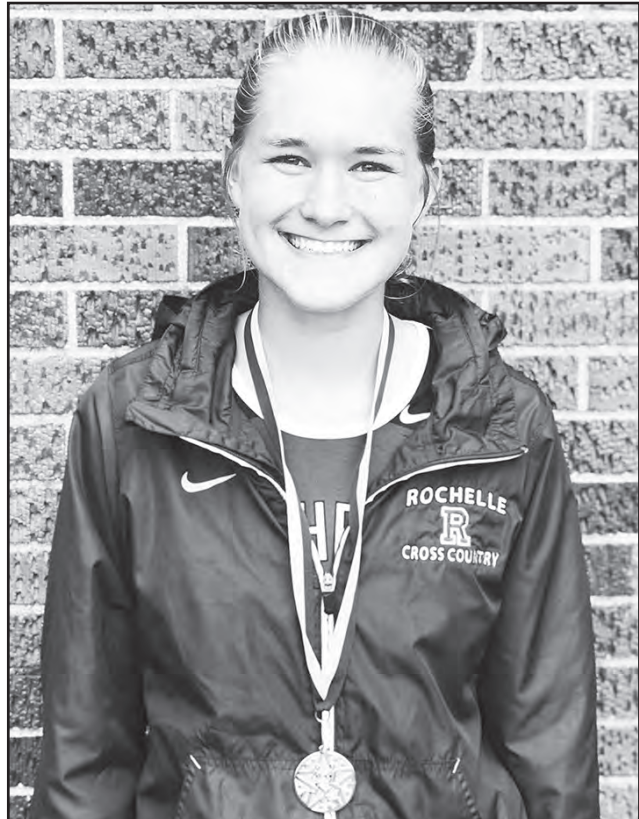
“Two-touch soccer and getting rid of the ball quickly was important for us. We trusted our teammates... We need to keep our intensity up against Kaneland and we need to play as a team.”

**Carlos Nambo**

but we’ve tried bouncing back and taking a positive outlook from it,” Hurtado said. “I like to remind my teammates that we don’t

lose, we learn. If it was a tough match, but we’re looking forward to proving ourselves and showing what we’re made of.”

RTHS Cross Country



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Sophomore Sara Johnson was all smiles after medaling in the Rock River Run this past weekend.**

## Johnson earns medal at Rock River Run

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**STERLING** — Lady Hub senior Britney Baez recorded Rochelle’s top varsity performance when the cross country program competed in the annual Rock River Run this past weekend.

Baez finished 47<sup>th</sup> out of 155 runners with a time of 21:10 as the lone varsity participant on the Rochelle girls team. The Lady Hubs fielded four racers in the fresh-soph girls division, with sophomore Sara Johnson placing 26<sup>th</sup> and medaling with a time of 23:23.

Senior Santi Cordoba led the Hubs in the varsity

boys race, taking 93<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 18:59 while senior Tucker Louis took 97<sup>th</sup> with a time of 19:05. Junior Aiden Seldal finished 100<sup>th</sup> with a time of 19:11 and freshman David Wanner led Rochelle in the fresh-soph boys division, placing 76<sup>th</sup> with a time of 19:53.

“Once again, wet and muddy conditions dominated the day for our team,” head coach Mark Zilis said. “Despite that, three of our runners set new personal records and one of our athletes won a medal. We will be back on this course three more times this season and we should see much faster times under better conditions.”

Fairways Golf Course

## Woepfel wins Fairways title

Kessen takes home A Flight trophy



**Jon Woepfel (left) took first place in the championship flight of the annual Fairways tournament this past weekend. Rick Kessen (right) won the A flight.**

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Sunday marked almost three years since Jon Woepfel was last named club champion at Fairways Golf Course. That drought ended this past weekend, however, after Woepfel fired 18-hole rounds of 69, 65 and 69 to win the

club championship with a 5-over-par 203. Woepfel edged out runner-up Josh Johnson, who placed second with 206.

“The conditions were tough but it felt good to win,” Woepfel said. “I’ve been playing in this tournament since I was in high school and it’s just a tournament I love to play. The course was in fantastic

shape and Mitch Hamilton, the course superintendent, does a fantastic job.”

George Weber placed third with 211, while Colton Guy (214), David Shaw (220) and Dakota Johnson (240) rounded out the top finishers in the 54-hole event. Rick Kessen won the “A” flight of the competition with a 233, while Tony Turner finished second with

235 and Tim Duncan took third with 241. The tournament teed off Saturday before concluding Sunday.

“I think the biggest thing for me this year was playing the ball safely, hitting the fairways and hitting the middle of the greens,” Woepfel said. “I tried to avoid making any big numbers, and I minimized my mistakes.”



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# SPORTS

## Rochelle Junior Tackle

# Seventh, eighth-graders take down Kewanee

Fifth, sixth-graders earn forfeits as all four teams qualify for postseason

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Junior Tackle program closed out the regular season with home games against Kewanee at Helms Park on Sunday. Both the seventh and eighth-graders recorded victories, while the fifth and sixth-graders earned forfeits.

All four Rochelle Junior Tackle teams have qualified for Big 14 Conference postseason games. The fifth and seventh-graders will compete for first place, while the sixth and eighth-graders will battle for third place.

### 8th Grade

Rochelle (6-2) defeated Kewanee 32-20 to qualify for the third-place conference game against Stillman Valley on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Owen Messer started the Rochelle defense with a fumble recovery in the first quarter, but a turnover on downs led to Kewanee's first scoring drive that put the Junior Hubs behind 6-0. Rochelle bounced back and tied the game on a 6-yard touchdown pass from Brock Metzger to Reiley Bonilla, with Bonilla running in the 2-point play to give the Junior Hubs an 8-6 lead.

Tommy Tourdot recovered the ensuing onside kick, and a quick sequence of events including a Kewanee interception and a forced safety from Christian Burnette put Rochelle



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

**Seventh-grader Matthew Lynn tackles the Kewanee ball carrier during Junior Tackle action at Helms Park on Sunday.**

ahead 10-6 in the second quarter. Kewanee stole the lead entering halftime, returning a punt 64 yards for a touchdown at the end of the second quarter to lead the Junior Hubs 14-10 after converting the 2-point rush.

Kewanee extended its lead in the third quarter, completing an 88-yard touchdown pass to pull ahead 20-10. Erich Metzger brought Rochelle back, rushing for a 3-yard touchdown and making it a 20-16 game before Braden Hunley forced a fumble on the kickoff that Messer recovered. Brock Metzger connected with Omar Hueramo

on a 10-yard touchdown pass, and Erich Metzger ran in the 2-point play to put the Junior Hubs up 24-20.

Kewanee turned the ball over on downs at the end of the third quarter, and Rochelle started the fourth quarter with a 12-play drive resulting in Bonilla's 14-yard rushing touchdown. Bonilla added the 2-point rush and made it 32-20. Rochelle earned the ball back after an interception from Brandt Waters. Kewanee did not score for the remainder of the game.

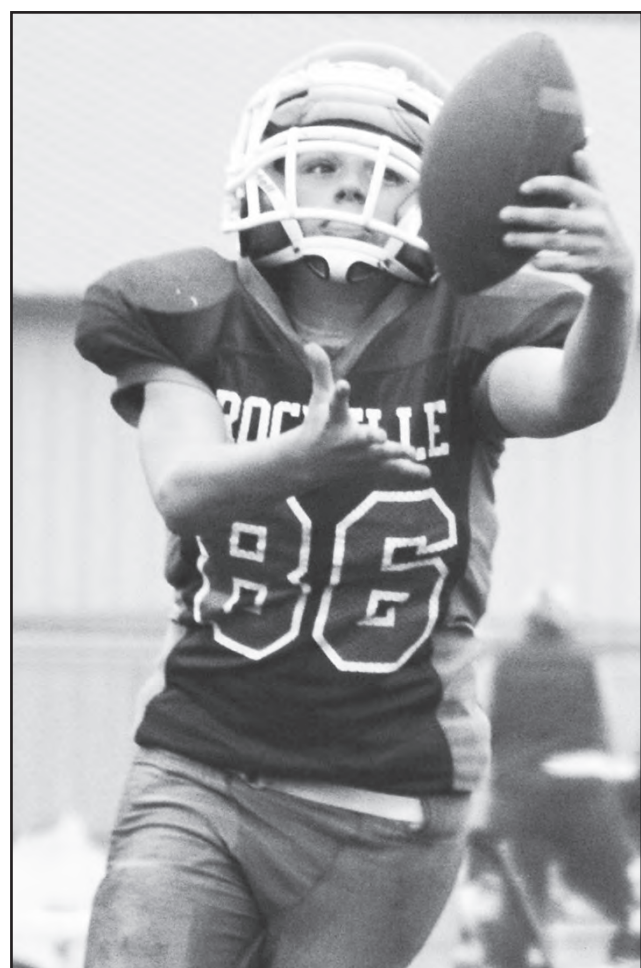
### 7th Grade

Rochelle (6-1-1) topped

Kewanee 30-14 to reach the first-place conference game against Rockton on Saturday at 10 a.m. The game will be played in Byron.

Frankie Pelan recovered a Kewanee fumble on the second play of the game, leading to a 3-yard rushing touchdown from Ethan Goodwin. After forcing a turnover on downs, Rochelle went ahead 14-0 with a 12-yard rushing touchdown by Brandyn Metzger and a 2-point pass from Carson Lewis to Grant Gensler.

Kewanee cut the lead to 14-8 with a 23-yard touchdown run and 2-point



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

**Eighth-grader Chandler Cunningham reaches out for a catch.**

conversion before Metzger scored his second touchdown of the game on a 1-yard rush. Gensler made it 22-8 Rochelle with a 2-point run. Kewanee nearly scored early in the third quarter, but an interception by Kaiden Morris gave Rochelle possession. Lewis then ran 28 yards for a touchdown and Gensler rushed for the 2-point conversion.

Trailing 30-8, Kewanee scored on a 7-yard touchdown pass as time expired

in the fourth quarter.

### 6th/5th

Sixth grade (6-2) ended the regular season with a forfeit over Kewanee to clinch a spot in the third-place conference game against Rockton on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Fifth grade (8-0) also received a forfeit from Kewanee to earn a spot in the first-place conference game against Byron on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The game will be played in Byron.

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# ON THE FARM

## Prospects for corn use in ethanol

URBANA – Poor ethanol plant margins, plants idling production, and continued haggling over small refinery exemptions provide the background for ethanol production moving into the 2019-20 marketing year. Corn use for ethanol production during the 2019-20 marketing looks set to recover slightly from the weak levels seen during the 2018-19 marketing year, according to University of Illinois agricultural economist Todd Hubbs.

“Based on ethanol production estimates provided by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. fuel ethanol production during the 2018-19 corn marketing year totaled 15.572 billion gallons. At around 500 million gallons below the previous marketing year, ethanol production came in down 3.1 percent. Exports sit on pace to total lower than last year’s 1.636 billion gallons. Ethanol stocks over the marketing year increased by 332 million gallons despite lower production,” Hubbs says.

The final Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production report for the marketing year came out on Sept. 1. Ethanol production and recent conversion ratios indicate that corn used for fuel ethanol production totaled approximately 5.366 billion bushels, down 4.3 percent from use during the previous year. Reported use of sorghum for fuel ethanol production during the 2018-19 corn marketing year totaled near 100 million bushels, compared to 60 million bushels during the previous year. Combined corn and sorghum use during the past year were 3.5 percent lower than reported use during the last year. “Ethanol production thus far in the 2018-19 marketing year sits 4.4 percent lower than last year over the same period.

USDA’s current projection totals 5.45 billion bushels for the marketing year. Numerous factors look to influence corn use for ethanol production during the current marketing year. Domestic gasoline consumption, the rate of consumption of higher ethanol blends, and the extent of fuel ethanol exports remain vital components,” Hubbs explains.

“Domestic gasoline consumption depends on the price of crude oil and gasoline prices. EIA’s recent short-term energy outlook projects gasoline consumption over the next marketing year up slightly with national average gas prices up to \$2.76 per gallon in 2020, up from the \$2.65 per gallon seen in 2019. If those price forecasts turn out to be correct, gasoline consumption would be expected to remain relatively flat over the next marketing year,” he adds.

EIA’s projection for ethanol production in 2019-20 sits at 15.961 billion gallons with considerable strength in the second half of the marketing year.

“Approval of E-15 blending all year long may provide the support for this projection. A slight increase in the consumption of higher blends may occur if prices stay competitive. Higher blend consumption will not likely add substantially to total domestic ethanol consumption this year,” Hubbs says.

Hubbs notes that sorghum use for ethanol production appears set to remain unchanged due to trade issues with China despite a slightly smaller crop projection for 2019. “An increase in ethanol production efficiency would undercut any increase in feedstock consumption this year. If recent conversion ratios stay in place, corn use for ethanol under EIA

ethanol production forecasts comes in near the 5.45 billion bushels projected by the USDA,” he says.

Ethanol exports for the 2018-19 marketing year show no growth over the last marketing year. Ethanol export numbers are available from U.S. Census trade data for 2019 through July. For the 2018-19 marketing year, U.S. exports of ethanol are at 1.437 billion gallons, down 4.9 percent from the similar period over the 2017-18 marketing year.

“The reduction is due to lower export levels to Brazil and China. Chinese imports of U.S. ethanol are minimal thus far in the marketing year. A continuation of the current trade war mitigates any chances of expanded exports to China over the next year,” Hubbs says.

Brazilian ethanol imports from the U.S. are down 17 percent from last year through July. During the 2017-18 marketing year, U.S. ethanol exports totaled 1.636 billion gallons, with exports to Brazil comprising 28.4 percent of the total.

“Increased ethanol production from sugar, the continuation of the 20 percent tariff rate quota on Brazilian ethanol imports, and a burgeoning corn ethanol industry in Brazil may see this trend continue over the next marketing year,” Hubbs says.

Recent adjustments to the tariff in Brazil maintained the 20 percent tariff level but increased the quota to export levels greater than 198.1 million gallons per year, up from approximately 160 million gallons. U.S. ethanol exports will require continued expansion in other markets to meet or exceed the export levels attained during the 2018-19 marketing year.

“While negotiations on small refinery exemption continue to play out, the prospect of substantial growth in corn use for ethanol this marketing year seems limited. Barring a significant change in policy surrounding the RFS, a trade deal, or an unexpected jump in gasoline consumption, the prospects for corn use in ethanol appear set to match current USDA projections of 5.45 billion bushels at best,” Hubbs concludes.

**“Ethanol production thus far in the 2018-19 marketing year sits 4.4 percent lower than last year over the same period.”**

**Todd Hubbs**

## Harvest season means heavier loads on roads

HARVEST looks imminent as we creep toward October. Considering this harvest may look different from most I encourage farmers to look into the Illinois Harvest Season Permit allowing for heavier loads on certain highways. Remember the permit does not allow for those loads on interstate highways.

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1. When is the HSP available? From September 1 through December 31 annually.

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3. Do bridge and road postings for lower weights still apply? Yes. Having this permit does not authorize you to exceed weight limit postings along roadways or on bridges.

4. Where do you go to get the HSP overweight permit? Just as with any other overweight permit, you go to the highway jurisdiction on whose roads you intend to operate. Where your route crosses several road jurisdictions, you’ll need

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5. For how many days is the HSP permit valid? Permits are available beginning Sept. 1 and are available until Dec. 31 every year. The HSP permit issued by IDOT must be accompanied by a route authorization that is valid for only two weeks at a time. At the end of those 14 days, the carrier must obtain a new “14-day route authorization” for the permit. This periodic renewal is intended to account for any change in capacity of a road or bridge along the permitted route over that span of time. Local jurisdictions’ permits might or might not require a periodic route reauthorization.

6. How much extra weight would be allowed? All three common forms of weight restriction—gross, axle and registered—are addressed. In

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7. What paperwork will I need to carry? You’ll need to have two documents with you when operating under the HSP:

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12. What informa-

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