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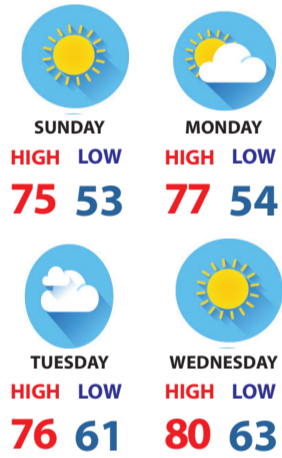
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RPD holds 2024 National Night Out event

Free event included RPD demonstrations and helicopter landing

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Tuesday, the Rochelle Police Department held its annual National Night Out event at Atwood Park.

The event included a helicopter landing, taser and K9 demonstrations, booths put up by local businesses and organizations, free food and drinks, music and dance by local performers, and appearances by the Rochelle Fire Department.

"Things have gone fantastic tonight," RPD Chief Pete Pavia said. "The weather is beautiful. The crowd speaks for itself. Every year this event sees such a great turnout. We've had officers from other departments come and remark at how much larger and different it is from theirs. We had 47 local businesses and organizations come out for this. It's crazy. I love the interaction with the community. They see us and come out and talk to us. It's on more of a personal level here. I just love how people come out. The community just loves this event."

RPD K9 Officer Trevor



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

On Tuesday, the Rochelle Police Department held its annual National Night Out event at Atwood Park.

Owen and K9 Odie led the K9 demonstration and explained the skills the dog has and the tasks it's used for such as item and people searches and apprehending subjects.

The taser demonstration was led by Officer Ryan Kovacs and he explained to those in attendance how the taser works and the situations it's used in. RPD Community Service Officer Damen Harrington volunteered to be tased in the demonstration.

Planning for Nation-

al Night Out goes on throughout the year, and a meeting is held the day after the event to talk about what went right and wrong and what can be improved upon. Pavia thanked the community for its support of RPD both during National Night Out and the rest of the year.

"Rochelle loves our department and they're so supportive of it," Pavia said. "We can't thank the community enough. We cannot do our jobs without that. It helps us."

Pavia said the event being free is common at many events like it hosted by law enforcement organizations across the nation on Aug. 6. RPD wanted to entice people to come out with their families and "give crime the night off."

"People call us all year long about wanting to be a part of this," Pavia said. "And we welcome everyone, but we won't have anyone out here charging."

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Paul Harris Fellows awards presented at Rotary meeting

Presentation made by Birth to Five Illinois, 2 new Rotarians sworn in

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its weekly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Luna, the Rochelle Rotary Club saw Paul Harris Fellows awards given.

A Paul Harris Fellow is a person who has been recognized as having done something significant for others. The foundation recognizes them with a contribution of \$1,000, which will be spent on humanitarian efforts around the world. A club recognizes awardees for service to the club and or the community.

Awardees included Tonja Greenfield, Tom Price, Wallace Brooks, Phil May, Emily Whitaker, Sarah Flanagan, Xavier Valdivieso, Pricilla Rice, Teri Schaefer, Phil Hasz, Ray Schwartz, Pat Burch, Karen Hayden, John Bearrows, Dan Lundquist, Prem Sud, Todd Prusator, Chris Haas, Greg Folmar, Kwami Gati, Michelle Pease, Nancy Tracy, Alison Vrana and Jeff Fiegenschuh.

Harris founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

At its weekly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Luna, the Rochelle Rotary Club saw Paul Harris Fellows awards given.

The fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation and increase humanitarian efforts.

The meeting also saw the club's 2024-2025 board members sworn in. Board members include Michelle Pease (foundation), Jeff Fiegenschuh (service), Jeni Hardin (public relations), Justina

Merritt (member at large), Sarah Flanagan (secretary), Lance Charnock (president), Greg Folmar (member at large), Josh Carney (member at large), Adam Heal (member at large), Chuck Watkins (treasurer) and Tim Bowerman (administration).

During the meeting, two new Rochelle Rotary Club members were sworn

in: Jim Withers and Jodie Hart.

The weekly presentation at the meeting was made by Abby Hoskins, regional council manager of Birth to Five Illinois.

Birth to Five Illinois organizes 39 Action Councils and 39 Family Councils statewide with the goals of: Providing a statewide mechanism to

engage local stakeholders, gathering family opinion, creating an action plan that clearly identifies the need for expansion of quality early learning in every region, and enabling local stakeholders to come together and address the early childhood needs within their own communities.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Ogle County Sheriff's Office holds National Night Out event

On Aug. 6, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office hosted National Night Out 2024 in Byron. Deputies were presented with the Distinguished Service Award and Lt. Jason Ketter was awarded the Sheriff's Medal of Valor. The Sheriff's Office thanked the businesses that sponsored the awards: Ralfies BBQ, Headdon's, Hicks Quarters, Auto Hub, Woods Equipment, Etnyre, Mission BBQ, Moose Knuckle, Quick Phone Repair and Lost Nation Golf Course. "We would also like to thank the Byron Fire Department, Byron Police Department, Ogle County Probation, Kona Ice, and all the men and women who worked hard to make this event possible," a Sheriff's Office Facebook post said.

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RPD: National Night out held at Atwood Park in Rochelle

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"We want the families to come out and eat for free. We have free shaved ice and games and giveaways.

This is not about bringing in food trucks and charging. It's about being free for everyone to get people out here."

Pavia said his favorite

part of the event is seeing officers interact with the community. Much of RPD's personnel that participated Tuesday were off-duty.

"I send a message to everyone on the department and everyone shows up," Pavia said. "They just love the event. We do have some new officers. For some

of them, this is their first National Night Out. And they can't believe how many people are out here. It's a great way for them to meet the community. Kids

see us out here and we talk with them. And when they see us later on in a more official capacity, they're not scared of us. It shows them that they can approach us."

Awards presented at Ogle County Fair Tractor Show

OREGON — The Antique Tractor and Implement Show was one of the opening events at the 2024 Ogle County Fair! Some 24 vintage Antique tractors were exhibited at the fair. To

the delight of young and older alike, a tractor drive was featured each day at the fair!

Awards were presented based on ballots cast by the exhibitors:

Best of Show and

first place went to Carl Morris of Mt. Morris with his 1955 Oliver Model Super 88.

Second place was awarded to Kevin Johnson of Rochelle with his 1947 Allis Chalmers

Model WC.

Third place was awarded to Joe Eden of Byron with his 1965 Model 110

John Deere Lawn tractor.

Each participant in the show who exhibited a tractor received a

Dash Plaque with the Ogle County Fair insignia in recognition of their participation



(COURTESY PHOTO)

It is with a heavy heart that the Williams family has decided to cancel the annual Art Show 2024 fundraiser for the Daniel and Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts.

Williams Fund for the Arts annual art show canceled

ROCHELLE — It is with a heavy heart that our family has decided to cancel our annual Art Show 2024 fundraiser for the Daniel and Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts. In January 2024 we received news that Danny has multiple myeloma. The journey to remission is still ongoing, with weekly chemotherapy treatments and his stem cell transplant scheduled for January 2025. Danny has chosen to focus on his health and spend precious time with his family. We fully support his decision to prioritize his well-being during this challenging time. We kindly ask for

your understanding and support as we navigate this difficult period. If you are interested in following Danny's journey, you can follow his blog at <http://mysocalledloma.blogspot.com/>.

We understand that many of you look forward to this event each year, and we share in your disappointment. Art brings us together, inspires us, and fosters a sense of community, and we are committed to continuing this tradition in the future.

While the event will not take place this year, we are still accepting donations to support our ongoing fundraising ef-

forts to support the Daniel and Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts at <https://rochellefoundation.org/williams-fund-for-arts> or you can contact Emily Anaya at the Rochelle Area Community Foundation. The Daniel and Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts was established in 2018 to help future artists bring statues, sculptures, murals and other permanent or semi-permanent art projects to life in our community.

We want to thank you for your continued support and appreciate all the gifts, cards, and donations. We are so grateful to be a part of an amazing community.

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LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On July 30 at approximately 6:55 p.m. deputies responded to a violation of an order of protection in the 9,000 block of North Blaine Drive. After investigation, deputies placed Dustin Grove, 41, of Davis Junction under arrest for violation of an order of protection and an active Rockford PD failure to appear warrant for driving under the influence. Grove was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On July 31 at approximately 6:21 p.m. deputies, with the assistance of the Forreston Fire Department, responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of North Illinois Route 26 and Coffman Road near Forreston. After a brief investigation, it was determined that a silver Kia Forte driven by Kimberly G. Pogue, 32, of Milledgeville, was traveling westbound on Coffman Road when she failed to yield to oncoming traffic when leaving the stop sign on Coffman Road at Illinois Route 26. The vehicle was then struck by a tan Honda SUV, driven by Jordyn M. McNair, 25, of Lanark, traveling northbound on North Illinois Route 26. Pogue was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic when leaving a stop intersection.

On Aug. 1 at approximately 10:23 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 16,000 block of West Milledgeville Road. After further investigation David Bergeson, 41, of Polo, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Bergeson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear. Bergeson was also cited for speeding.

On Aug. 2 at 12:35 a.m. deputies, assisted by Oregon Police Department, conducted a traffic stop at 2,000 South Illinois Route

2. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Chasity Wright, 43, of Dixon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Wright was transported to the Ogle County Jail, processed, and released on a notice to appear at a later date. Wright was also issued a citation for improper lane usage.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 1:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Dutch Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Antonio Cerrito-Olivares, 36, of Rockford, for driving while his license was revoked, with no insurance, and expired registration. Cerrito-Olivares was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he received citations for the above charges and was released after processing on a notice to appear. Cerrito-Olivares vehicle was towed from the scene.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 3:50 p.m. deputies responded to 3961 W. Illinois Route 64 at the Mt. Morris Motel for reports of damage to a vehicle. After a brief investigation, Denise Wagoner, 38, of Mt. Morris, was arrested for criminal damage to property. Wagoner was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 7 p.m. deputies responded to a residence in the 9,000 block of North Barker Road for a 911 hang-up. After a brief investigation Andrew Klingele, 34, of Byron, was taken into custody on a warrant for failure to appear in court. Klingele was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was housed awaiting an appearance before a judge.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 9 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 19,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 on a 2019

red Jeep Cherokee after observing the vehicle had no operable taillights and it had conducted a lane violation. After an investigation, Alyssa Vicencio, 28, of Dekalb, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Vicencio was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she received citations for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol with a BAC over .08, improper lane usage, and driving without taillights. Additionally, Vicencio was charged with two counts of child endangerment, and aggravated driving under the influence while transporting a person under the age of 16. Vicencio was processed and released on a notice to appear as the above-listed charges are non-detainable under the Pretrial Fairness Act.

On Aug. 5 at about 2:30 p.m. deputies responded to Rochelle Community Hospital for a car versus bicycle that occurred in the 9,000 block of East Flag Road. After a brief investigation, it was determined, Justin Abell, 37, of Rochelle, was traveling west on Flag Road when he struck a bicyclist operated by Philip Horvath, 20, of Rochelle. Horvath was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by family for suspected serious injuries. Abell was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Aug. 5 at approximately 4 p.m. deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 5,000 block of North Freeport Road. After an investigation it was determined that a black 2019 Chevrolet Colorado pick-up being driven by Bobby D. Mahr, 43, of Shannon, was southbound when he exited the roadway and struck the guard rail at that location. Mahr stated a vehicle that was northbound at the same location was halfway in the southbound lane forcing him to swerve his vehicle to avoid hitting this other vehicle. Mahr was uninjured and no citations were issued to him. The other vehicle involved in this incident is unknown.

On Aug. 5 at approximately 10:30 a.m. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to an address in Lindenwood in reference to a domestic dispute. After completing the investigation, a 16-year-old male was arrested and detained for three counts of domestic battery, one count of disorderly conduct, and one count of criminal damage to property. The male juvenile was detained at the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center pending a court appearance at the Ogle County Courthouse.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

ROCHELLE POLICE REPORT

ROCHELLE — On July 30 at 8:20 p.m. Anastasia Taylor, 23, of Rockford was cited for speeding 63 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone and improper display of registration plate. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On July 31 at 9:28 p.m. Hector Losoya, 56, of Rochelle was arrested for violation of sex offender registration. He was released on a notice to appear with an Aug. 30 Ogle County court date.

On July 31 at 4:52 p.m. Bradley S. Kersten, 57, of Rochelle was cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On July 31 at 4:13 p.m. Andrew M. Holden, 49, of Rochelle was cited for no valid registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On July 31 at 6:32 p.m. Ernesto Ruiz-Soto, 24, of Rochelle was cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On July 31 at 7:01 p.m. Lalia A. Milan, 20, of Rochelle was cited for speeding. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On July 31 at 9:43 p.m. Rafael Arroyo-Sandoval, 18, of Rochelle was cited for disobeying a stop sign. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On July 31 at 8:48 p.m. Sergio Vargas, 37, of Dixon was cited for expired registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On July 31 at 7:29 p.m. Tyresea V. Simmons, 22, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On July 31 at 5:21 p.m. Samantha R. Belmonte, 34, of Rochelle was cited for disobeying a stop sign. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 1 at 12:23 p.m. Derek S. Swanson, 32, of Sycamore was cited for overweight gross. He was released on a notice to appear with an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 1 at 2:50 p.m. Oscar R. Torres Monroy, 40, of DeKalb was cited for overweight gross. He was released on a notice

to appear with an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 1 at 8:02 a.m. Cory R. Gilliard, 49, of Greenwood, Indiana was cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 1 at 6:57 p.m. Chase T. McKenna, 22, of Rochelle was cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 1 at 10:58 p.m. a 17-year-old juvenile of Rochelle was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

On Aug. 2 at 12:24 a.m. a 17-year-old juvenile of Rochelle was cited for no insurance. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 2 at 2:14 p.m. Amanda Knuckles, 31, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Crawford County warrant and transferred.

On Aug. 2 at 5:05 p.m. Eddie K. Barbee, 41, of DeKalb was arrested on outstanding warrants in DeKalb, Lee, Kendall, and Kane counties and transferred.

On Aug. 2 at 10:35 p.m. Mario Reynosa Montalvo, 27, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 2 at 9 a.m. Joelle N. Hurt, 31, of Decatur was arrested on three outstanding Macon County warrants and transferred.

On Aug. 3 at 4 p.m. Tobias Whetsel, 43, of Rochelle was arrested for theft under \$500. He was released on a notice to appear and given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 3 at 9:07 p.m. Amyah C. Plenty, 32, of DeKalb was cited for suspended registration/noninsured. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 4 at 5:44 p.m. Heather B. Bonnell, 42 of Rochelle was cited for no valid registration and no insurance. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 4 at 2:53 p.m. Antonio Martinez, 50, of Lee was arrested for driving while license suspended. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 4 at 9:23 a.m. Jeffrey S. Strand, 42, of Deltona, Florida was cited for speeding.

He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 4 at 4:32 p.m. Clara T. Osborn, 21, of Malta was arrested for retail theft. She was released on a notice to appear with a Sept. 6 Ogle County court date.

On Aug. 4 at 9:50 p.m. Arturo Pena, 24, of Rochelle was arrested for graffiti defacement. He was released on a notice to appear with a Sept. 13 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 6 at 9:46 a.m. Anna M. Lane, 74, of Rochelle was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 21 Ogle County court date.

On Aug. 5 at 6:44 p.m. Michael J. McMurray, 45, of Esmond was cited for no valid registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 5 at 9:48 p.m. Ryan N. Ward, 19, of Rochelle was cited for no valid registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 6 at 12:53 a.m. Brookelynn E. Andersen, 22, of Loves Park was cited for speeding and no insurance. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 6 at 5:10 a.m. Paul Perez, 30, of Rochelle was cited for speeding and improper passing. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 6 at 6:10 p.m. Andrew C. Krause, 34, of DeKalb was arrested on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant. He was released on a notice to appear with an Aug. 20 DeKalb County court date.

On Aug. 6 at 9:48 p.m. Giselle Montoya, 19, of Rochelle was cited for disobeying a stop sign. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 6 at 11:29 p.m. Roberto Esparza-Rubio, 35, of DeKalb was cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 6 at 4:38 p.m. Justin M. Carraher, 36, of Rochelle was arrested for retail theft. He was released on a notice to appear with a Sept. 6 Ogle County court date.


On Aug. 7 at 7:14 p.m. Maddex Ramos, 20, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 60 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 30 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Salinas named to Palmer College Dean's list

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Britney Salinas of Lindenwood has been named to the 2024 spring trimester Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

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LOCAL NEWS

CRESTON: Board discusses golf cart/ATV ordinance Tuesday evening

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Bunge said the work could be done this year, and if not it would begin in the spring of 2025. He's estimated in the past that the project could roughly cost \$180,000-200,000. "We're getting more water underground with this plan than we're getting underground now," Bunge said. "We're looking to make the current situation better."

Golf carts

The board discussed its golf cart/ATV ordinance during the meeting and potentially making changes to it. Creston currently requires golf carts to register with the village for a fee and to have certain features such as turning signals, insurance, and slow-moving vehicle signs. The village has en-

countered issues with enforcement, people not registering their golf carts, unlicensed drivers, and speeding.

The board discussed doing away with registration fees or doing away with the golf cart ordinance completely, which would make every golf cart in the village illegal. The board took no action Tuesday.

"It's an issue where a lot of people aren't paying the fees, and we have no mechanism to enforce them not paying the fees, so you're penalizing the people that are paying the fees," Trustee Curt Ward said. "It's an unfortunate issue all around. What we really need to figure out is enforcement."

The village does not allow four-wheelers, dirt bikes, mini bikes or go carts.

Fireworks

The board unanimously approved a contribution of \$2,500 towards the Creston Booster Days fireworks this year. The festival will take place Sept. 13-15.

Landfill

Village Attorney Dave Tess said during the meeting that a land transfer between the Rochelle Landfill and the village that was part of an agreement in recent years is nearly finalized and will see Creston acquire 111.3 acres. The village originally planned to receive 83.1 acres in the agreement. Most or all of the land will be leased out as farmland by the village in the future. The village will receive the money from the current farm lease the landfill has this year.

The land deal stems from an agreement that Creston, the Rochelle



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Landfill and City of Rochelle came to back in 2021 that would result in the closing of the Rochelle Landfill by or on Dec. 31, 2040.

Website

Village Clerk Jennifer Payton said during the meeting that design work

is underway on Creston's new website and the hope is for it to be completed and online by Creston Booster Days in September.

In June, the village board unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement with Dement Township for the new website designer that

the entities will split. The site will include information on other organizations in Creston. The village's current site is in need of an update due to its age.

The total cost of the website update, which will be split between the organizations, is \$3,795 for the first year and \$2,595 yearly.

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Calvary Lighthouse Church, Assemblies of God, Senior Pastor, Dr. James Horvath. 14409 Hemstock Rd., Rochelle. Sunday Morning: Sunday Worship & Children's Church 10:00 A.M., Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. - Adult Teaching, Missionettes & Royal Rangers Childrens Classes, Nursery available for all services. HE-Brews Cafe is open before and after services. For further information, please call the CLC office at 815-562-7701, or email us at staff@calvarylighthouse.com

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Creston United Methodist Church and Steward United Methodist Church - Rev. Ilhan You, Creston: 126 West South Street, P.O. Box 209, Creston, Illinois 60113. Sunday morning worship 9:00am. Coffee fellowship at 10:15am. Steward: 507 Main Street, P.O. Box 80, Steward, IL 60553. Adult Sunday School, 10:00am. Sunday morning worship and Children's Sunday School 11:00am. Contact the church office at 847-730-4370 for more information. facebook.com/crestonumcil facebook.com/stewardilumc

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 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@faithlchrochelle.org for more information. All are welcome to join us!

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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 9:00am and 10:30am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgrace.com/ www.facebook.com/placeforgrace

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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.

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New Hope Fellowship (Church of God - Anderson, IN), 1501 10th Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068. Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m., (815)561-8400, www.NHFchurch.net Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

Rochelle United Methodist Church welcomes everyone to their worship service, and practices openness for all activities including communion. Worship is at 9:00 am. Sunday school for children begins around 9:15, following the Children's Time in worship. A fellowship time with food and space for conversation occurs in Hicks Hall every week following the worship service. We celebrate communion with an open table on the first Sunday of every month, and on other appropriate occasions. Youth group is on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30. Our youth program includes service projects, discussion topics, Bible Study, and lots of fun and fellowship together. Some of our activities include packing meals at Feed My Starving Children, helping at Rochelle Christian Food Pantry and 7C's, working with animals at Barn on Baseline, Mystery trips (Destination Unknown!), and Interactive experiences on Dating boundaries, refugees, and homelessness. Youth group is for grades 6-12 and friends are always welcome. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at www.rochelleumc.com. Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/rochelleumc. **Our pastor is the Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley.** Our address is 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. Email is admin@rochelleumc.com. At Rochelle United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome and loved!

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LOCAL VIEWS

More about science, democracy and Donald Trump

BOTH sides in this presidential election proclaim that it's a battle for the survival of democracy. In that case, we need to be clear about what American democracy is. It's not just that the people vote. There are also safeguards against the abuse of power by the government, or by the people themselves.

But, beneath all that, our democracy is built on an understanding of what truth is, and how we go about knowing it.

The founders of our nation were products of the Scientific Revolution that had taken place a couple of centuries earlier. The governmental system they created is grounded on science's insistence on reasoning based on facts instead of beliefs and assumptions. Truth disappears, and democracy dies, when facts are denied or ignored.

I said in last month's column that Donald

Trump operates under a more ancient mindset, a prescientific one that's deeply embedded in human psychology. It judges ideas by how well they line up with existing beliefs and feelings instead of facts. Politicians who operate from this worldview can use tactics that are unavailable to other leaders.

The most important is a heavy emphasis on emotional appeals — positive sentiments like tradition and patriotism, but also fears and prejudices — at the expense of reason. These are the leaders who single out groups — elites, immigrants, and others — for the people to fear, resent, and blame for their troubles. They rely on ridicule, personal attacks, and fabrications to make up for the lack of factual support for their accusations.

Keeping fear and resentment at a fevered pitch enables them to present themselves as saviors,

and to inspire intense devotion among their followers. Loyalty to them overrides all other obligations, sometimes even those to democracy itself. They may encourage, either subtly or openly, intimidation and even violence against those who disagree.

You may find that Donald Trump fits this description to one degree or another. Keep in mind, in that case, that he's far from the only one who does. Politicians like this exist everywhere, and have inhabited democracies ever since the beginning. Huey Long was one of the most successful.

His fiery speeches against wealthy and powerful elites, abusive language toward his enemies, and just-folks manner fueled his rise to power as governor of Louisiana

from 1929 to 1933. The passionate loyalty he inspired allowed him to create, in the words of the Encyclopedia Britannica, an "unprecedented executive dictatorship that he perpetrated to ensure control of his home state..."

"Surrounding himself with gangster-like bodyguards, he dictated outright to members of the legislature, using intimidation if necessary. When he was about to leave office to serve in the U.S. Senate (1932), he fired the legally-elected lieutenant governor and replaced him with two designated successors who would obey him from Washington. In order to fend off local challenges to his control in 1934, he effected radical changes in the Louisiana government, abolishing local government and taking personal control of all educational, police, and fire



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job appointments throughout the state. He achieved absolute control of the state militia, judiciary, and election and tax-assessing apparatus, while denying citizens any legal or electoral redress."

Huey Long's career was cut short when he was assassinated in 1935 while campaigning to become president of the United States. There's no way to know how far he might have gone otherwise. His dictatorial control over his home state illustrates what can happen to a nation influenced by a prescientific worldview that denies the importance of facts.

Politicians like Huey Long and Donald Trump are on the march across the world. Victor Orban in Hungary, Narendra Modi in India, and other would-be dictators are harnessing primal emotions in the pursuit of power. They're capitalizing on democracy's greatest weakness, its vulnerability to emotional

appeals that overwhelm facts and reason.

Democrats insist that a victory for Donald Trump in this election will mean the end of democracy in America. It's true that our democratic institutions have been weakening for some time now, but their roots run deep. We can hope for a different future, regardless of who wins.

His reelection would, nevertheless, be a victory for a worldview that's incompatible with the science-inspired and fact-based democracy that the founders envisioned. In that sense, the Democrats are right. This election is indeed — and more than anything else — about the survival of democracy.

Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.

Collaboration key to moving the needle on conservation

ENVIRONMENTAL challenges have always driven innovation and advancement in agriculture. From extreme drought leading to enhanced seed genetics and flooding resulting in prescriptive fertilizer applications, farmers have pivoted their practices and adapted their operations to continue producing food, fiber and fuel.

We face another driving force with nutrient runoff and the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico, and producers have responded by deploying a range of conservation practices across their farms.

Practices like no-till, strip-till, cover cropping, buffer strips, wood chip bioreactors and others are all playing a significant role in keeping nitrogen and phosphorus in the soil and out of our freshwater supplies.

Environmental-

ly-sound practices like these are the foundation of Illinois farmers' continued commitment to implement long-term solutions that protect our nation's water supply and improve soil health.

Illinois Farm Bureau has supported that commitment by distributing more than \$1.17 million for 150 conservation projects in 75 counties through its Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program, which began in 2015.

In fact, farmer conservation efforts in Illinois have led to measurable progress in reducing total nitrate loss and shrinking the size of the Gulf of Mexico's hypoxic zone.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Hypoxia Task Force reported last December that Illinois was one of 12 states to meet interim nitrogen goals for 2025 by reducing total nitrogen loss by 20%. The 2023 Illinois Ag

Retail Survey also found that in 2022, across 917 Illinois fields, 24% of corn and 44% of soybeans were no-till. Cover crops were found on approximately 9% of fields in fall 2021, and while 49% of respondents reported fall application of anhydrous, 97% of the producers reported use of an inhibitor to reduce the potential for leeching.

These indicators suggest significant progress toward meeting the goals outlined in the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. While the conservation efforts of individual farmers are important, we cannot overlook the value of moving the needle through a collaborative approach.

A leader in this space has been Ohio Farm Bureau, which partnered with the state's environ-

mental community and government agencies in 2019 to launch H2Ohio, a statewide initiative aimed at improving the water quality of Lake Erie and the surrounding Western Lake Erie Basin by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus loads.

Backed by \$270 million in state money, and with the support of groups like the Ohio Environmental Council, one element of the H2Ohio program is a mix of financial incentives for farmers in the basin to deploy conservation practices that align with specific field conditions.

For each on-farm practice, like planting cover crops and developing a nutrient management plan, farmers can earn a per-acre payment that stack together on the same acre. Specific prac-



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tices, such as strip tilling or applying manure in lieu of chemical fertilizer, can also result in higher payments.

The flexibility within H2Ohio for Ohio farmers to use a menu of voluntary conservation practices tailored to their farms led to 2,400 producers enrolling 1.4 million acres in voluntary nutrient management plans in fiscal year 2023, representing about 35% of the basin.

Altogether, those efforts have resulted in reducing phosphorus loads in Lake Erie by 232,000 pounds in 2022, and by more than 315,000 pounds in 2023.

The willingness and understanding of all parties in Ohio to take ownership and investment in the responsibility and value of clean water and healthy soil leaves some of us green with envy — and not just algae.

A similar opportunity for this kind of collaboration exists in Illinois, where producers have demonstrated their serious commitment to conservation practices and made meaningful investments to protect the environment. The state-level \$5-per-acre crop insurance discount for planting cover crops has proven an effective first step. Illinois farmers across the program's five years have enrolled nearly half-a-million total cover-cropped acres and annually exceed the program's acreage cap.

Imagine the progress we could make if armed with additional state conservation incentives.

Evan Hultine is the Illinois Farm Bureau vice president. This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

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COMMUNITY



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Chamber of Commerce recently presented its Lawn of the Week award for the week of Aug. 5 to Ed and Jan Kissack. They received a sign and a \$25 Rochelle ACE Hardware gift card, presented by Rochelle Ace Hardware Manager Jesse Lopez.

Kissacks win Aug. 5 Chamber Lawn of the week

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presented by Rochelle Ace Hardware Manager Jesse Lopez.

The chamber has partnered with Rochelle Ace Hardware to award gift cards to the winners.

The 2024 Lawn of the Week program has begun

for the summer and will run through September. Nominate a neighbor/yard each week by submitting a name and address by emailing rochel-lechamber@gmail.com. “We are proud to recognize our residents that

display community pride in Rochelle,” Chamber Executive Director Tricia Herrera said. “We love that this program gives us the chance to showcase the hard work and dedication they put in to making our city look great.”

Stillman Bank announces promotions

ROCKFORD—Thomas R. Hughes, president & CEO of Stillman Banc Corp N.A., along with the Board of Directors have moved to promote the following bank employees:

J. Joseph McCoy, vice president and senior trust officer: Joe joined Stillman Bank as a trust officer in March 2020. He was previously an attorney in Rockford for over 12 years specializing in trusts and estates and was recognized as a “Leading Lawyer” in Illinois from 2015 to 2019. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration

degree in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and Law degree from the University of Miami. In his new role, he will be responsible for the oversight and direction of the bank’s trust department.

Benjamin D. Miller, vice president and senior operations officer: Ben has been with Stillman Bank for over 16 years. He earned his associate’s degree in computer and Electronics Engineering Technology from ITT Technical Institute and also holds CBSP, CBSTP, and CBEH certifications.

Since joining the bank in 2008, Ben has served as IT specialist, systems administrator, IT officer, and vice president. In his new role, Ben will be responsible for the oversight and direction of bank operations.

Nathan D. Gutierrez, systems administrator: Nate joined the bank in April 2022 as IT assistant. He graduated from Rasmussen University with a bachelor’s degree in information technology management. He also holds a CompTIA Network+ CE certification and CBSP certification. In his new

role, Nate will lead the day-to-day responsibilities of the IT department.

“We are most appreciative of the strong commitment and leadership these employees demonstrate toward their responsibilities,” Hughes said. “We recognize how fortunate we are to have such dedicated individuals serving the bank and our customers as we continue to grow in the communities we serve.”

For more information about Stillman Bank, please contact (815) 645-2266 or visit www.stillmanbank.com.



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- July 18 - From the Heart, \$25
- July 19 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- July 20 - From the Heart, \$25
- July 21 - Yazmin Nambo, Rochelle, \$50
- July 22 - Robert Danekas, Rochelle, \$25
- July 23 - Michelle Knight, Rochelle, \$25
- July 24 - Lars Larsen, Rochelle, \$25
- July 25 - From the Heart, \$25
- July 26 - RACF, \$25
- July 27 - Steve Hall, Rochelle, \$25
- July 28 - Tracy and Nate Kessen, Sugar Grove, \$50
- July 29 - Betsy Jones, Amboy, \$25
- July 30 - Eva Chu, Rochelle, \$25
- July 31 - Lee Dusing, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, \$25
- Aug. 1 - Lora McKee, Oregon, \$25
- Aug. 2 - Ben Sondergren-Baar, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 3 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
- Aug. 4 - Lee Dusing, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, \$50
- Aug. 5 - RACF, \$25
- Aug. 6 - Eva Chu, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 7 - Steve Kuhn, Sycamore, \$25
- Aug. 8 - Candice Jackson, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 9 - Bobbi Burke, Poplar Grove, \$25
- Aug. 10 - Aubrey Meinen, Davis Junction, \$25
- Aug. 11 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$50

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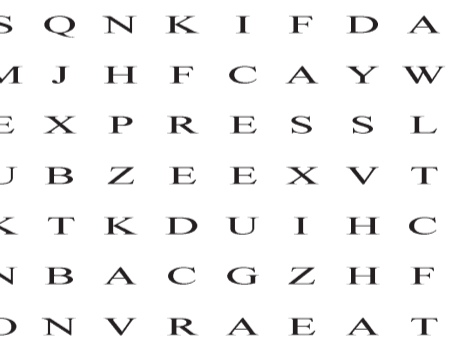
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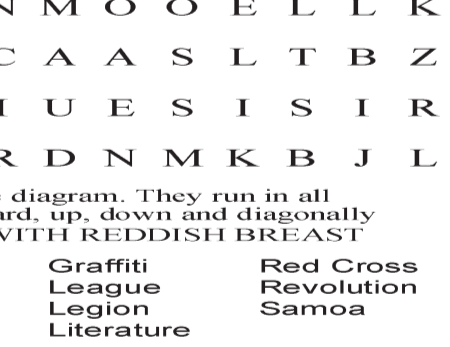
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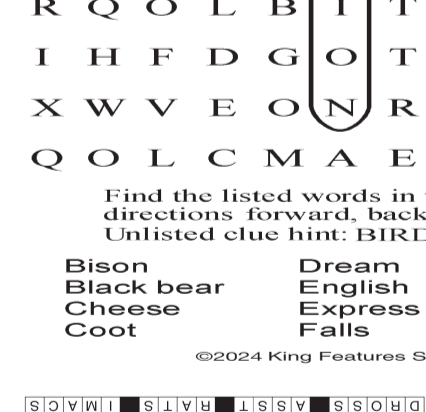
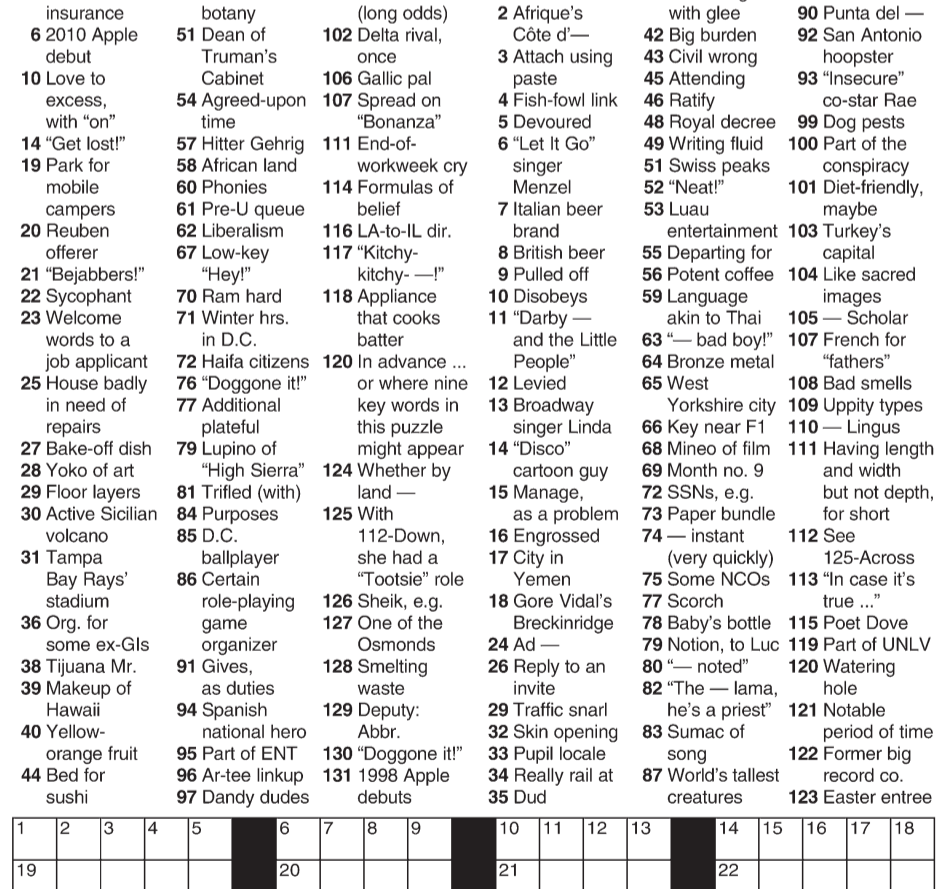


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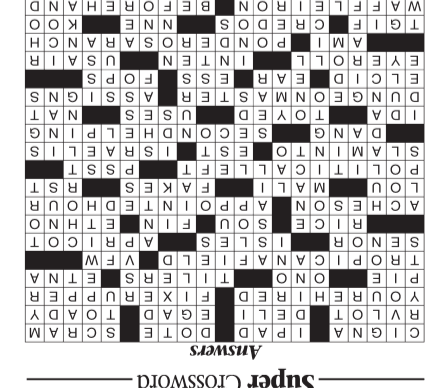
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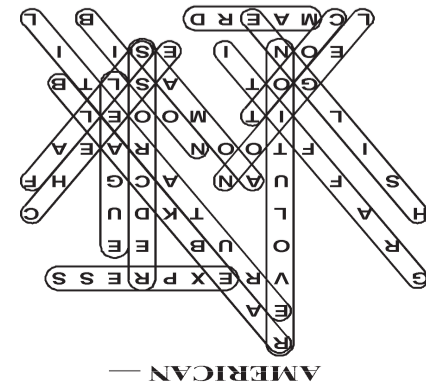
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LOCAL NEWS



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The meeting also saw the club's 2024-2025 board members sworn in. Board members include Michelle Pease (foundation), Jeff Fiegenschuh (service), Jeni Hardin (public relations), Justina Merritt (member at large), Sarah Flanagan (secretary), Lance Charnock (president), Greg Folmar (member at large), Josh Carney (member at large), Adam Heal (member at large), Chuck Watkins (treasurer) and Tim Bowerman (administration). During the meeting, two new Rochelle Rotary Club members were sworn in: Jim Withers and Jodie Hart.

ROTARY: Board members and new members sworn in during meeting

From page 1 Hoskins said her past, current and future tasks include work on needs and an action plan, addressing mental and behavioral health needs, and recruiting community members for the council. "Our ultimate goal is to keep informing the community of what's going on with early childhood education and care," Hoskins said. "We know that early childhood has big impacts as children move through various age groups through school and that it's impacting parents as employees. We want to have this conversation going and we're excited to be here and get people involved."

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KISHWAUKEE BOUND
RTHS alum Eli Luxton signs with Kishwaukee College basketball team.
See page 8 for more details

RTHS Tennis



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Rochelle Township High School held the 5th Annual Rochelle Summer Tennis Tournament from July 26-27. Above are the medalist teams from the Women's Doubles Division, which was won by Oregon's Kristy Eckardt and Rochelle's Lizzie Cartwright. Below (middle left and middle right) are the medalist teams from the Senior Doubles Division, which was won by Sycamore's Patty Poorten and St. Charles' Antoinette Shannon. Below (bottom) are the medalist teams from the Mixed Doubles Division, which was won by Dixon's Joel Rhodes and Grace Ferguson. A total of 145 players from 55 cities competed in this year's summer tennis tournament.

Local netters take the court

RTHS hosts 5th Annual Rochelle Summer Tennis Tournament on July 26-27

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School hosted the 5th Annual

Rochelle Summer Tennis Tournament from July 26-27. A total of 145 athletes from 55 cities assembled to compete in the annual event, which featured 12 divisions.

Dixon's Joel Rhodes finished first in the High School Boys Singles Division, which featured 21 total entrants in this year's tournament. Springfield's

Matthew Sommer took second, while Freeport's John Carlo Delavin finished third and Freeport's Caden DeJong landed in fourth. Rockford's Leah Hunter

finished first in the High School Girls Singles Division, which featured nine total entrants in this year's tournament. Freeport's Angelina Sala took second,

while Pontiac's Brooke Burger finished third and Streator's Maddie Wahl landed in fourth.

See TENNIS page 2



SPORTS

TENNIS: RTHS hosts annual summer tournament from July 26-27

From page 1

Freeport's Cadan DeJong and John Carlo Delavin finished first in the High School Boys Doubles Division, which featured 11 total entrants in this year's tournament.

Rockford's Landon Horn and Cale Putkus took second, while Hampshire's Braydon Bowgren and Chris Roth finished third. Aurora's Sam Pall and Sugar Grove's Will Klish landed in fourth place over the weekend.

Odell's Olivia Masching and Pontiac's Brooke Burger finished first in the High School Girls Doubles Division, which saw nine entrants in this year's tournament.

Streator's Maddie Wahl and Joyce Walkling took second, while Sycamore's Taylor Zemanek and Peyton Wright finished third. Rochelle's Erin Murphy and Kitty Williams landed in fourth place over the weekend.

Rockford's Leah Hunter and Ryan Hunter finished first in the High School Mixed Doubles Division, which saw two entrants. Oregon's Sarah and David Eckardt took second place.

Utica's Aaron Guenther finished first in the Men's Singles Division, which saw 16 entrants in this year's tournament. Janesville's Tristan Plaut took second, while Ottawa's Logan Goetsch finished third and Rochelle's John Michael Loggins landed in fourth place.

Oregon's Kristy Eckardt finished first in the Women's Singles Division, which saw eight entrants in this year's tournament. Belvidere's Katelyn de Guzman took second, while Rockford's Debbie Schafer finished third and Gilberts netter May Kimura landed in fourth place.

Dixon's Jonathan Rhodes and Joel Rhodes finished first in the Men's Doubles Division, which saw 17 entrants in this year's tournament. Ottawa's Vadim Cheli and

Logan Goetsch took second, while Utica's Aaron Guenther and Peru's Matthew Guenther finished third. Davenport's Chris Voelker and Rockford's Matt Trowbridge landed in fourth place over the weekend.

Oregon's Kristy Eckardt and Rochelle's Lizzie Cartwright finished first in the Women's Doubles Division, which saw 11 entrants in this year's tournament. Rockford's Debbie Schafer and Susan Buzzard took second, while Dixon's Jamie Brigl and Grace Ferguson finished third. Sycamore's Patty Poorten and St. Charles netter Antoinette Shannon landed in fourth place.

Dixon's Grace Ferguson and Joel Rhodes finished first in the Mixed Doubles Division, which saw 13 entrants in this year's tournament. Oregon's Kristy and Andy Eckardt took second, while Rochelle's John Michael Loggins and Dixon's Jamie Brigl finished third. Davenport's Chris Voelker and Bettendorf's Yen Dao landed in fourth place over the weekend.

Sycamore's Greg Locascio and Jon Locascio finished first in the Parent & Kid Doubles Division, which saw eight entrants in this year's tournament. Ottawa's John and Vadim Cheli took second, while Rochelle's Marilyn May and Jay Taft finished third. Rockford's Violet Sjostrom and Grant Sjostrom also finished third in the Parent & Kids Doubles Division over the weekend.

Sycamore's Patty Poorten and St. Charles netter Antoinette Shannon finished first in the Senior Doubles Division, which saw three entrants in this year's tournament. Rochelle's Roy Threlkeld and John Prabhakar took second, while Ashton's Jim and Jill Kohlert finished third.

See page 3 for more photos of medalists from the 5th Annual Rochelle Summer Tennis Tournament.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The 5th Annual Rochelle Summer Tennis Tournament was held at RTHS from July 26-27. Above are medalists from the Women's Singles Division (top), the Men's Doubles Division (middle top), the Parent & Kid Doubles Division (middle bottom) and the Men's Singles Division (bottom).

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(NEWS-LEADER FILE PHOTOS)



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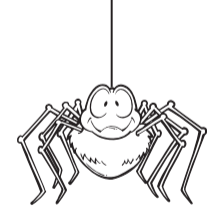
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Rochelle's Eli Luxton has signed to continue his academics and his basketball career at Kishwaukee College next year. Luxton intends to study engineering.

Luxton signs with Kishwaukee College men's basketball team

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ROCHELLE basketball standout Eli Luxton earned Interstate 8 honors over each of his last two seasons with the Hubs. The 6-foot-5 guard will be continuing his career at the collegiate level after signing earlier this summer with Kishwaukee College, where he will study engineering.

“I think Kish is a good fit for me because it's close to home and I know a lot of people who go there,” Luxton said. “I've been talking with their coach for a while and he seems pretty nice. I'm not ready to be done with basketball and I feel like I'm capable of playing more. I'm excited to meet all of the new people on the team and to make new friendships. I hope that we can win a lot of games and I'm hoping to be whatever the team and our coach needs me to be.”

Luxton spent four years with the Rochelle Hub basketball program and three years with the varsity team. As a sophomore, Luxton came off the bench and provided perimeter shooting, helping Rochelle win the Interstate 8 Conference title as well as an IHSA Regional crown. Luxton emerged during his junior season, when he earned First-Team All-Interstate 8 honors after averaging 16.0 points and

8.3 rebounds for the Hubs during the 2022-23 campaign.

“I feel like I'm prepared to play college basketball because I know what it means to be a leader and a good teammate,” Luxton said. “Rochelle taught me how to be a good teammate and how to do all of the little things right. I think the area I improved the most was my confidence. I wasn't very confident in myself as a freshman because I just started playing. I wasn't very confident as a sophomore either, but my confidence increased a lot as a junior and as a senior.”

Luxton was named an All-Interstate 8 Honorable Mention during his senior season, when he averaged 14.2 points and 6.6 rebounds while eclipsing 1,000 career points at the varsity level. Luxton, who received Rochelle's Hackett MVP Award over each of his last two seasons and was also named the Hoffman Rebounding Award winner during his junior season, was a three-sport athlete at RTHS, spending one year with the tennis team and one year with the track team.

“It was a pleasure coaching Eli for three years,” Rochelle head coach Tim Thompson said. “He was a 1,000-point scorer and a regional champion. He is a fantastic athlete who has a knack for the ball. He's a tremendous rebounder and his best years of basketball are ahead of him.”

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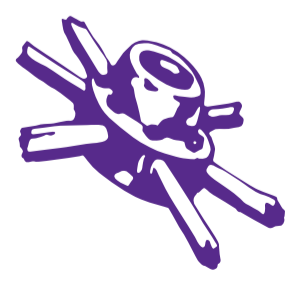
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