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Laudati hired as new executive director of HOPE of Ogle County

‘I really believe in the mission and that everybody has a right to live in safety’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — In September, Rebecca Laudati was hired as the new executive director of HOPE of Ogle County. She replaces longtime Executive Director Ruth Carter, who recently retired.

The non-profit organization helps survivors of domestic abuse. HOPE of Ogle County provides safety planning, support, shelter and referrals while empowering survivors to build a safe and peaceful future. It offers counseling, assistance and resources to those who are contending with the effects of abusive relationships. The nonprofit is available 24/7 to listen and provide support and court advocacy services are available as well. HOPE has offices in Rochelle, Oregon and Polo.

Laudati brings 20 years of experience working in the domestic violence field. After starting with an internship at a shel-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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ter in Elgin, she began work at Mutual Ground in Aurora, which offers domestic violence and sexual violence services. There she worked a hotline, did counseling and led support groups, conducted prevention education, worked as a court advocate, managed a shelter, and oversaw programs. She also worked at Safe Passage in DeKalb County part-time facilitating partner abuse intervention programs and groups.

“It was a big move for me,” Laudati said of taking the executive director position at HOPE. “But it’s a big move to a smaller agency that’s focused on domestic violence. Where I came from it was both domestic and sexual violence. This just kind of gets me back to my roots of where it all started. It’s exciting to be able to take everything I’ve learned throughout the years and run an agency.”

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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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Crull appointed by 15th Judicial Circuit to serve as associate judge in Ogle County

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — In September, Ogle County attorney Russell Crull of Rochelle law firm Tess, Crull & Arnquist was appointed as an associate judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. He will preside in Ogle County in courtroom 304 starting on Dec. 2.

Crull received his undergraduate degree in 2009 from Western Illinois University in Macomb and his Juris Doctor in 2013 from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. After college, he worked for

Sycamore law firm Klein, Stoddard, Buck & Lewis. He joined Tess, Crull & Arnquist on July 1, 2014 and was named as a partner April 1, 2016.

“The practice of law has its ups and downs, but the biggest up is always being able to help people,” Crull said of his recent appointment. “I thought it would be a position where I could help both sides and be fair and accurate in application of the law to both sides. I think it’s a good step for me to help more people and to help our community.”

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Departing officials recognized at County Board meeting

Community solar agreement approved on Tuesday evening

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board and members of the community recognized three county officials who will soon be departing from their positions.

The board voted unanimously Tuesday on resolutions in honor of Board Chairman John Finfrock (R-District 7, Mt. Morris), Board Member Thomas K. Smith (R-District 2, Rochelle) and Ogle County Coroner Lou Finch. Finfrock, Smith and Finch did not seek reelection for their positions.

Finfrock has served on the board since 2010. Following the untimely passing of Board Chairman Kim Gouker in 2019, he stepped into the chairman role. Finfrock was honored Tuesday by his fellow board members along with the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation, which presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

“For the past few years John has been an integral part of bringing the OCEDC to life,” OCEDC Chairman

Randy Schoon said. “His leadership, knowledge and insight have been invaluable. John will certainly be missed at our meetings. Thank you for all your hard work and believing in the OCEDC.”

During the public comment portion of the meeting, former Ogle County Board Member Marty Typer and Polo Mayor Doug Knapp thanked Finfrock for his efforts over the years.

“John was the right guy at the right time at the right place for this board,” Typer said. “Our management and leadership at that time needed to be picked up. John was the man for the job and I want to thank him for that. Enjoy your retirement.”

Smith has served on the board since 2016 on a number of committees, including the executive committee, the negotiating committee, the state’s attorney-court services-Focus House-judiciary & circuit clerk committee, and the supervisor of assessments and planning & zoning committee.

“I want to thank the committees I served on for a longtime,” Smith said. “We



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have some great resources in our county. The diversity we have on this board is what our county is all about. You people have stepped up to serve because you believe in our county. We have elected officials here I can’t say enough about.”

Finch has served as coroner since he was elected to the position in 2004. Prior to that, he also served as a part-time deputy coroner and full-time Ogle County

corrections officer.

“I want to thank everybody,” Finch said. “I hope I did the job well for the county. And I appreciated working for everybody. Thank you.”

At the end of the meeting, Finfrock made closing remarks.

“I have a lot of people in this room I can and will thank for 14 good years,” Finfrock said. “I think we’ve come a long way,

but it’s always ‘We.’ People have taken time to come to meetings and give their thoughts. We’ve had our debates and sometimes arguments. Once a vote is taken, it’s done, and everybody gets on with it. That’s something I appreciate. Everyone around this table has made this thing work for several years. And that I appreciate.”

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LOCAL NEWS

U.S. sets ethanol exports record

BY TAMMIE SLOUP
FARMWEEK

ALREADY the world's top ethanol producer, the U.S. exported a record 1.75 billion gallons from September 2023 to August 2024—an increase of 43% from the previous marketing year.

And as more countries begin to shift to cleaner energy policies, that trend is expected to continue.

Leading the ethanol demand was Canada, importing 655 million gallons, followed by the United Kingdom at 227 million gallons, India at 171 million gallons, the Netherlands at 97 million gallons and Colombia with 123 million gallons. This total does not include the 140.5 million gallons shipped to Japan in the form of ethyl tert-butyl ether.

“We applaud U.S. farmers and producers for their outstanding efforts in increasing exports this marketing year, and especially to ethanol producers who continue their trajectory of outstanding growth to meet global market demands,” said Ryan LeGrand, U.S. Grains Council (USGC) president and CEO.

“While we are all taking time to celebrate the good news from the GIAF (grains in all forms) report, USGC staff members are already well into their work to make marketing year 2024-25 even better for the U.S. agricultural industry and we

look forward to continuing to develop markets, enable trade and improve lives on behalf of U.S. producers.”

While the U.S. agricultural trade deficit is expected to balloon to a record \$42.5 billion in fiscal year 2025, ethanol exports remain a bright spot. Export volumes are expected to edge up to a record 2 billion gallons, with a value reaching \$4.3 billion, according to USDA's quarterly trade outlook.

U.S. ethanol is generally more price competitive with Brazilian product, the world's second largest supplier, helping to boost global U.S. sales. U.S. industry continues to supply all imports to Canada, which has become the world's largest ethanol importer. U.S. industry is the top foreign supplier to the EU and the United Kingdom, currently the world's second and third largest ethanol importers. Other important markets, such as India, Colombia, South Korea, the Philippines, Mexico and Peru, are seeing strong-to-record U.S. sales.

The window of arbitrage for U.S. sales to Brazil has remained mostly closed this year due to the 18% tariff on U.S. ethanol imports. And USDA recently announced Brazil has denied requests to remove its tariff on ethanol imports. In a statement, USDA said it's the second time the Tariff Changes Committee of the Chamber of Foreign Trade

rejected requests to reduce the ethanol tariff since its implementation.

Update on small refinery exemptions

Both the Renewable Fuels Association and Growth Energy applauded the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that it will hear arguments for moving small refinery exemption cases to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Fifth Circuit was an improper venue to hear challenges on small refinery exemptions under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) because the Fifth Circuit opinion set up a clear split with several other circuit courts on the question of venue, the organizations wrote in a statement.

“The refining community's abuse of small refinery exemptions destroys demand for biofuels nationwide, which negatively impacts farmers and bioethanol producers regardless of where they operate,” according to the statement. “The economic and environmental impact of this abuse does not recognize state lines. The decision in this case should strengthen the RFS by giving biofuel producers and their farm partners the certainty they deserve.”

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CRULL: Ogle County attorney appointed to serve as associate judge

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Crull, who grew up in Ogle County, decided to pursue law while in college at WIU. After working through law school at NIU and being hired by Klein, Stoddard, Buck & Lewis, he met David Tess through the Focus House Board, which his family has been involved with since its inception. Tess advised there was an opening in his office and Crull chose to practice law in Ogle County.

During law school, Crull took part in a clerkship in the Ogle County Courthouse, working for a number of Ogle County judges.

“I had a tremendous amount of respect for the judges,” Crull said. “Judge Mallon in particular would always come into my office and give me career and life advice and I always really respected and appreciated that. I also remember I was there when Judge Pemberton retired, and he sat on the bench for a great period

of time after his last case. You could just see how important that was and how much that meant to him and how much he enjoyed that career. That always kind of stuck in my mind.”

Crull, 38, said he chose to apply for the associate judge position to help the community and make Ogle County a better place. He said he was “tremendously humbled” when he received news of his appointment.

The biggest change for Crull will be working with both sides of cases, rather than just one as an attorney. He thanked everyone at Tess, Crull & Arnquist for the past 10+ years.

Crull can trace his family's roots in Ogle County back to the early 1900s. He's found receipts from that time of one of his great grandfathers selling items to another.

“I've been given and need to take advantage of an opportunity to help make Ogle County and the whole 15th Judicial Circuit the best place

that I can,” Crull said. “I like the people here and want them to do well and I want more people to want to live here. It's humbling, but very exciting. It means a lot that that trust has been put in me and that I can hopefully use it to help our area.”

Crull said making sure people respect the court process, and making sure they feel respected during the process will be paramount to him on the bench. He wants to make sure people feel they have a fair and impartial judge.

“Being able to help both sides is what I'm looking forward to most,” Crull said. “I'm looking forward to being able to have the time to listen to everybody. A lot of times as a lawyer you listen to the other side, but you're listening in order to attack. I think it'll be a lot nicer when I have the opportunity to just listen to both sides without predetermining anything and hearing out both sides in advance of making any determination.”



(PHOTO BY CATRINA RAWSON OF FARMWEEK)

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Thanksgiving Turkey Winners

The following lucky winners have been selected to receive a Gift Certificate toward a Thanksgiving Turkey. A special thank you to the following businesses:

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR CRESTON-DEMENT PARK DISTRICT

1. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Creston-Dement Park District, Ogle County, Illinois will be held December 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Creston Village Hall, 110 N. Main St Creston, IL 60113

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may show up to the meeting in person or contact Creston-Dement Park District President Reid Elliot at 779-212-8892.

2. The corporate budget and appropriations for 2023 was \$43,900.00.

The proposed budget and appropriations for 2024 are \$51,500.00. This represents a 17.3% increase over the previous year.

3. The public hearing will close at 7:20 pm. At 7:20 the Creston-Dement Park District Board will then proceed to vote on the proposed increase.

Thank you,
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No. 1122 (Nov. 24, 2024)

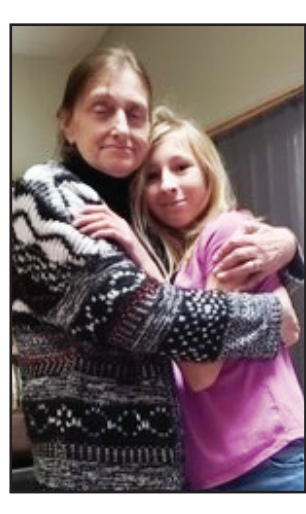
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Sharon Kay Dvorak (Matheny)

JANESVILLE, Wis. — Sharon Kay Dvorak (Matheny), age 63, of Janesville, WI passed away peacefully Friday November 15, 2024 at home surrounded by her loved ones. Sharon bravely battled cancer, demonstrating immense strength and resilience throughout her fight. Her courage is an inspiration to all who knew her. Born in Rochelle, IL on October 1, 1961 to William & Ruth Matheny (Kepkea). Sharon married the love of her life, Dean Dvorak, on February 13, 1993. Together they built a life filled with love and adventure. Loving mother to her sons, Michael & Andrew and doting grandmother to her cherished grandchildren, Lily, Tanner and Olive. Her first granddaughter, Lily, held a special place in her heart and nothing brought Sha-

ron more joy than spending time with her. Sharon had a particular love for cooking and travel. Whether it was a short trip or a journey to her beloved Utah and Montana, she embraced each adventure with enthusiasm and a zest for life. Blessed with the gift of gab, Sharon loved to talk, often sharing her stories and laughter with friends and family. Her warmth, kindness and vibrant spirit will be deeply missed, and her legacy of love and joy will remain forever in our hearts.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Dean Dvorak; sons, Michael (Emily) Utley and Andrew (Nicci) Hill; sister, Sue (Mike) Davy; and numerous nieces & nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, William "Bill" & Ruth Matheny; sisters, Vicki, Jessica, Diana and



Marie Ann; and brothers, Brian and Alan.

Celebration of Life Memorial held at a later date. Cremation rites accorded. Christenson Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Memorial gifts may be made in Sharon's honor to most-lymutts.org of Kennesaw, GA or your local humane society. www.rockfordfunerals.com

Chana UMC Candlelight Christmas event is Dec. 7

CHANA — The annual Candlelight Christmas Event at the Chana United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Chana UMC. This year the event will be held at 4 p.m. Please note the time change. The program will feature singer and song writer, Dan Holmes. Dan has performed in over 150 churches in seven states and

has done several European tours. His music will be both Christian and seasonal in nature bringing a gentle Christian message of hope.

Following the program a dessert/snack buffet will be held in the candlelit social hall.

There is no admission charge - a love offering will be taken for the presenter. A door prize drawing will

be held at the close of the program and table favors will be available for all in the dining room.

All are welcome to attend. Please call the church office at 815-732-7683, Carole Sutton at 815-595-4559, or Pat Kloepping at 815-453-2345 by Dec. 4 if you plan to attend and have not been previously contacted.

Hispanic 4-H Juntos Family Experience set for Dec. 4

ROCKFORD — University of Illinois Extension and Rock Valley College are hosting a Hispanic 4-H Juntos Family Experience for high school students and their families. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Rock Valley College, Main Campus

Stenstrom Center, at 3301 N. Mulford Road in Rockford. This event is presented primarily in Spanish and includes presentations on admissions, financial aid, dual credit opportunities, and a panel of Latino university students to discuss their college experience. Everyone is welcome.

If you have questions or need reasonable accommodations to participate in programming, contact Kathy Dombek at the DeKalb County Extension office at 815-758-8194. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

Planning Commission meeting canceled

OREGON — Due to a lack of business, the regular monthly meeting of the Ogle County Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for

Thursday, Dec. 19 has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Old Ogle County Court House, First Floor Conference Room #100, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

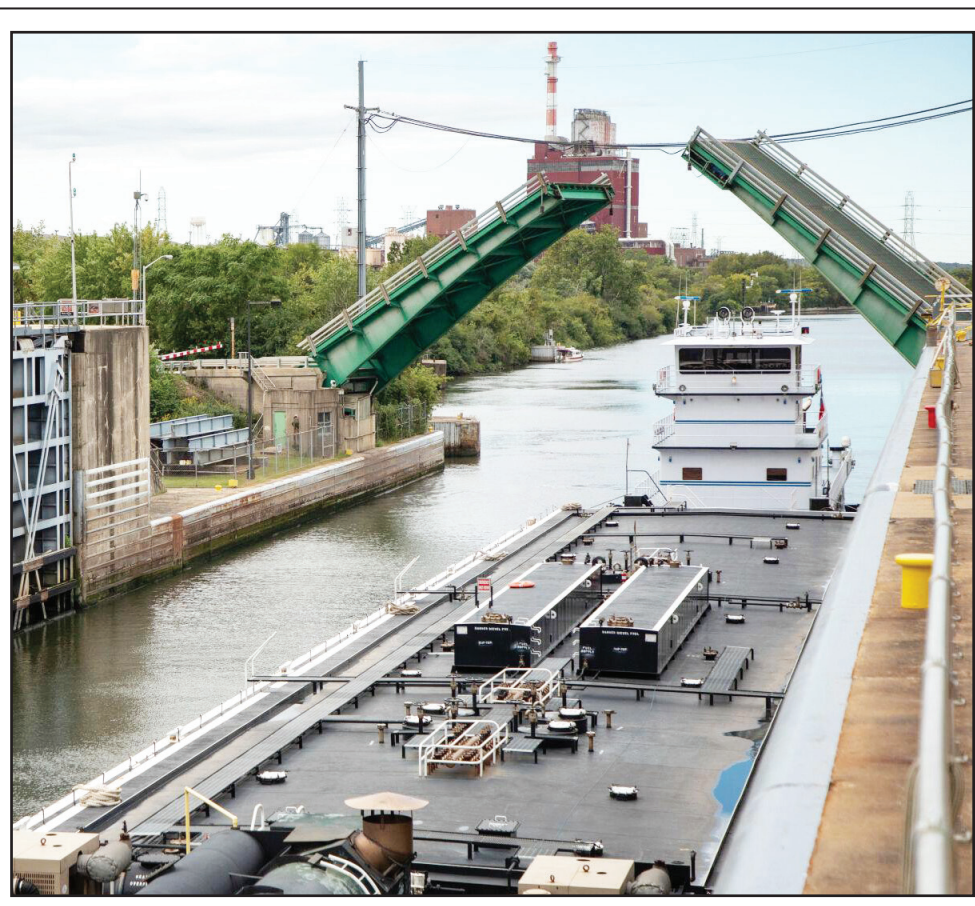
OREGON — On Nov. 19, deputies responded to the 1,500 block of North Mulford Road, Rochelle, in response to a personal injury accident. After an investigation, it was learned that a gray-colored Toyota driven by Jesse Morales, 44, of Cherry Valley, attempted to overtake a blue-colored Chevrolet hauling a farm implement driven by Scott H Bohne, 34, of Sycamore. The Toyota struck the Chevrolet as the Chevrolet attempted to enter a private drive. Morales

was transported to the area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Morales was cited for improper passing. Bohne was cited for no slow-moving vehicle placard. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Rochelle Fire and EMS.

On Nov. 20, the Ogle County Special Operations unit conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 88 westbound at mile marker 75. After an investigation, the driver, Steven Rockwood, 72, of Dixon, was arrested on a Lee

County warrant for delivery of methamphetamine. The passenger, John Lance, 58, of Dixon, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Rockwood was released from the scene with a future court date in Lee County. Lance was transported to the Ogle County jail to be processed and was released on a notice to appear.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT)

A tow enters the lock chamber moving upstream at Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Joliet. A new study finds any trade disruptions could prove costly to the ag industry.

Study shows tariff-induced trade war would hurt U.S. farmers

BY TAMMIE SLOUP
FARMWEEK

RATCHETING up tariffs on U.S. imports of Chinese products would place a target on both U.S. soybeans and corn and create a ripple effect throughout rural economies, according to a new study.

Considerable discussion has surrounded suggestions of the U.S. escalating tariffs on Chinese products, which prompted the National Corn Growers Association and American Soybean Association to request the World Agricultural Economic and Environmental Services (WAEES) to evaluate the impact a trade war would have on soybeans and corn today.

The conclusion of the study: A reignited trade war would reduce both U.S. soybean and corn prices and the combined production area of the two crops. The study forecasts Brazil and Argentina would claim the lost market share, likely lost to American farmers for decades.

As the top two export commodities for the U.S., corn and soybeans account for about one-fourth of total U.S. agricultural export value.

The study specifically investigated the impacts of another potential U.S. and China trade war in which China responds to U.S. punitive tariffs by imposing retaliatory tariffs on corn, soybeans, and soybean products (meal and oil), as would be expected given the 2018 trade war and overall historical precedent.

"Corn and soybeans are prime targets for tariffs as the top two export

commodities for the U.S. As the largest exporting state in the country, Illinois farmers can expect to pay an extremely heavy price," said Jeff Scates, chairman of the IL Corn Marketing Board and farmer in Shawneetown.

ASA Chief Economist Scott Gerlt noted the U.S. agriculture sector is already going through a significant economic downturn.

"This work shows that a trade war would easily compound the adverse conditions that are placing financial stress on farmers," Gerlt said. "Even when a trade war officially ends, the loss of market share can be permanent." Researchers modeled several scenarios that could play out in a new U.S.-China trade war and found a consistent outcome:

Severe drop in U.S. exports to China. If China cancels its current waiver (from the 2020 Phase I agreement) and reverts to tariffs already on the books, U.S. soybean exports to China would, according to the study, fall 14 to 16 million metric tons annually, an average decline of 51.8% from baseline levels expected for those years. U.S. corn exports to China would fall about 2.2 million metric tons annually, an average decline of 84.3% from the baseline expectation.

Brazil and Argentina would benefit. Brazil and Argentina would increase exports and gain valuable global market share. Chinese tariffs on soybeans and corn from the U.S. — but not Brazil — would provide incentive for Brazilian farmers to expand production area even more rapidly than baseline growth.

No place to turn. While it is possible to divert exports to other nations, the study found there is insufficient demand from the rest of the world to offset the major loss of

soybean exports to China to support the farmgate value.

The study found that a new trade war would lead to a steep drop in soy and corn prices, resulting in a ripple impact across the U.S., particularly in rural economies where farmers live, purchase inputs, use farm and personal services and purchase household goods. Other recent studies examining the effects of tariffs have arrived at similar findings.

In the 2018 trade war, the U.S. extended tariffs on steel and aluminum to several major trading partners and separately imposed tariffs on an extensive range of imported products from China. In response, China and other nations imposed retaliatory tariffs on numerous U.S. products, including many agricultural and food products. This led to significant reduction in U.S. agricultural exports to those nations. As a result of retaliatory tariffs from the onset in summer 2018 through the end of 2019, U.S. agricultural export losses exceeded \$27 billion, with China accounting for about 95% of the value lost, according to USDA.

"Farmers are definitely concerned about trade," said Michael Langemeier, an agricultural economist from Purdue University who helps author the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. "We don't ask specific questions related to tariffs in the Ag Economy Barometer, but one question we do ask is if they expect exports to increase, decrease or stay the same? Really, this is the most pessimistic they've been for about five years with regard to trade."

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LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The board voted unanimously Tuesday on resolutions in honor of Board Chairman John Finrock (R-District 7, Mt. Morris), Board Member Thomas K. Smith (right) (R-District 2, Rochelle) and Ogle County Coroner Lou Finch (left). Finrock, Smith and Finch did not seek reelection for their positions.

OGLE: County Board approves community solar agreement on Tuesday evening

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Solar

The board unanimously approved a floating commercial subscription agreement with US Solar during the meeting. The agreement regards a community solar project the county will be taking part in.

The county will see a \$12,000 reduction in its electric bills due to the project.

The agreement does not require an investment by the county. A community solar project, farm or garden is a solar power installation that accepts capital from and provides output credit and tax benefits to multiple customers, including individuals, businesses, non-profits, and other investors. Community solar helps the state to meet its clean energy goals and utilizes

state incentive programs.

Ogle County will be involved with eight local community solar gardens in the region. The power from the solar gardens will go onto ComEd's system.

Siting

The board voted 23-0 to revise its solar and wind energy facility siting and operating ordinance to now include language for

siting within 1.5 miles of municipalities (villages, towns or cities). Those municipal boards will now get consideration on projects sited within 1.5 miles of their limits and solar and wind applications must be formally presented to those entities to make sure impacts are considered.

Budget

The board voted unan-

imously to approve its fiscal year 2025 budget and appropriations during the meeting. The new budget's general fund revenue total is \$19,559,518 with general fund expenses at \$19,208,072. The county's general fund levy is listed at \$5,595,000.

Total appropriations in the budget are listed at \$63,705,603 with total levy at \$14,294,200.

ARPA

The Ogle County board voted unanimously to approve federal American Rescue Plan Act funding requests including a \$500,841 transfer to its general fund and \$621.59 and \$190 expenditures for Larson & Darby Architecture for preliminary work on county construction projects.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ashton Bible Church, corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website www.ashtonbible.org. Sunday School for all ages 9:00-10:00am, Morning Worship 10:15am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm.

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

Rochelle Church of Christ, Keeping Christ at the center in the Hub City. We meet Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study and 10:00am for worship. We also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm. 206 Erickson Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068. You can call us at (815) 562-6572 or visit us on the web at rochellechurch.com. We also have a radio program Sundays just after 8am on WRHL 1060AM. Minister Dominic Venuso.

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

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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. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgrace.com/ www.facebook.com/placeforgrace

Grace Fellowship Church — Pastor Jeff Ardisson, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

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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!

St. John's Lutheran Church, 126 E. South Street, Creston. Phone 815-384-3720, Email: StJohnsLutheran@aol.com, members of NALC/LCMC. Worship is led by **Pastor Terese Whitten** 231-878-4150. St. John's Lutheran Church is a part of God's Family, planting hope, nurturing faith and harvesting love. Worship time begins at 9 a.m. followed by fellowship at 10 a.m. Sunday school is conducted during worship service except during the summer.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Wolter: The advent of the telegraph

AMONG the four main branches of technology is communication technology. It is the phenomena that occurs when humans use tools, machines, knowledge, and resources to control their environment by sending and receiving messages to other humans, or more simply to another location. Because communication technology has great influence over how we live our lives and how we interact with the rest of the world, it is important to take time to analyze and understand communication technology systems. By understanding more about these systems that shape our world we can become more comfortable with using them and adapting as they evolve and change. We can notice the similarities and differences they have with other systems we are more familiar with. It is empowering to understand more about how powerful our communication systems have become, and to understand how they work.

All communication

technology involves messages. These messages are composed of data or information which are general terms used to describe the message content. Data are relatively small, individual, unorganized, and essentially useless “bits” of messages, while information is larger collections of organized data. If we think of a message written by hand, data may be thought of as the individual letters we use. By themselves, the letters mean nothing except to represent a sound or the ancient idea from which they evolved from. But when combined in an organized way to create words and sentences, data becomes the information the written message contains.

As I discussed in a previous article, in the early part of the 1800s the fastest way to move a message over a long distance was to have it optically displayed where another person far away could use a telescope to see it, or to have it physically carried by a person riding a horse, or by train, or boat. Carrier

pigeons trained to return to their home could also physically carry messages long distance. But all of these methods had their drawbacks. They did not handle large messages well, and may have taken days, weeks, or months – and that may have been just one way! Imagine living in a world when sending just a single message would take that long. This need for people to communicate as fast as possible caused other technologies to advance as well. Postal service roads were constructed to enable reliable routes for horses to travel just to carry messages. Faster boats and locomotives were developed to help carry the messages people wanted to exchange.

But our need for faster and faster communication was not close to being satisfied, and with the discovery and eventual control of electrical energy, thoughtful entrepreneurs realized that electricity may be able to be used for more than

just lighting lamps and spinning motors.

The word telegraph was first used in 1793 in the Times of London. It comes from the French word télégraphe, which is a combination of the Greek words tele, meaning “distant,” and graphein, meaning “to write”. The word was used to describe the optical semaphore system invented by Claude Chappe in France in 1792.

This system involved a series of relay towers with rotating arms or panels that could be moved into different positions to spell out messages. Operators at each tower would use telescopes to watch the neighboring tower and pass messages on. The technique was brutally slow, limited to very small messages, and was not private because anyone could view the messages.

During the 1830s, Samuel Morse was a successful painter who became interested in the

possibility of an electric device that could be used to send messages. He envisioned being able to send messages privately with extreme speed. He patented a telegraph prototype in 1837. In 1844 he sent the first message over the first long-distance telegraph line, which stretched between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore. The message was: “What hath God wrought?” An ominous reflection on the uncertain capability his invention possessed.

To transmit messages over the wires with electricity, Morse developed a code composed of only two signals – a “dot” (or “dit”), a “dash” (or “dah”), and pauses of time. “dahs” lasted for three times the length of a “dit”, and letters and words were separated by pauses equal to three or seven “dits”. This was a binary type of code which could be used to encode letters of the alphabet, numbers, and other characters.

The first telegraphs used a rolling paper tape, and a stylus attached to an electromagnetic solenoid

to make marks on the paper which corresponded to the “dits” and “dahs” received. Over time, people trained themselves to skillfully operate the sending and receiving tools necessary to encode and decode the Morse code by tapping an electric switch and listening to the “dits” and “dahs”. If you’ve spent some time watching movies about the old Western United States, you are certain to have watch a scene or two featuring telegraph operators sending or receiving important news.

In fact, for those of you curious about coding and the history of communication, the development of Morse code from paper to sound, and to radio is fascinating indeed!

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Kurt Wolter

Harris: Consider this: ‘Me’ vs. ‘Us’

A little less than two weeks ago, we held our elections. Although some of those elected to their terms were not those I would have chosen, I am pleased that so many of us, who were registered, showed up at the polls. In Ogle County, 76.6 percent, more than three quarters of those registered, voted. Thank you for performing your civic duty to this great country of ours!

To those that feel they were not represented in this election, and who may be anxious about the future, I can only say that they should keep informed and involved with what happens in the future. Make sure your voice is heard, on social media, in letters to the editor of your newspaper, and, as much as possible,

in your everyday conversations. Remember, arguments are not conversations, and do not end up with positive change.

I do hope that those things I have been writing about in the past several months do not become reality. I would love to be proven wrong about them. But, as I mentioned before, we must keep informed and involved always. In elections of the past decade or so, many of those that have been elected seem to be looking out for themselves and leaving us to fend for ourselves. This is not democracy. Therefore, we must be vigilant in our research of our candidates, of the votes of our elected officials, and the outcomes of those votes.

Whether we like it or not, to keep our democracy, this vigilance must

continue. We cannot sit back and let social media, mainstream media, or any other kind of media tell us what to think, say, or do. We can, however, use all these forms of information to compare, and review, then perform our due diligence and come to our own conclusions. Any other way is just following the herd. That is not what we, or our forefathers want. We are independent and, therefore, free.

One thing I have noticed about this election is that there have been few, if any, voters saying the election was rigged, or stolen. There is now a consensus that this was a free and fair election. There have been no extreme changes made

to our election systems in the past four years. The only changes I have seen are the states trying to purge voting rolls and add restrictions to voting. Even President-Elect Trump, I believe, has not said a word about it. It is interesting how things can change from one election to another.

All in all, our election systems have been doing the job they have set out to do. Every time. As an Election Judge, I do my very best every election to make sure our elections are fair and represented. At least in Ogle County, our Judges have performed their due diligence and brought to our voters the best election processes possible according to the



Reed Harris

county and the State of Illinois.

To those of us who are still anxious and fearful for our future, please hang in there. Remember what I said previously and keep informing yourself in your free time. If you are still wondering about our democratic state, consider that we have been in this democracy for 248 years. We have been through many kinds of attacks on it. We have kept steadfast every time. Sometimes, there were attacks that ended unrealized. Sometimes the attacks did not have real backing and fell apart. A few have been very aggressive, but we have withstood them and still have our democracy.

Even though we have been a “me” society at various times in the past, we usually end up

an “us” society. After all, most of us help our neighbors up when they fall, right? Most of us are there helping our children, and their children succeed, right? Many of us donate time and money to victims of storms, earthquakes, incursions, fires, and other disasters, right? This is called an “us” society. Sharing, loving, helping, and caring are not “me” things. So, when it comes to government, we should make a stand, decision, or other effort in the very same way.

We are the oldest, most powerful, most giving democracy on earth. Let it be for the “us” because if we do it for the “me” we are doomed to be the newest, least powerful, most undemocratic nation on earth.

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COMMUNITY



RTHS's Smardo, Mascote participate in ILMEA Festival

On Saturday, Nov. 16, the Rochelle Township High School music department had two students participate in the ILMEA District 8 Band & Choir Festival in DeKalb. Lucas Smardo (senior) performed as a bass in the senior choir, and Christian Mascote (junior) performed on trombone in the senior band. Both of them spent all Saturday in rigorous rehearsals with guest conductors, and both groups gave a combined concert in the evening. (Courtesy photos)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| Nov. 24
Brenda Jones | Dec. 2
Dylan Rosenbach | Dec. 6
Kelly Smith |
| Nov. 27
Makayla Ludwig | Dec. 3
Annabelle Sexton
Ty Vongsiri | Dec. 7
Pat Primrose |
| Nov. 29
Sam South | Dec. 4
Teresa Dodillet | Dec. 9
Russell & Marlys Bennett
(69 years) |
| Dec. 1
Josh Perkins
Kennedy Smith
Brooks Bridgeman | | |

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



- Oct. 29 - Norene Bunker, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 30 - Rochelle Chamber, \$25
- Oct. 31 - Amy Springmire, Rochelle, \$250
- Nov. 1 - Sue Snyder, Phoenix, \$25
- Nov. 2 - Ryan Neuenkirchen, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 3 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 4 - Kimberly Lumzy, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 5 - Jeff Stevens, Excelsior, Minnesota, \$25
- Nov. 6 - Taylor Thomas, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 7 - Angela Dobson, Stillman Valley, \$25
- Nov. 8 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 9 - Willow Frye, Paw Paw, \$25
- Nov. 10 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$50
- Nov. 11 - Fred Warning, Rochelle, \$250
- Nov. 12 - Marcy Schnorr, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 13 - Jeffrey Mann, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 14 - Carol Nikolanci, Oregon, \$25
- Nov. 15 - RACF, \$25
- Nov. 16 - Araceli Carrillo, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 17 - RACF, \$50
- Nov. 18 - Focus House, \$25
- Nov. 19 - Megan Goy, Oregon, \$25
- Nov. 20 - RACF, \$25
- Nov. 21 - Bradley Fritz, Dixon, \$25
- Nov. 22 - Brigitte Beckman, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 23 - Tracy Pointer, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 24 - Jason O'Neil, Dixon, \$50

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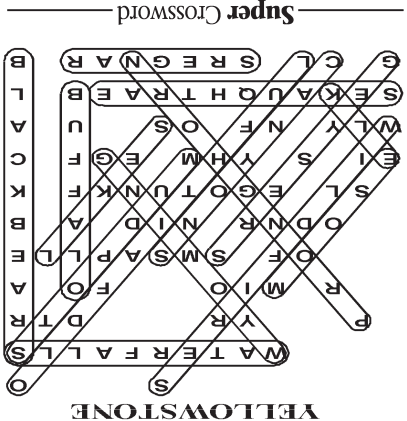
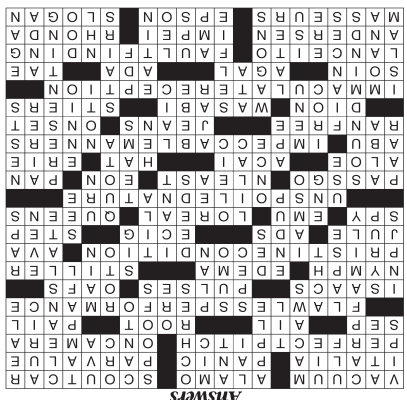
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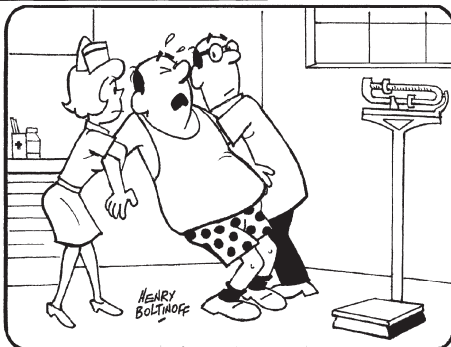
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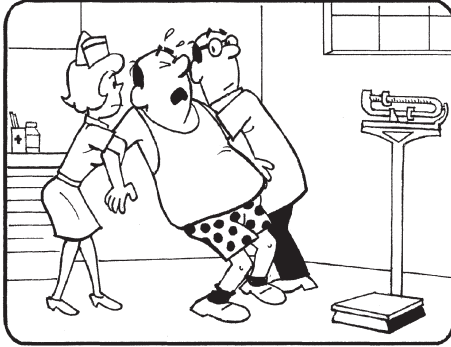
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Log is moved. 2. Scale is shorter. 3. Nurse's foot is moved. 4. Cabinet is not as wide. 5. Window is shorter. 6. Sock is shorter.

Super Crossword NOT A SINGLE SPOT

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Hoover, e.g. | 1 Big cheeses |
| 7 Hertz rival | 2 Suited to — |
| 12 Military vehicle for recon | 3 Goldfish and minnows are members of it |
| 20 Roma's place | 4 Samuelsson who got the winning goal in the 1991 Stanley Cup |
| 21 Go into a major tizzy | 5 Driver's 180 |
| 22 Worth of a security at its face | 6 Large parrots |
| 23 Rare musical gift | 7 Cider fruit |
| 25 Being filmed | 8 Chou En — |
| 26 Aug. follower | 9 Picnic pest |
| 27 Feel awful | 10 Emceeing aid |
| 28 Tree's anchor | 11 Earthy hues, to Brits |
| 30 Sandbox toy | 12 Satirizes |
| 31 Elicitor of a rave review | 13 Division of a long poem |
| 39 Newton and Asimov | 14 Tolkien brute |
| 41 Beats of life | 15 Coll. in the Old Dominion State |
| 42 Klutzy sorts | 16 Home of the NFL's Bucs |
| 43 Naiad or dryad | 17 Symbol of a fresh start |
| 44 Plant swelling | 18 Gold-related |
| 46 Ben of "Zoolander" | 19 "Royal," in 20-Across |
| 49 Mint quality | 24 Up to, in brief |
| 54 "13th" director DuVernay | 29 Metal in rocks |
| 55 Styne of song | 32 Small error |
| 56 TV spots | 33 German for "eight" |
| 57 Vaper's item | 34 Design detail |
| 58 How-to unit | 35 — wrestling |
| 59 Catch sight of | 36 Strategy |
| 60 Ostrich's kin | 37 Quaint news-paper section |
| 61 Big name in cosmetics | 38 Primary |
| 64 Big bees | 39 Dressed for night-night |
| 66 Rainforests and such | 40 IHOP topping |
| 69 Round one of the corners in Monopoly | 44 Result |
| 72 Mets' div. | 45 — Moines |
| 73 Vast span | 46 Autograph: Abbr. |
| 74 Awful review | |
| 77 First-aid plant | |
| 78 Purplish berry | |
| 79 Derby, e.g. | |
| 80 Buffalo's county | |
| 81 Aladdin's monkey pal | |
| 82 Excellent etiquette | |
| 88 Wasn't penned up | |
| 90 Levi's, e.g. | |
| 91 Start | |
| 92 Singer Celine | |
| 93 Green sushi condiment | |
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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Rochelle Hub football team finished with a 10-2 overall record this season.

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RTHS Wrestling

Hubs return to the mat room

State medalists Morris, Villalobos headline varsity wrestlers back this season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team is back in the mat room for the 2024-25 season. After reaching the IHSA Dual State Championship last season, Rochelle returns with another loaded roster featuring three IHSA state qualifiers and several IHSA sectional qualifiers.

The Hubs hosted their first practice of the season on Monday and Rochelle will compete against Dixon and Burlington Central on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The Hubs, who went 24-7 last season, are looking to defend their Interstate 8 title once again. Rochelle welcomes back three talented, state-qualifying seniors including two-time state qualifier Grant Gensler, two-time state medalist Xavier Villalobos and state medalist Kaiden Morris, who took second at 220 pounds last season.

“We pride ourselves on having a specific identity,” head coach Alphonso Vruno said. “We tell our kids they’re going to work hard. Our kids come from all walks

of life and I’m always surprised by how hard our kids work year after year. I’m excited to help them get better at wrestling. We have a lot of returning kids who’ve wrestled at high levels. Some of the kids who haven’t made it to the state tournament did a lot of work in the spring and even wrestled at Fargo in the summer.”

Juniors Roman Villalobos, Brenden Voight and Freddie Hernandez are back after qualifying for sectionals and winning over 30 matches last season. Juniors Deegan Schabacker and Keagan Albers also return as sectional qualifiers. Sophomores Josh Lassiter and Hadley Losoya, as well as freshman Aidan Lopez, are three underclassmen to watch when the Hubs wrestle this winter.

“We’re looking for Xavier to take it to the next level and set the tone for our team,” Vruno said. “He’s itching to get back to the state finals... Brenden put a lot of time in over the spring and we’re really excited about him. Josh has continued to wrestle since last February and we’re excited to see where he’s at. Grant’s chasing down a state



Senior Kaiden Morris is one of three IHSA state qualifiers back for the Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team for the 2024-25 season. Morris finished second in Class 2A at the 215-pound weight class last season.

medal and we thought he would be in contention for one last year until his ankle injury. Roman’s a really dangerous kid and we’re thinking that 190 will be a good spot for him. Kaiden’s ranked No. 1 right now and hasn’t stopped wrestling since February. We’re really excited for some of the

individuals on this team.”

In addition to the boys, Rochelle returns two talented girls in senior state medalist Dempsey Atkinson and junior Cammyla Macias. The Hubs will compete in multiple tournaments including the Giardini Invitational at Rockford East, the Don Flavin Invitational

at DeKalb, the Sycamore Invitational and the Marty Williams Invitational at Mahomet-Seymour. Rochelle will begin the Interstate 8 Conference schedule with a road match at Kaneland on Thursday, Dec. 12.

“We’re really focusing on individuals and individual success,” Vruno

RTHS Boys Basketball

Rochelle returns to the hardwood for 2024-25 season

I-8 All-Conference forward Bruns highlights players back for Hubs this winter

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team returned to the court on Monday, when the purple and white held their first practice of the 2024-25 season. The Hubs are returning multiple starters and are looking to build on a strong regional showing last winter.

Rochelle will tip off the season at the Strombom Thanksgiving Tournament in Sycamore on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The Hubs, who went 11-22 overall and 3-7 in the Interstate 8 last season, return three starters including senior guards Carson Lewis and Elijah Harley. Sophomore forward Brody Bruns also returns after earning All-Conference honors as a freshman.

“I think we have some varsity experience on our roster,” head coach Tim Thompson said. “It’s going to take some time to get our kids back into the gym and into basketball shape. We’ll have to ease into things because we can’t win a regional in November, but we can win a regional in February... I think that, as the year goes on, one of our strengths will be our 3-point shooting.”

Rochelle welcomes

back a pair of juniors in guard Van Gerber and forward Brode Metzger, who each received extended minutes at the varsity level last season. The Hubs will have plenty of new faces in the fold, as sophomore forward Warren Schweitzer and freshman guard Cohen Haedt could take on varsity roles this season. Junior guards Martiese Pogue and Reece Harris, along with senior guard Jack Tilton, are three more names to watch as the season progresses.

“We’re going to have to focus on our team defense,” Thompson said. “I thought we had too many breakdowns last season. We played a lot of really good teams last season and we’re going to play a lot of really good teams this season... If we’re a better collective defensive team, I think we’ll have a chance to be really successful. We’re going to lean on Carson and Elijah for leadership. They’ve both played for me for three years and they’ve played a lot of minutes.”

Rochelle will begin the Interstate 8 schedule with a road game against Sycamore on Friday, Dec. 6. The Hubs will compete in three tournaments including the Strombom Thanksgiving Tournament as well as the E.C. Nichols Holiday



Senior Carson Lewis is one of three starters back for the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team for the 2024-25 season. Rochelle will open the season at the Strombom Thanksgiving Tournament in Sycamore next week.

Classic in Marengo and the Martin Luther King Jr. Tournament at Pecatonica. With Rochelle set to host a sectional tournament this season, Thompson said the goal for the Hubs will

be finding a way to win a regional championship.

“We want to compete and give all of the teams in our conference a good game, but our main goal will be finding a way to win

a regional because we’re hosting a sectional here,” Thompson said. “We’re pushing to be really good in February and I thought we played really well in the regional last year.

Hopefully that’s lingered in the minds of some of our kids because some of those kids had really big minutes in that regional. We want to find a way to get to a sectional.”

SPORTS

RTHS Football

Hubs return to state quarterfinals in historic season

RTHS records first 10-win season since 2003, makes playoffs for four straight year

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The 2024 season was a culmination of years of development seen within the Rochelle Hub varsity football program over the course of multiple seasons. With 20 seniors leading the way, including several seniors who returned as three or even four-year starters, Rochelle turned in a successful season that featured historic individual and group accolades.

The Hubs finished with a 10-2 overall record while taking second in the Interstate 8 with a 4-1 conference record. Rochelle returned to the playoffs for a fourth straight season and clinched a berth in the state quarterfinals for the second time in three seasons. The Hubs entered the playoffs as the No. 7 ranked team in Class 5A and won 10 games for the first time since 2003.

“This was a special group of kids who complemented each other really well,” head coach Kyle Kissack said. “It came down to their competitiveness, not only as individuals but as a group. They were competitive amongst each other, whether it was in a group drill or an individual drill. They had genuine love and care for one another and their intentions to buy in and be a team really stood out. We had a lot of different personalities that brought out the best in each other.”

Rochelle won as many as seven games in a row and knocked off three opponents from the Chicago Catholic League including Marian Catholic, Marmion Academy and Benet Academy. The Hubs churned out historic numbers on offense, scoring 39.3 points and post-



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity football team went 10-2 overall and 4-1 in the Interstate 8 Conference this season. Rochelle won 10 games for the first time since 2003 and reached the state quarterfinals for the second time in three seasons.

ing an average of 394.5 yards per game. Rochelle rushed for 4,241 yards and for the first time in school history, the Hubs saw three running backs exceed 1,000 yards on the ground in the same season.

“We were able to be balanced offensively,” Kissack said. “The balance really set us apart on offense. This year, we had three running backs who were really dynamic and physical. Not only did they carry the ball well, but they were really important pieces in our blocking scheme. Up front, most of those kids had played with each other for two full seasons. Their ability to work together and communicate with each other was a credit to the time and energy they put in.”

Rochelle was no slouch on defense, either. The Hubs generated 38 tackles for loss, 19 sacks and 20 pass breakups in addition

to six interceptions and five forced fumbles. Rochelle limited opponents to 18.5 points per game and 14 players recorded at least 10 tackles this season.

“We had very athletic and fast strikers at the second and third levels of our defense,” Kissack said. “They rallied really well to the ball and they tackled in space really well. We paired that with bringing in three fresh defensive linemen into the game and we had two full groups of players who were dynamic and put a lot of pressure on quarterbacks this year. I’m really happy with how our defense has transitioned and grown over the last few years since we installed it.”

As Rochelle attempts to reload for the 2025 season, the Hubs will lose eight senior starters on offense and eight senior starters on defense. Tailback Grant

Gensler (1,485 rushing yards and 25 touchdowns) now ranks sixth all-time in rushing yards for a season and second all-time in rushing touchdowns for a season. Quarterback Carson Lewis threw for 493 yards and six touchdowns with only two interceptions. Rochelle will lose tight end Jack Pavlak and starting linemen Kaiden Morris, Jack Carmichael, Alex Pemberton and Colton Czekala.

Defensively, Rochelle will lose three defensive backs including safeties Grant Gensler (26 tackles and two interceptions), Elijah Harley (25 tackles and two interceptions) and cornerback Xavier Villalobos (50 tackles and two fumble recoveries). The Hubs will lose two linebackers including Brandyn Metzger (34 tackles and one sack) and Ethan Goodwin (79 tackles, two sacks, one

interception), who now ranks eighth all-time in tackles for a single season.

Ryan Senne (28 tackles and four sacks), Kaiden Morris (20 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries), Colton Czekala (13 tackles and two sacks) and Jack Pavlak (11 tackles and two sacks) are among the senior defensive linemen who will be departing from the roster.

“The kids we’ll have back have been through some big wins and some tough losses,” Kissack said. “With the younger group coming in and trying to fill some of those roles, it’ll be important for our returning kids to communicate what the standard is... Those moments sometimes get lost and it may feel like a routine, but this is more than just a routine. Every moment matters.”

Rochelle will have key players eligible to return

on both sides of the ball. Sophomore wingback Dylan Manning (1,250 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns) and junior fullback Roman Villalobos (1,111 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns) highlight the running backs eligible to return, while sophomore lineman Adam Cobos and junior tight end Brode Metzger are two more starters who’re able to come back next season.

Juniors Gavin Neale (58 tackles, 2.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery) and Brode Metzger (32 tackles, 2.5 sacks and one fumble recovery) are two starting linebackers eligible to return next season. Junior lineman Markell Pogue (28 tackles, 1.5 sacks) and sophomore cornerback Dylan Manning (34 tackles, one interception) are both eligible to return for the Hubs in 2025.

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NIU Football

Huskies fall against Miami (Ohio) to move to 6-5 on season

RedHawks score 17 points in first half to beat NIU, earn sixth straight victory

OXFORD, Ohio—Despite a dominating performance by the Northern Illinois University defense in the second half, Miami (Ohio) was able to make its 17 first-half points hold up and went on to claim a 20-9 victory over NIU Tuesday night at Yager Stadium.

The RedHawks won their sixth consecutive game to improve to 6-1 in the MAC and 7-4 overall, while NIU fell to 6-5, 3-4 in the league.

While the Huskie defense rebounded from a slow start to record four quarterback sacks and hold Miami to four first downs and just 74 yards in the second half, the RedHawks' defense was just as stout, sacking NIU quarterback Ethan Hampton four times and holding the Huskies to 128 rushing yards on 40 carries in the game.

"They beat us at our game," said NIU head coach Thomas Hammock.

"They were more physical than us; we have to look ourselves in the mirror and look to get better and respond. We have to play better for four quarters."

Trailing 17-0, NIU got on the board four seconds before halftime on Kanon Woodill's 47-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 17-. The score came after the Huskies' Jashon Prophete picked off Miami quarterback Brett Gabbert at the 50 and returned it 19 yards to the Miami 31. The interception was the first of Prophete's career.

Held to 81 yards and five first downs in the first half, the NIU offense was able to put together drive beginning in the third quarter, marching from its 25 to the Miami 32 on the opening possession of the half. On fourth and five, Hampton was sacked for a nine-yard loss.

The next three possessions resulted in punts before NIU began a drive

from its 39 following a short punt by the RedHawks. Trayvon Rudolph, who finished the game with 24 yards on three carries and completed a 13-yard pass, started the drive with an 11-yard run and Telly Johnson Jr., who led NIU with 47 yards on 15 carries, picked up nine. Senior Gavin Williams gained 20 yards to the Miami 21 as the third quarter ended. He finished with 45 yards on six carries.

A roughing the passer penalty gave NIU a first down at the MU 12 and Johnson gained nine. Three plays later he scored from the two. The Huskies' two-point conversion pass was incomplete after an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty moved the ball to the one-yard line, making the score 17-9 with 11:51 to play.

"We found a little bit of momentum mixing the run and the pass during that stretch, but it wasn't enough," Hammock said.

"We waited too long to get going."

Miami got one first down before punting, but NIU's drive ended when Hampton was sacked from behind on a rollout and fumbled with the RedHawks recovering at the Huskie 25. They used the clock and drove to the NIU 9, where kicker Dom Dzioban's 27-yard field goal with 2:25 to play effectively iced the game for Miami.

Nate Valcarcel led NIU defensively with nine tackles and collected his second sack of the season. Roy Williams, Devonte O'Malley and Jake Gasaway also had sacks for the Huskies, who held Miami to just two-of-10 on third down in the game. Gabbert completed 15-of-24 passes for 237 yards.

After Miami missed a 41-yard field goal from the NIU 23-yard line on the opening possession of the game, the teams exchanged punts until the

RedHawks started a drive from their 31 at 5:36 of the first quarter. Three plays put Miami on the NIU 37. From there, Gabbert hit Javon Tracy for 26 yards to the NIU 11 and a pass interference call put the ball on the 2. The RedHawks took a 7-0 lead on the next play on Dylan Downing's two-yard run with 2:31 left in the quarter.

On the RedHawks' first possession of the second quarter, the Huskie defense held Miami to a field goal from the four-yard line after Gabbert's 50-yard completion to Reggie Virgil. Three incompletions brought on the field goal team and Dzioban's 22-yard field goal gave the RedHawks a 10-0 lead with 12:24 to play in the half.

Miami used a familiar trick play to score its second touchdown. After driving from its 13 to the 36, Gabbert connected with Tracy for 16 yards, and a personal foul penalty



on NIU added 15 to the NIU 33. After a short run, Tracy took the handoff and passed to Virgil for the RedHawk score and a 17-0 lead at 3:50 before halftime.

NIU closes out the regular season on Saturday, November 30 when the Huskies play host to Central Michigan on Senior Day at Huskie Stadium. Tickets are on sale at NIUHuskies.com/tickets or by calling 815-753-PACK (7225) Monday through Friday between 9 am-5 pm. Game time and television for the contest will be announced following the conclusion of Wednesday's #MACtion games.

RMS Boys Basketball

(PHOTOS BY ROBIN RETHWILL)



Rochelle Middle School seventh-graders score win over DeKalb Huntley

The Rochelle Middle School seventh-grade boys basketball team picked up a 31-22 victory against DeKalb Huntley on Tuesday evening. Above, Kamden Kessen (left) pushes the ball up the court and Maddex Jackson (right) attempts to dribble around a DeKalb defender. Below, Korbin Milos dribbles in between two DeKalb defenders.

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Shopping local retailers is more than just a transaction — it is crucial for maintaining the economic foundation of local communities. Let's take a look at the many ways it pays

to shop small businesses during the holidays and all year long.

- Strengthen the local economy: A large percentage of the money spent at small businesses stays

in the community. That's because these businesses often are owned and operated by local residents who are invested in the community themselves. Various studies indicate that for every \$100 spent at a small business, roughly \$70 stays in the community.

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- Support the community: Small businesses serve the community through the products and services they offer, and many give back in other ways as well. Small, locally owned businesses often sponsor schools, sports teams and charities. This helps foster a sense of belonging in the community.

- Innovative offerings: Small businesses are not beholden to corporate policies or franchise restrictions, so they can more readily bring new life to existing ideas and trends. Small businesses can offer customers different options that larger retailers cannot match.

- Job creation: Small businesses employ a significant percentage of the workforce and frequently provide jobs that might not be available in larger corporate settings. The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy says small businesses have generated 12.9 million net new jobs over the past 25 years, accounting for two out of every three jobs added to the U.S. economy. Keeping residents working helps strengthen local communities.

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One word: Jobs. When you do business of any kind in Rochelle, it creates and maintains jobs for others in our area. A healthy employment rate is the cornerstone of all economies. How can you help the economy recover? Start at home.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually. Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

Eswood CCSD 269	304 Main St Lindenwood, IL 61049 7700		
<i>School District/Joint Agreement Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Office Hours</i>
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SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2024

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	922,935	216,337	0	49,534	38,886	0	21,886	147,202	0
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	109,900	50,000	0	76,413	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	298,392	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		1,331,227	266,337	0	125,947	38,886	0	21,886	147,202	0
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		1,133,982	269,699	0	112,755	34,175	0		158,215	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2023		1,425,073	576,270	0	233,046	60,935	0	115,897	244,206	0
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024		1,622,318	572,908	0	246,238	65,646	0	137,783	233,193	0
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024		1,626,729	572,908	0	246,238	65,646	0	137,783	233,193	0

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Eswood CCSD 269		District		
<u>GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL</u>				
Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and Over
Janet Eden	Karissa Dobson	Shana Bell	Debra DeHahn	Kirsten Garrigan
Christopher Groth	Kylie Hosick	Kevin Larson		
Susan Hammack	Emily Reed	Lisa Rittmeyer		
Lyn Hunter	Michelle Tofte	Shannon Rogers		
Janet Kacvinsky	Linda Wills	Philip Winters		
Patricia Price				

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and Over
Stephanie Avila		Erik Heslop	
Lynne Jokers		Erin Whitehead	
Norna Seaworth			
Michele Swanson			
Richard Taylor			

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

If no payments were made, put "None" in "Person..." column and "0" in "Aggregate" column.

Eswood CCSD 269	District
Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Amplify	36,750
Automatic Fire Systems	21,717
Blue Cross Blue Shield	69,002
BMO Harris Bank	28,677
Common Goal Systems Inc	4,456
Conserv FS	9,281
Constellation	7,172
Delta Dental	4,693
EMS Linq Inc	4,932
ENGIE Resources	22,057
FNIC	4,635
Gehrke Construction	16,932
Geostar Mechanical	33,142
IASB	9,840
Illinois Counties Risk	26,293
Kirsten Garrigan	9,544
Kohl Wholesale	5,644
Marco	6,444
McDermaid Roofing & Insulating	89,900
Midwest Bus Leasing	53,760
Miller Engineering	3,449
Muller Pinehurst	3,162

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Nelson Fire Protection	4,240
Newkirk & Associates	7,900
Newman Architecture	21,960
OCEC	149,472
Renaissance	18,302
School Specialty	8,672
SYNDEO	4,159
Unique Products	3,247
Whitt Law	7,759
WM Corporate Services	3,463

No. 1123
(November 24, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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Donald D. Kennay) /s/ Ronald J. Kennay
Case No. 2024 PR 54) Donald L. Kennay
Deceased) Independent Represen-
CLAIM NOTICE) tatives
No.1124
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death of Donald D. Ken-) (Nov. 24, Dec. 1 and
Dec. 8, 2024)

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OPPORTUNITIES

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FINANCIAL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing

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ANTIQUES

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I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

BUNDLED Newspaper

307
MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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Refrigeration**

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The advertisement features a collection of kitchen appliances: two white top-freezer refrigerators on the left, a white electric range with an oven in the center, a white front-loading washing machine in the foreground, and a white side-by-side refrigerator on the right. A circular seal with a scalloped edge is positioned in the lower right, containing text about refurbished appliances. The background is white with a pattern of grey dots of varying sizes, some of which are clustered around the appliances.

**New, Used,
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Refrigerators
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815-262-3900

06/12/2024

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AUCTION

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Farm Retirement

Rochelle, Illinois

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2022 MACDON FD230



2022 CASE IH 4408



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