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Gun shop owner reacts to state legislation

'10 percent of what I've sold... is illegal under the new legislation'

BY JEFF HELFRICH MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Matt Gerard estimates that 10 percent of his sales since opening Rochelle gun shop Down Range, LLC in May 2022 came from guns and items that will now be illegal under new state gun legislation that bans the sale and manufacture of assault weapons in Illinois.

If the legislation holds up against a number of lawsuits that have been filed, Illinois gun shops such as Down Range will no longer be allowed to sell high-power assault weapons, .50 caliber rifles and ammunition, and large-capacity magazines and other items. Gerard, the owner of the Cherry Avenue gun shop, called the legislation a "kick in the teeth" to his business.

"For us, it makes up a good chunk of our business," Gerard said. "We ran the numbers when the law came into play. We've been open since May 18, a little over six months now. 10 percent of our sales went towards sporting rifle-specific purchases.



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This new law doesn't just ban the sale of the actual firearms. It's components and anything that is AR-15, AK-47 specific. That portion of my sales was a great thing to feel in my first year of business and now I feel like the rug has been pulled out from under me."

Gerard said AR-15s are popular in the area with customers, including hunters and farmers. "They're incredibly popular in this area, and not just for grins," Gerard said. "A lot of people use them for hunting on a regular basis. There are a lot of farmers around here and coyotes have been absolutely insane the past two years. They use these things for livestock protection. Can they use other guns? Sure. But it's a whole lot easier with that particular platform. It's lightweight, you can scope them, they're very accurate and you can do a ton of things with them. From a practical sense, they're great tools."

When the legislation was passed and signed, Gerard said his business fielded a lot of questions from customers on how the new law works and what it restricts. Down Range released videos on Facebook and YouTube explaining the changes.

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Auxiliary scholarships available ROCHELLE —

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Scholarships are available through the Rochelle Community Hospital Auxiliary to area students who are planning to pursue careers in the healthcare field. Five scholarships are available in 2023, which include the Ward A. and Mabel T. Miller Scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarships are available to those students who are currently attending or graduates of Rochelle, Ashton-Franklin Center or the Oregon High School district, a current Rochelle area resident (living within 15 miles of Rochelle), an RCH employee or child of an RCH employee. If you have previously received an RCH scholarship, you may reapply after two years. Applicants should be currently enrolled or have been accepted into an accredited program.

Applications must be returned to Michelle La-Page, RCH Auxiliary Scholarship chairman, at the hospital by March 3.

Scholarship applications are available online here: https:// www.rochellehospital. com/wp-content/up-

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BY JEFF HELFRICH

MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle hopes to work with ownership of May Mart/Rochelle Commons to begin a redevelopment project that includes tax increment financing (TIF) incentives in the future, City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Community Development Director Michelle Pease said Jan. 18.

The longtime shopping and restaurant center on the Illinois Route 38 stretch is eligible for the city's Northern Gateway TIF district.

TIF is a geographically-targeted economic development tool that captures the increase in property taxes, and sometimes other taxes, resulting from new development, and diverts that revenue to subsidize a development. TIF money has been used to bridge gaps in financing by the city and developers of projects in Rochelle such as Kennay Farms Distilling, Seldal Properties and Walmart.

"Specifically with the





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old May Mart, or the Rochelle Commons now, a lot of those spaces are beginning to fill up," Pease said. "We have constant contact with property maintenance in the area of May Mart with those shops. We've shared our TIF information and an application with them to kind of push along that process so that they can keep shining up that spot in our community."

Fiegenschuh and Pease

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said they have hopes for a future project for the area with the ownership if talks come to fruition one day.

"To do a good development project, you have to have a willing and able participant,"Fiegenschuh said. "And I'm not saying they're not willing. That's just the most important piece of that puzzle, having private sector dollars to move forward. We hope to have that in the future with the May Mart area."

Pease called the recent improvements to downtown businesses "a wonderful example" of how TIF districts are supposed to work. TIF money was used in a redevelopment agreement with Seldal Properties for the building at 318, 320, 322, 324 and 326 Lincoln Highway for mixed-use retail and residential space. The tool was also used in an agreement for the former Hub Theater when Kennay

Farms Distilling remodeled it, along with The Rick House building the business owns behind it.

TIF was also used with the demolition of dilapidated houses on 2nd Avenue, and the demolition of the Hickory Grove building. The new light poles currently being put up on Illinois Route 38 are part of a TIF-funded project as well.

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MAY MART: City of Rochelle hoping to redevelop property

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"I'm proud of us, because we use TIF the way it's supposed to be used, which is to increase values," Fiegenschuh said. "We've had developers say that their project would not be happening if not for TIF involvement. The point of it is not to subsidize, it's to close a funding gap. If developer A wants to build something, but there's a funding gap and they can't quite meet where they need to be for their investment, TIF can help bridge that. We're just rebating their money that they paid in. It's an important tool and a lot of projects that have happened here in town wouldn't be happening without the TIF.'

The city's Lighthouse Pointe TIF, which involves the Walmart area near Illinois Route 38, was integral to that corridor's growth, Pease said. If not for TIF, she believes the downtown area could "still be struggling" as it was years ago.

Fiegenschuh said all city corridors are equally important and said he's enjoyed seeing developments and new businesses in each of them in recent years. He called the May Mart area "a critical corridor."

"One of Michelle's strongest attributes is being able to work positively with people and be able to bring them along and be a very positive person and ask them to think about things and the ways we can help," Fiegenschuh said. "And I do think we'll see some projects over there in the future where we can partner with them. I would love to see a project at May Mart move forward."

The coming years of the city's northern gateway corridor will also involve the reconstruction of Illinois Route 251 by the state and the potential redevelopment of the Hickory Grove site.

"I think there's a point in time when there's a comfort level for the property owner and discussions and moving forward," Pease said. "I think that things will start to happen there in that corridor and especially with the Hickory Grove property. I anticipate some things in the next 2-3 years."

RTHS names high honor roll and honor roll students for fall 2022

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School recently named its high honor roll and honor roll students for the fall 2022 semester.

The high honor roll is compiled and published at the end of each semester based on the student's weighted GPA.Aweighted GPA of 3.6 earns a spot on the high honor roll.

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Honor Roll

Freshmen: Teagan Auld, Isabella Biggs, Addison Bingham, Abigail Bozinovich, Hailey Bunger, Hector Cortes, Kyrie Cragin, Logan Crawford, Ellyse Dalen, Jaydin Dickey, Kyler Dickson, Sean Dorwaldt, Thomas Dorwaldt, Alanna Flamer, Alexander Foster, Benjamin Foster, Matilda Gonser, Caden Goodwin, Mark Green, Bobbie Jean Henning, Corrie Hill, Brooklyn Hull, Miles Hunley, Andrew Johnson, Leah Kerfin-Fifer, Annaliese Koziol, Ashley Lozano-Barragan, Connor Macklin, Jorge Martinez, Declan McGee, Anna Messer, Jorja Mulholland, Jerelyn Ortega, Samantha Overton; Jaicee Ramos, Cambrey Rodeghero, Lilly Rodriguez, Kyla Roose, Katie Toczylowski, Ashley Villaneuva, Levi Waddle, Philip Winters and Wyatt Worthington.

Sophomores: Fernando Aguilar, Dempsey Atkinson, Brooke Belmonte, Aaliyah Bialas, David Bialas, Luis Blas Jordan Bly, Xitlali Brizuela, Peyton Brock, Cash Budde, Sydney Carmichael, Ella Carson, Christopher

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Juniors: Kennedy Adamski, Kyra Bivins, Haley Bozinovich, Emily Burgholzer, Jimmy Chavez, Allison Dickey, Dalila Garcia, Mackenzie Glosser, Evelyn Gonzalez, Alivia Henkel, Luis Hernandez, Omar Hueramo, Parker Lenkaitis, Guadalupe Lopez, Emily Lovett, Kara Martinez, Alexander McBride, Annaleigh McKinney, Emily Montelongo, Aiden Ramsey, Kendall Sachs, Harley Schultz, Jaclyn Seyller, Anna Toczylowski, Kennedy Underwood, Alexavier Villatoro, Danica Ward, William Wise, Cale Workman, Caleb Wyssbrod, Elin Zheng and Rilev Zimmerman.

Seniors: Zachary Adams, Ornella Agbetrobu, Cassandra Aguilera, Raul Aguirre, Lauryn Akey, Nathan Anderson, Cheryl Bialas, Michael Bieser, Andersen, Nathan Charles, Cheryl Bialas, Michael Bieser, Lucas Brown, Ellie Carmichael, Landon DeLille, Daniela DeLoza, Lenna Drew, Miranda Dubek, Rivers Estock, Nolan Fonfara, Addison Friestad, Cassandra Garcia, Melanie Garcia, Garrett Gensler, Aaliyah Glover, John Green, Owen Haas, Payton Hale, Kailey Harris, Anastasia Harvey, Jasmin Hernandez, Kian Hill, Hayden Inman, Bailey Jackson, Rylee Jackson, Rorie Jensen, Thomas Koziol, Cailyn Licastro, Ava Lynn, Maricruz Milan, Miraya Montes, Giselle Montoya, Torrin Nantz, Isabella Nauman, Yuelma Ortiz, Troy Papke, Zalak Patel, Layla Pelan, Mikayla Preston, Macy Ramos, Kyra Rimstidt, Gisselle Robles, Sophia Rocha, Aidan Rodriguez, Kalee Rodriguez, Samantha Sanford, Morgan Smardo, Baylie Sutton, Paul Swartz, Abigail Tarvestad, Tristan Taylor, David Wanner, Bennett Wengelewski, Matthew Wentz, Marisa Whaley, Jace Whitehead and Ahtziri Zepeda.



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Honor Roll

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LOCAL NEWS



Kiwanis Golden K donates to David Crawford Foundation and Rochelle Food Pantry

The Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K Club recently presented donations to the David Crawford Foundation and the Rochelle Food Pantry. Kiwanis President-Elect Will McLachlan presented checks to Kevin Zilm (David Crawford Founation) and Bil Vanstone (Rochelle Food Pantry). "The Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K is happy to support local organizations that benefit the lives of people in our community," McLachlan said.

RMU offering audits to residents and small business owners

ROCHELLE – Rochelle Municipal Utilities is now offering energy audits to residents and small business owners looking to reduce home energy costs. The city

council approved an agreement with PanOptic Solutions to provide the audits and RMU will pay half of the cost.

"We've partnered with PanOptic to audit a number of our own facilities to improve energy consumption and are excited to now offer the service to our community," City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said.

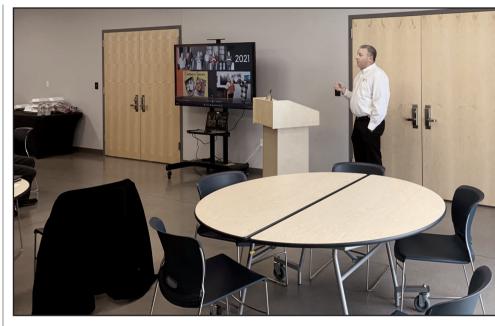
PanOptic Solutions has over 10 years of experience in provid-

ing sustainability and reliability insights to industrial clients and is now offering services to residential customers.

The company looks for water leaks, insulation problems, appliance inefficiencies and maintenance issues, outside air leaks and potential ignition sources. A full report will be provided after the audit.

RMU will cover half of the cost for home and small business energy audits. The full price of a home audit is \$150 and RMU will cover \$75. A small Business energy audit is \$400 and RMU will pay \$200. Customers will pay PanOptic directly for their portion of the audit.

To schedule an audit, please call PanOptic at 877-668-6640.



Silgan's Kelly speaks at Rotary meeting At Tuesday's meeting of the Rochelle Rotary Club, the presentation speaker was Silgan Containers Plant Manager Mike Kelly.





EPA Begins Review

Of Byron Salvage Yard Superfund Site Byron, Illinois

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting a five-year review of the Byron Salvage Yard Superfund site, NW1/4 SEC 13 T24N R10E, Byron, Illinois. The Superfund law requires regular checkups of sites that have been cleaned up – with waste managed on-site – to make sure the cleanup continues to protect people and the environment. This is the sixth five-year review of this site.

EPA's original cleanup included removing contaminated soils and drums, installing an alternate water supply for residents, and securing the salvage yard property with a fence. Groundwater use restrictions remain in place with contaminant levels stable or decreasing based on recent monitoring.

More information is available at the Byron Public Library, 109 N. Franklin Street, and at <u>https://www.epa.gov/superfund/byron-salvage-yard</u> (QR code below). The current five-year review should be completed by July 2023.

The five-year review is an opportunity for you to tell EPA about site conditions and any concerns you have. Contact:

Phil Gurley Community Involvement Coordinator 312-886-4448 gurley.philip@epa.gov Kelly Poulos Remedial Project Manager 312-886-6806 poulos.kelly@epa.gov

You may also call EPA toll-free at 800-621-8431, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.



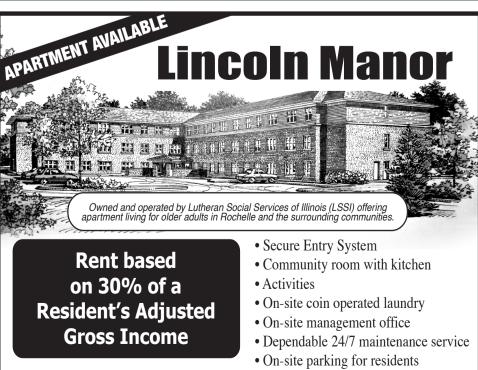
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Obituaries

Karl Eugene Horn

ARL Eugene Horn slipped peacefully from his earthly bonds on Nov. 22, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. The eldest son of Donald and Ethel (Woodworth) Horn, Karl was born in Rochelle on Dec. 15, 1949. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1968 and earned his associate's degree at Highland Community College in 1970.

On June 22, 1974, Karl and Kathy Crowe were married. Their plan for a woodsy creekside outdoor wedding was preempted by massive rain showers, and they married in the Lindenwood Union Church instead. Upon exiting the church as man and wife, they were greeted with a big, beautiful rainbow which foretold the beginning of their happy and enduring marriage of 48+ years including two daughters, Danielle and Adrienne; two new sons, Rick and Mike; and two grandsons, Ricky and Ari-with a third on the way.

Karl was a lifelong farmer, most notably on the Horn family's centennial farm, where he and Kathy eventually switched to-and still grow-acreages of hay and commercial cut flowers, both in the field and in three plastic hoop houses. He also served the local farm community for 41 years in the employ of DeKalb Implement, as a John Deere Service Technician, for machinery such as planters and balers, but primarily for combine repair.

He knew firsthand the importance of a smooth grain harvest and always strived to keep the farmers' combines rolling no matter the hour of the day or the weather constraints. Toss in his extensive collection of John Deere toys and memorabilia, and Karl was John Deere to his core! An avid tool collector, Karl loved to scavenge flea and antique markets for old tools of all sorts from garden hand tools to woodworking, and blacksmithing to mechanical.

One of his last woodworking projects was building a chicken house with recycled lumber and a plan in his head. Karl loved his family and the camaraderie of camping trips, fishing, county fairs, zoos and gatherings. A talented kitemaker (he mastered the sewing machine), Karl and family attended and competed in many kite festivals (including the Smithsonian), winning numerous awards for their kite design creations.

He has had some of his kites included in temporary exhibits at the U.S. Air Force Museum and served as vice chairman of the Midwest Area Kitemaker's Retreat (MAKR), begun by Kathy, and held for 20 years at Lorado Taft campus, Oregon. Karl also assisted in teaching kitemaking to hundreds of children, all across the local area at schools, scouts, churches and fests.

For 15 years, the Horn family hosted "Farm Fly" in the hayfields and areas of their farm. A hundred or more kite flier families from far and wide would descend every August for a glorious day of flying,



fellowship, and a great Midwestern picnic. More recently, Karl enjoyed introducing his passions to newly acquired sons, Rick Magana and Mike D'Amato, as well as grandchildren, Ricky and Ari (plus one on the way)! First up? John Deere indoctrination!

Karl leaves behind his loving wife, Kathy; daughters Danielle (Rick) Magana and Adrienne (Mike) D'Amato-Horn; grandchildren Ricky Magana and Ari D'Amato; mother-in-law Joanne Crowe; sister-in-law Audrey Hildebrand; brothers-in-law Larry Crowe and Michael Crowe; an aunt and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

A very special thank you to the local volunteer fire departments and EMTs; the staff at Swedish American Hospital, especially in the critical care unit of the Heart Hospital; and all of the caring doctors along the way who have treated Karl's Parkinson's for the past 21 years.

A memorial visitation will be held on Feb. 4 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at **Kishwaukee** Community Church, 8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley. Memorials, should you wish, can be directed to the Michael J. Fox Foundation or the family.

Lorraine Virginia Loper Rodefelt

was the grandmother of

FRANKLIN GROVE

- Lorraine Virginia Loper Rodefelt, 83, passed away Saturday, Jan. 21 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center. Lorraine was born on Oct. 26, 1939, to Millard and Violet Loper in Jackson, Mississippi. On Nov. 12, 2003, she married Russell Rodefelt of Rochelle. She enjoyed visiting with friends and socializing.

Lorraine (John Scott Thornton, Sr.) was the mother of two sons, John Thornton and Raymond Thornton, and one daughter, Brenda Sue Thornton Landowski Alveras. She

Dan' E. Sandoval Daniel

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Daniel "Dan" E. Sandoval. 81. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at The Views of Marion from complications of Alzheimer's. Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Marion, Iowa.

Visitation will also be held one hour prior to service on Wednesday at the church. Funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Marion Methodist Church in Marion, with full military honors by the Marion American Legion Post #298 and the United States Air Force Honors Detail. Entombment will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2 at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Machesney Park, Illinois.

Dan was born Oct. 3, 1941, to Salvador (Dan) and Mary(Garza) Sandoval in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1959. Dan then enlisted in

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

George"Tony" Landowski (DebWater) and Angelique Desiree Hughes Morris (Carol Morris). She was a proud great-grandmother of Alana Landowski, 15, and Starla Sky Landowski, 16, from George"Tony"Landowski; Tyler Thornton, from Raymond Thornton; Omar Antoine Harris, Jr., 26, Daijha Monae Harris, 22, D'ajhanae Antoinette Harris, 20, and step great-grandchild, Krystin Brianna Morris, 23, from Angelique Desiree Hughes



in death by her husband, Russell, on May 13, 2009, son, John Thornton on Feb. 23, 2010, and daughter, Brenda Thornton Landowski Alveras in 1992.

Cremation care was provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Visit www. ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

In addition to her parents, Lorraine was preceded

Morris.

the United States Air Force for four years and learned the trade of being an air traffic controller. After he was honorably discharged and returned home to San Antonio, he attended San Antonio Junior College and graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, Texas.

While visiting his mother and sisters in Aurora, Illinois he applied for an air traffic controller position and was accepted immediately. Dan was assigned to Rockford, where he worked faithfully for 15 years. Dan was then transferred to Springfield, where he became a tower supervisor until his promotion to Tower Manager in Dubuque. The family moved to Cedar Rapids where Dan was the Tower Manager for the Eastern Iowa Airport until his retirement in 1995. Dan later worked at Barnes and Noble for 12 and a half years.

Dan met Marilyn Ackland and they were married on Oct. 20, 1973. They



have two children, Andrea (Jared) Christensen, and Mark Sandoval; six grandchildren, David, Anna, Michael, Grace, Matthew and Lucas Christensen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Salvador and Mary; parentsin-law, Howard and Ethel Ackland; two infant sons; and brother, Richard Sandoval.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Daniel's memory may be directed to the Marion Methodist Church. Please share a memory of Daniel at www.murdochfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff in Memory Care at the Views of Marion and everyone at *Hospice of Mercy.*

Rochelle Police Department Officers issue citations

ROCHELLE — On Raymond Chan, 68, of of Rochelle was cited for Jan. 24 at 8:24 a.m. Daniel Naperville was cited for

failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Feb. 24 Rochelle court date.

C. Morgan, 49, of Waterloo was cited for improper lane usage. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Feb. 24 Rochelle court date.

On Jan. 24 at 1:31 p.m.



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failure to yield/stop at an intersection. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Feb. 24 Rochelle court date.

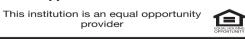
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Task force assists Lee County Sheriff's Office for search

OREGON — On Jan. 17 at approximately 9:23 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. After an investigation, deputies placed Steven Smith, 52, of Dixon, under arrest for possession of methamphetamine 15-100 grams (class one felony) and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine (class X felony). Pursuant to the stop, the Ogle County Drug Task Force, comprised of sheriff's deputies and officers from the Rochelle and Oregon Police Departments, obtained a search warrant for Smith's residence.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19 at approximately 2 p.m., the Ogle County Drug Task Force, assisted by the Lee

County Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant at 1130 White Rock Drive in rural Dixon. During the search, deputies located 27.5 grams of methamphetamine, 74.5 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, 23.5 grams of cocaine, seven vials of testosterone steroids, drug paraphernalia and additional items used in the sale and distribution of narcotics. Pursuant to the ongoing investigation, additional charges are pending against Steven B. Smith in Lee County.

On Jan. 25 at approximately 8:34 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of East Blackhawk Drive and Peru Street for no registration light and improper display of registration. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Tahj Gulley, 23, of Madison, Wisconsin, for unlawful use of a firearm and no valid license. Gulley was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Jan. 26 at approximately 6:09 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 106. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Koryun Travis, 36, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended and an active Rockford PD warrant. Travis was also issued a citation for an equipment violation. Travis was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was

held in lieu of bond.

On Jan. 26 at approximately 5:30 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Blackhawk Drive and Walnut Street in Byron for expired registration. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Carolyn Haye, 46, of Byron, for driving while license suspended. Haye was released on an individual bond with a future court date given.

On Jan. 27 at approximately 12:15 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 103. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Juan Mendez-Martinez, 19, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license and an active Ogle County warrant. Mendez-Martinez was also issued a citation for an equipment violation. Mendez-Martinez was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Jan. 27 at approximately 12:26 a.m. deputies were advised of a domestic battery, which had occurred in the 4,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After investigation deputies placed, William Upton, 50, of Byron, under arrest for aggravated domestic battery, domestic battery and violation of bond conditions. Upton was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

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LOCAL NEWS GUNS: Down Range LLC owner reacts to state legislation

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The law's quick passage and signage made for some confusion and some of Down Range's customers were unaware it was even happening, Gerard said. But some were paying close attention, he said.

"It's been a hot topic for everybody," Gerard said. "A lot of people are angry at the state. Some people are angry at the supreme court. Everybody comes to vent. In the 11th hour, a ton of people came in and bought a ton of products. They did a run on our stuff. We were lucky enough to move a big chunk of what we had left in stock prior to that legislation being signed in." As of the bill's signing, Gerard said sales and transfers of the now-illegal items can no longer happen. Owners of those items purchased prior to the legislation will have until Jan. 1, 2024 to register them with the state or face a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and the degree of charges could increase based on the number of unregistered weapons.

Enforcement of the new legislation will be done by the Illinois State Police, which has handled firearm enforcement in the past. Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle and approximately 90 other county sheriffs across the state have said they will not be taking part in the law's enforcement.

Gerard said he hopes to see a permanent stay on the legislation that would wipe it off the books, and/or a U.S. Supreme Court ruling against it that would set a precedent. An Effingham County judge has already issued a temporary restraining order against the state's assault weapons ban that applies only to 800-plus plaintiffs in the case's filing. The state filed to vacate the restraining order and is prepared to defend the legislation going forward. Gerard called the assault weapons ban "disheartening" as a business owner and former law enforcement officer with a substantial background in firearms.

"I came from a law enforcement background of 15 years before I left to commit full time to this," Gerard said. "It doesn't geta whole lot more law-abiding than that. I came up in the competition community, too. For the last 15 years I've either been at training events or competition events. I came up in the competition world where everybody was running this now-illegal equipment and it was seen as normal equipment."

Gerard said Jan. 23, two weeks since the legislation, that he has yet to hear from the ISP on questions he has about the law, which includes what he's supposed to do with existing stock of now-illegal items.

The Down Range, LLC owner said "a lot of" the people he's spoken to since the legislation's signing said they don't plan to register their already-owned items with the state as required.

Concealed carry, pistols and accessories, the primary sources of income for Gerard's business, will continue to be legal, with the exception of some new magazine capacity restrictions on handguns. Despite the 10 percent loss he expects to take on now-illegal items, Gerard believes the new legislation could help sales of other items.

"I think the state just probably supercharged my business," Gerard said. "I think everybody is now looking at this and saying, 'If they're going to do this, what are they going to do six months or a year from now?' I think you're going to see the biggest run on guns in Illinois history as a result of this legislation. Because everybody that is a law-abiding citizen that is looking at this is saying, 'I'm scared. I don't want to lose this opportunity.""

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

The American dream and the game of Monopoly

THE game of Monopoly illustrates a key fact about wealth and poverty. You'll get richer with each round if you own Park Place and Boardwalk, and can afford to put houses on them. A player with less-valuable properties grows ever poorer as he's again and again forced to pay rent that's beyond his means.

Wealth, in other words, helps the well-off to become richer, while poverty itself tends to drag the poor down. Fiona Hill's book, "There's Nothing for You Here," tells of her personal experience with that predicament. She overcame many obstacles in her struggle to escape her economically-depressed childhood hometown in England.

They included inferior schools, her social class, her accent and her gender. Her biggest millstone may have been her lack of exposure to the often-unspoken customs and rules of the academic and professional worlds. Ms. Hill nevertheless became an expert in Russian affairs and a White House official who testified at the House Jan. 6 Committee hearings.

Recently-elected Ohio Senator J.D. Vance grew up in America, and yet the story he tells in his book, "Hillbilly Elegy," is similar. He grew up in a rustbelt Ohio community, in a family steadfastly loyal to their hillbilly roots in eastern Kentucky. He, like Ms. Hill, had to climb over many economic and social barriers on his way out of the poverty and social decay of his home-town.

Reading each book brought memories of my own childhood. My parents grew up in rural Kentucky, where my dad quit school and went to work before graduating from eighth grade. They moved to Illinois in 1950,

when I was little more than a toddler.

We lived in a run-down farmhouse with no indoor plumbing and no phone until I was eight years old. Our move to a nearby village was a step up, but we continued to dwell at the margin between lower class and lower middle

class. Our possessions were few, simple, and mostly second-hand.

My parents, like Ms. Hill's and Mr. Vance's, couldn't provide any financial help for my education after high school. The chasm be-

tween their rural Kentucky childhood homes and the world of higher education also left them and me poorly prepared for decisions about college and professional careers. There were as a result setbacks and delays in putting myself and my family on a sound financial footing.

I and many others like me eventually overcame our mistakes and disadvantages. You could say we're living the American Dream of reaching a higher standard of living than our parents had. We didn't, however, do it on our own.

Mr. Vance and I both received a major assist from the GI Bill. In my case it helped put me through graduate school while my wife and I were raising three kids. Ms. Hill took advantage of support programs that

are no longer available in her home country.

Later generations of Americans, growing up as they have in a time of retreat from social welfare programs, have been less fortunate. Advanced education has meanwhile become exorbitantly expensive for lower class and working-class students.

Ms. Hill's, Mr. Vance's and my families also offered some strengths for us to draw on. In my case, it was parents who were avid readers and who praised my reading and writing abilities. Many children from poor and working-class families don't enjoy such sup-

ports. They don't see their parents reading and talking about the things they read. They miss out on the rich flow of language that's part of the oxygen in middle class homes. They don't start the school day with a nutritious breakfast. They live in chaotic homes warped by addictions.

The American ideal of equal opportunity for all is a worthy one, but it's just that — an ideal. It's no more of a reality in the everyday world than it is in the game of Monopoly. Last month's

column, which you can read at fb.me/lowellharp, indicates that there's less of it in America than in almost any other developed country.

Ms. Hill places the blame for this state of affairs on conservatives. Mr. Vance blames clueless liberals and the poor themselves. Both of them probably own a piece of the truth.

As for me, two things seem certain: Government has always and will always play a role in this issue, one way or another. And merely expecting people to pull themselves up by their bootstraps won't make us the land of opportunity again.

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.

Tom McDermott: Meteor, right?

Lowell

Harp

HERE has been a long history of strange lights in the night sky surrounding Rochelle. In 1918 Melvin Govig sat in the yard with his father Nels when "the sky lit up and there was a terrific noise." The next day father and son found the spot where a meteorite had landed. It was west of Creston on the Metler farm

A few years later in 1934 Nasby and Charles Spitzer were tenants on the Pierce farm north of Creston. Charles witnessed a bright light streak across the sky and appear to land somewhere north of Rochelle. Nasby and Charles searched the next day and found an eight-inch diameter stone

that they believed to be a meteorite. The stone was discovered about a half mile north of Illinois Route 38 on property owned by the Rochelle Asparagus Company. The boys donated the stone to the agriculture teacher, Mr. Wehner, at Rochelle High School.

Over time, meteorites were said to have been found on the Mabel Pierce farm, Clyde Davey farm and LaVerne Olson farm. For the museum, one meteorite found its way to our humble establishment in 1989. The story goes that Frank Lloyd Wright was building a house at 333 N. 12th St. in Rochelle in 1934. Frank was made aware of some unusual rocks located in negotiated a deal with

the Creston area. Frank and Bob Lazier jumped into a truck and headed to Creston to harvest the stones. The stones were collected from the area of the farm where Bill

Davidson lived Horses were used to recover stones from the Clyde and Albert Davey property also. The legend states that Mr. Wright harvested a total of four unique stones for an envisioned rock garden.

While preparing the rock garden, Mr. Wright was visited by local businessman Vince Carney. Vince took a fancy to one of the stones and

Mr. Wright. At the end of the day, Frank Lloyd Wright had three large stones in his rock garden and Vince Carney had one 600-pound stone adorning his garden

Mary Carney, in 1989, donated the "meteorite" to the Flagg Township Museum. Hundreds of area school children have stood in awe before the meteorite over the years. What mysteries of the universe

were contained with the heavenly body. For the first 10 years the meteorite sat outside on the museum yard. In 1999, the museum board was

was truly a meteorite it may be worth several thousand dollars. The meteorite was immediately moved inside to prevent theft. From 1999 through 2019 the museum proudly displayed the meteorite. In 2019, Museum Director Jan Devore reviewed the research on the meteorite and found the evidence to validate that the stone was a true meteorite was simple hearsay. A sample of the stone was sent to the Geology department at Northern Illinois University and tests were run to establish the origins of the meteorite.

Today the stone sits in the cell room of the museum. No longer is it listed as a meteorite. The notified that if the stone stone today is displayed as glacial erratic. What is a glacial erratic rock? Glaciers can pick up chunks of rocks and transport them over long distances. When they drop these rocks they are often far from their origin. These rocks are known as glacial erratics. For 85 years, the museum was the proud owner of a meteorite that had traveled millions of miles to find a home in the fields near Creston. Today we are the proud owners of a 600-pound rock that was pushed hundreds of miles by a glacier, 1.6 million to 10,000 years ago, to find a home in the fields near Creston.

Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum historian and Rochelle city councilman.

Letter to the Editor: Law non-enforcement

Tom

McDermott

EAR editor, This is in response to Kurt Wolter's letter to the editor in the Jan. 25 issue of the News-Leader which offered the opinion that Sheriff VanVickle should enforce the new restrictive gun law and it was not his

purview to not enforce the law.

In Illinois, non-enforcement of laws is standard practice. For instance the speed limit in Chicago is 55 miles per hour, but the average speed is approximately 68 miles per hour (not enforced). If one travels at 55

miles per hour in Chicago there is the strong possi-

bility of being rear ended. The practice ofadultervisillegal in Illinois ((720 ILCS 5/11-35) Sec. 11-35. Adultery) but is rarely enforced. Chicago declared itself a sanctuary city which means they will not allow

> federal officers to arrest illegal aliens, thereby preventing enforcement of federal law. There are many other instanc-

es. The problem in Illinois is that there is a one-party

* Denotes Chairman/President

system. The party in power represents about half the people (according to voting counts) and the rest are left out in the cold.

This results in poorly-developed legislation that serves about half the people in Illinois and not the rest. The blame should

be placed at the foot of the legislature and governor for passing laws that are poorly conceived, poorly vetted and have components that are probably unconstitutional.

> **Chuck Roberts** Rochelle

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From the Heart presents \$1,000 check to Jan. 1 winner

Representatives of From the Heart and the Rochelle Rotary Club recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the Jan. 1 winner of the From the Heart cash calendar, Beth Mock. From left to right: Past Rochelle Rotary Club President Sarah Flanagan, From the Heart Founder Dave Eckhardt, Mock and current **Rochelle Rotary Club President Adam Heal.**

Iowa fall 2022 dean's list honorees announced

IOWA CITY, Iowa - More than 7,500 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2022 fall semester. Dean's list status was earned by only 2,427

first year undergraduates during the 2022 fall semester at Iowa, only 1,768 second year students, only 1,503 third year students, and only 1,845 fourth year students.

They include: Breccan

Berns of Chana (major: pre-business; second year). Sean Flanagan of Lindenwood (major: psychology; third year), Alexander Gilbert of Rochelle (major: exercise science; first year), Jo-

sephine Lundquist of Rochelle (major: nursing; first year), Ashley Rhodes of Chana (major: biomedical engineering; third year) and Luke Warner of Ashton (major: sccounting; fourth year).

Andrist named to Iowa State University fall 2022 dean's list

AMES, Iowa – More than 10,200 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic

achievement by being named to the fall semester 2022 dean's list. The list includes Jacob Andrist (year one, computer sci-

ence) of Rochelle.

Students named to the dean's list for the 2022 fall semester must have earned a grade point av-

erage of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Hueramo named to fall 2022 dean's list at Aurora University

AURORA – Aurora University has named Lizbeth Hueramo (study-

ing healthcare administration) of Rochelle to the dean's List for the fall

2022 semester. The dean's list recognizes full-time under-

graduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

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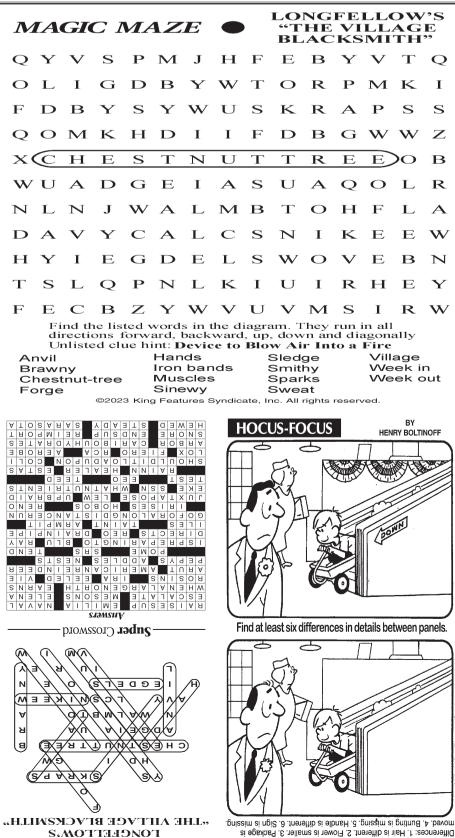
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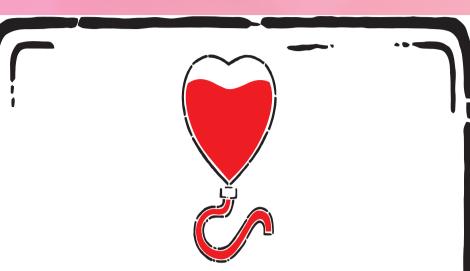
others in our area . A healthy employment rate is the cornerstone of all economies. How can you help the economy recover? Start at home.

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February HUB NEWS What Is Happening @ RTHS

Jan 31	Girls host Interstate 8 Conference bowling tourney
Feb 1	Black History & Career Tech Education Months begin
	3:20-4pm Hub Powe <mark>r</mark>
Feb 3	SENIOR NIGHT: Hubs Basketball hosts Ottawa
	Cheer, Dance Teams & Pep Band seniors also recognized
Feb 4	RTHS hosts the Regional Speech Meet
Feb 7	National Honor Society Spring Blood Drive
Feb 8	2pm Kassidy Belcher of Augustana College in the CC. RSVP to reserve a seat; only 15 available.
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Feb 11	Sectional Speech Meet
	FFA Section Meals
Feb 12	9-10 am Softball open gym
Feb 13-17	Parent Teacher Communication Week
Feb 15	6pm FFA Meeting in C107
Feb 16	3:30-4:30pm Softball open gym
Feb 17	No Afternoon KEC classes; 12:10 dismissal
Feb 18	State Speech Tournament
Feb 19-20	National FFA Week
Feb 20	Presidents Day No School RTHS/



Donations could = a college scholarship

The National Honor Society Spring Blood Drive is Tuesday, Feb. 7. Both staff and eligible students participate. Donors must be at least 16 years old and turn in parent/guardian-signed permission slips.

NHS Advisor Charity Prose said for the past few years, staff and students have been generous enough that RTHS has qualified for a college scholarship awarded at Honors Night Monday, May 1. "The scholarship is just another great reason to consider donating blood," Prose said, "Thank you for your consideration."



What can Kishwaukee College do for you?

Monday, February 20 is Presidents Day. Classes are not in session at RTHS. It is also Kishwaukee College Visit Day where you can learn about transfer and career technology programs, support services, financial aid, scholarships, student activities, and athletics. Tour the campus, meet faculty and staff, and hear from local students who chose Kish. For more information or to register, visit https://kish.edu/visitday. Before you go, check out this video https://bit.ly/23WhatKish-CanDoForYou

Feb 21	3:30-4:30 Softball Open Gym
	5:30 pm BOE meets

- Feb 223:30-4pm Hub Power
- Feb 21-22 FFA Section Ag Business
- Feb 23 FFA Game Night
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SPORTS



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GIRLS BEAT KANELAND

The Rochelle Lady Hub bowling team defeated Kaneland on Tuesday.

See page 3 for more details

RTHS Wrestling Seniors shine in finale Regular season concludes with Senior Night wins over Amboy, Princeton

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BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub wrestling team sent its senior athletes off with two more victories Thursday evening, when the purple and white capped off a historic regular season with two nonconference dual matches against the Princeton Tigers and the Amboy Clippers.

Seniors Jorge Driggs, Troy Papke and Josey Weber were each recognized for their contributions to the wrestling program during their time at RTHS. The Hubs continued to celebrate their Senior Night in dominant fashion, cruising over Amboy 69-10 before fending off Princeton 45-32 to end the regular season on a 13-match winning streak. Rochelle (28-1, 7-0 Interstate 8) will wrestle in the IHSA2ARockford East Regional next Saturday, Feb. 4.

"Troy's a four-year wrestler for us and he's balanced a lot of activities during his time with our program," head coach Alphonso Vruno said. "He had some really good matches toward the end

effort and heart into the sport. Josey's a three-year wrestler and she came back out after taking a year off. She looks really good and we're looking forward to watching her wrestle at the Oregon tournament."

Amboy

Rochelle scored 30 unanswered points to open the dual match against the Clippers. Sophomore Robert Stoffel and freshman Keagan Albers received forfeits for the 285-pound and 106-pound bouts before junior Tommy Tourdot overcame flu-like symptoms to earn a secondperiod fall against Landon Blanton in the 113-pound bout. Sophomore Xavier Villalobos took down Chase Montavon twice before recording a first-period fall to win the 120-pound bout for the Hubs.

"The kids are wrestling really well right now," Vruno said. "We have some kids battling some illnesses, but the kids who are healthy are wrestling at a really high level right now. We're going to give the kids a few days off and we're going to hit the ground running on Monday of the season. Jorge has so we can make a postseaonly been with us for two son push. The regional has years, but he's put a lot of been on our minds since the



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team recognized its senior athletes before Thursday evening's meet against Princeton and Amboy. Above from left to right, along with head coach Alphonso Vruno and their families, are seniors Jorge Driggs, Josey Weber and Troy Papke.

start of the season."

Sophomore Joseph Nadig received a forfeit for the 126-pound bout before Amboy notched its first victory of the dual, with Levi Near scoring a 13-0 major decision over freshman Frank Nasca in the 132-pound bout. Amboy's Josh McKendry then recorded a first-period fall over junior Riley Damask in the 138-pound bout to make the score 30-10 in fa-

vor of the purple and white.

Freshman Brenden Voight received a forfeit for the 145-pound bout and sophomore Grant Gensler held off Lucas Blanton for a 5-2 decision in the 152-pound bout to extend the Rochelle lead. Sophomore Erich Metzger made quick work of Austin Heath in the 160-pound bout, using a quick takedown-to- with Augustus Swanson pin combination to secure notching a second-period the fall. Freshman Roman

Villalobos (170) as well as juniors Brock Metzger (182) and Alex McBride (195) all received forfeits. Jorge Driggs capped off the win with a takedown and fall over Kole Beckham in the 220-pound bout.

Princeton

The Tigers struck first in the dual against the Hubs, fall over Keagan Albers

in the 106-pound bout. Rochelle took the lead after Tommy Tourdot received a forfeit for the 113-pound bout and Xavier Villalobos cradled Kaydin Gibson into a first-period fall during the 120-pound bout. Frank Nasca extended the Hub lead in the 126-pound bout, totaling three takedowns and a third-period fall over

Gage Nutter

See HUBS page 6

RTHS Boys Basketball Hubs close out home victory over Rock Falls Rochelle holds off late rally from Rockets to score 84-81 win Tuesday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — A

back-and-forth battle broke loose Tuesday evening as the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team looked to snap a fourgame losing streak with a nonconference victory against Rock Falls. In a contest that featured multiple second-half lead changes, the purple and white needed all the points they could score in a game that came down to the final buzzer.

The Rockets refused to back down during the final seconds of regulation, with guard Aydan Goff nailing two consecutive 3-pointers to bring Rock Falls within two points as the clock ticked down under 10 seconds. With both teams in the double bonus, sophomore Carson Lewis split a pair of free throws after being fouled on the inbounds pass, putting Rochelle ahead by three points.

Rock Falls pushed the ball down the floor, but a last-second 3-point attempt from the Rockets deflected off the front of the rim as the Hubs held on for a hard-earned 84-81 victory. Five Rochelle athletes finished in double figures including Lewis, who made a team-best three triples and totaled 12 points. Senior Raul Aguirre led the Hubs (7-14, 2-8 Interstate 8) with 19 points.

"We've lost a few games where we had either a 10-point lead or a 20-point lead, so to finish this game tonight feels really good," Lewis said. "We play a lot better with tempo and since we were both pushing the ball, we were able to score a lot of points. We had a film session yesterday where we talked about why we've been losing these leads and what we can do better. This win gives us a lot of confidence and we think that we can make a run over our next few games."

Rochelle commanded the lead early in the game, surging ahead 18-11 before a fast-paced second quarter resulted in 55 combined points between the two teams. While Goff fueled the Rock Falls offense with a series of aggressive drives to the rim, Lewis converted a pair of 3-pointers and Aguirre worked down low, backing down defenders with his 6-foot-5 frame and taking advantage of a



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Cayden Moore dribbles toward Rock Falls defender Aydan Goff during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Rockets on Tuesday. Rochelle held off the Rockets for an 84-81 win.

smaller Rocket frontcourt with five close-range field goals at the rim.

Rochelle led 46-38 entering the second half, where sophomore Cayden Moore took his turn spearheading the offense with three nifty finishes at the basket. Moore finished with 18 points for the Hubs, who remained ahead 63-59 despite a resurgent effort from the Rockets, who briefly gained the lead late in the third quarter after a 3-pointer and backto-back low-post makes

from Diego Hernandez. Rock Falls had five athletes score in double figures on Tuesday.

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HUB SPOTLIGHT



Q: How many years have you been playing this sport? A: Five years. Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport? A: I love my coaches and the people I cheer with. Q: What is your favorite school subject and why? A: Math because I love our *teacher*.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why? A: Gabi Butler because she's a famous cheerleader and she's a

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Year: Freshman Sport: Cheerleading

really good flyer. **O:** Who is your biggest role model and why? A: My mom because she's my biggest supporter. Q: What is your dream job and why? A: To be an orthodontist because I want to help people feel better about themselves. **Q:** What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at **RTHS?** *A*: *I love being involved with the* school.





















SPORTS

RTHS Girls Bowling

Vincent shines as Lady Hubs defeat Kaneland Rochelle drops match at LaSalle-Peru

BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Sophomore Cassidy Vincent fired a team-leading 685 series to lead the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowlers during their Interstate 8 Conference home match against Kaneland on Tuesday. Freshman Kylie McCullough added a 478 series for the Lady Hubs (9-6, 6-3 Interstate 8), who took two of the three games and defeated the Knights 2,654-2,500.

Rochelle took a commanding series lead in the first game, where the Lady Hubs dominated Kaneland 938-775 behind Vincent's series-best 245 and McCullough's seriesbest 181. Junior Anahi Alanis rolled a series-best 162 and junior Faith Adams added a 142 on the Rochelle side.

The Knights rallied to take the second game from the Lady Hubs, winning 923-879 despite Vincent shooting a 231 and Mc-Cullough throwing a 160.

Kaneland with a 202 after rolling a 201 during the first game, while Winnie Phillips followed with a 192

Rochelle edged the Knights 837-802 in the third game to clinch the conference victory. Vincent closed out her series with a 209, while junior Makenzie Liezert scored a series-best 169 to finish with a 439 series. Alanis and Adams ended with respective series scores of 418 and 402.

LaSalle-Peru

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team held its final head-to-head match of the season on Wednesday, falling 3,116-2,407 against LaSalle-Peru. Sophomore Cassidy Vincent led the Lady Hubs (9-7, 6-4 Interstate 8) with a 532 series, while freshman Kylie McCullough added a 503 series in the match

Rochelle will host the Interstate 8 Conference Championship meet at

Preslee Sutherland led T-Byrd Lanes on Tuesday at 1 p.m. The Lady Hubs will then compete in the IHSA Kaneland Regional at Mardi Gras Lanes on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m.

LaSalle-Peru won the first game 1,052-793, with Makenzie Hamilton rolling a 195 while three other Cavaliers including Kamryn Oscepinski (187), Camryn Perra (184) and Olivia Weber (182) shot high scores for the La-Salle-Peru side. Vincent's 167 and McCullough's 160 were the high scores for the Lady Hubs in the first game.

The Cavaliers claimed the second game 955-694 before clinching the conference sweep with an 1,109-920 win in the third game. Vincent concluded her series with scores of 170 and 195 over the final two games, while McCullough also finished strong with scores of 146 and 197. Junior Anahi Alanis fired a 196 in the third game to finish with a 403 series for the Lady Hubs.





(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Jack Tracey faces down two Rock Falls defenders during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Rockets on Tuesday.

BOYS: Rochelle drops close games with Streator, Morris

From page 1

"My teammates and I have been struggling to close out games so it felt good to wintonight," Moore said. "My teammates encourage me all of the time to be strong with the ball and take it to the rim. Our coaches trust us to move the ball around and take the ball out when we have to."

With both teams struggling to create any distance from each other throughout the fourth quarter, it was junior Eli Luxton's rebounding ability on the offensive glass that proved to be a difference maker for the Hubs. Luxton scored on three putbacks and drew two fouls over the final minutes, sinking three free throws down the stretch to end the evening with 13 points. Junior Jack Tracey recorded 11 points and senior Colton O'Rorke added six points for Rochelle in the victory.

"I'm glad we came out on top tonight because we've blown leads in five of our last seven games,"O'Rorke said. "Coach [Tim] Thompson wants us to play fast and we think we play better when we're playing fast. We knew we had to keep each other's heads up during the game and we had to stay

on each other. We needed to stay disciplined and play hard.'

Streator

The Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team was unable to hold a 13-point halftime advantage over Streator on Saturday, when the Bulldogs outscored the Hubs 47-29 over the final two quarters and handed Rochelle a 75-69 nonconference loss. Sophomore Carson Lewis led the Hubs (6-14, 2-8 Interstate 8) with 19 points and four assists.

Three other Rochelle players reached double figures including juniors Eli Luxton (12 points and six rebounds) and Jack Tracey (11 points) as well as sophomore Cayden Moore (11 points, five rebounds, three assists). Senior Raul Aguirre totaled five points and six rebounds for the Hubs, who were in foul trouble throughout the game, committing 28 in the loss.

Christian Benning sparked the rally for the Bulldogs, who brought Rochelle within two points after three quarters and took the lead in the fourth quarter. Benning scored a game-high 29 points to lead Streator's comeback effort. Both teams had difficulties handling the ball, with Rochelle committing 23 turnovers while the Bulldogs ended with 21 turnovers.

Morris

Sophomores Carson Lewis and Cayden Moore each finished with 18 points to lead the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team during Friday evening's Interstate 8 Conference matchup against Morris. Rochelle remained within striking distance throughout the contest, the Hubs were unable to string together one final run down the stretch, falling 74-69.

Lewis recorded seven rebounds, three assists and two steals for Rochelle (6-13, 2-8 Interstate 8), while Moore added six rebounds in the game. Junior Eli Luxton notched a doubledouble with 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Hubs, who outrebounded the Redskins 39-34 and outscored Morris 46-36 in the painted area.

Turnovers again proved troublesome for the Hubs, who committed 17 while Morris had only nine. Sophomore Elijah Harley chipped in seven points, six rebounds and two steals for the Hubs, who were down 34-33 at halftime and 58-56 after three quarters.

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Cassidy Vincent rolled a team-high 685 series during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team's Interstate 8 win over Kaneland on Tuesday.





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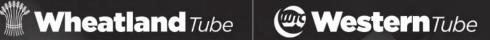


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SPORTS

RTHS Girls Basketball Lady Hubs battle injuries and illness against Ottawa Rochelle follows road victory over Morris with 47-16 loss Monday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Injuries and illnesses have worn the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team down over its last few games. After a tough conference loss against Ottawa on Monday evening, head coach Ryan McQuade said that health and wellness are the team's biggest priorities as the purple and white continue their push toward the end of the regular season.

Rochelle (7-20, 5-6 Interstate 8) battled with the Pirates throughout the first quarter, leaning on its defensive effort and energy to force missed shots and create turnovers. But the Lady Hubs had no answers on the offensive end, where a scoreless second quarter highlighted the team's struggles as Ottawa ultimately took a double-digit lead in the first half and cruised for a 47-16 win over Rochelle.

"I thought we competed well early in the game, but as Ottawa ramped up its pressure, we really struggled against their ball pressure," McQuade said. "It's been a struggle for us all season and pretty much every drill we do in practice right now deals with ball pressure in some manner. We're dealing with a lot of sickness on our team right now and the injury bug has been an issue for us. We aren't going to win many games scoring 16 points, but we need to get healthy."

Junior Alivia Henkel sparked the Lady Hubs in the first quarter, knocking down a pair of mid-range shots and converting a layup in transition for all six of her points in the game. Ottawa held an 11-8 advantage entering the second quarter, where Ryleigh Stehl and Morgan Stone each sank a 3-pointer to extend the Ottawa lead. The Pirates dominated the boards on Monday night, grabbing multiple offensive rebounds and scoring on second-chance opportunities.

Finishing one-and-out on nearly all of their of-

fensive possessions, the Lady Hubs fell behind 23-8 entering the third quarter, where Ottawa's Kendall Lowery nailed two triples to cap off a team-leading 15-point performance in the game. Rochelle received a boost off the bench from junior Kara Martinez, who hit a 3-pointer and a layup under the basket in the third quarter.

The Pirates clinched their win with fourthquarter triples from Hailey Larsen and Mary Stisser. Rochelle made only one field goal in the fourth quarter, which came on a mid-range shot from senior Miraya Montes.

Morris

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team went on the road Saturday, scoring a 36-31 win over Morris in Interstate 8 Conference action. Junior Alivia Henkel totaled nine points, while junior Kennedy Adamski added eight points and sophomore Kendyl Darby recorded seven points. The victory clinched a two-game sea-



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Kara Martinez dribbles around Ottawa's Marlie Orlandi during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball game against the Pirates on Monday.

son sweep of the Redskins for Rochelle (7-19, 5-5 Interstate 8).

Henkel finished with seven rebounds and five steals for the Lady Hubs, while Darby grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds and notched three steals. Juniors Adamski and Sydney Tabor each snagged four rebounds for Rochelle

in the win on Saturday. Senior Torrin Nantz had three points and three steals, while junior Kara Martinez led the team with three assists.

HUBS: Rochelle earns Interstate 8 regular season title

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A key win for the Hubs came during the 132-pound bout, where Joseph Nadig bumped up one weight class and fought back and forth against Ace Christiansen, defending a takedown attempt in the final seconds to earn a 7-6 decision. Princeton surged back in the match during the 138-pound and 145-pound bouts, where Carlos Benavidez scored a second-period fall over Riley Damask and Augie Christiansen defeated Brenden Voight with a 19-3 technical fall. Casey Etheridge gave the Tigers a 23-21 lead, notching a first-period fall over sophomore Jordan Bly. Erich Metzger answered for the Hubs, totaling two takedowns and a second-period fall against Preston Arkels to win the 160-pound bout. Princeton and Rochelle exchanged pins over the 170-pound and 182-pound bouts, where Carson Etheridge defeated Roman Villalobos before Brock Metzger cradled Eli Berlin to put the Hubs back ahead of the Tigers 33-29. Princeton came within one point of the Hubs after Ian Morris outlasted Alex McBride for a 6-3 decision in the 195-pound bout. With no wrestlers to compete over the final two weight classes, the Tigers forfeited the 220-pound and 285-pound bouts to Kaiden Morris and Robert Stoffel.

Xavier Villalobos each earned major decisions, with Tourdot defeating Brandon Anderson 10-2 in the 113-pound bout and Villalobos downing Carter Skoff 11-1 in the 120-pound bout.

Sophomore Joseph Nadig and freshman Frank Nasca notched consecutive first-period falls over the 126-pound and 132-pound bouts, with Nadig beating Jordan Martinez and Nasca topping Kazden Klinker. Morris earned decisions over the 138-pound and 145-pound bouts, where Andrew Peterson outlasted junior Riley Damask 7-4 and Tyler Semlar held off freshman Brenden Voight 4-3. Cornelius Shaheer received a forfeit in the 152-pound bout for Morris. Sophomore Erich Metzger and freshman Roman Villalobos secured first-period falls

over the 160-pound and 170-pound bouts, with Metzger defeating Jeffery Martinez and Villalobos beating Andrew Paull. Junior Brock Metzger compiled two takedowns and two near falls in an 11-2 major decision over AJ Franzetti in the 182-pound bout. Junior Alexander McBride cruised over Michael Cisneros in the 195-pound bout, recording a first-period fall to extend the Hub lead.

Rochelle notched firstperiod falls over the 220-pound and 285-pound bouts, with sophomores Kaiden Morris and Robert Stoffel winning against Michael Xolio and Johnny Atuatasi.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team earned the Interstate 8 Conference regular season title on Tuesday with victories over Morris and Sandwich.

Indians. Frank Nasca followed with a first-period Gensler outlasted Josh in the 182-pound bout. fall over Jacob Cassie in Lehman for a 5-1 deci- The Indians earned their the 132-pound bout before sion in the 152-pound last win of the dual dur-Sandwich's Kadin Kern put the Indians on the scoreboard with an 11-2 major decision over Riley Damask in the 138-pound bout. Brenden Voight fended off Gabriel Galvan in the 145-pound bout, scoring a 5-2 decision

before sophomore Grant fall over Devon Blanchard ing the 195-pound bout, where Cesar Garcia edged Alexander McBride for a 5-2 decision. Kaiden Morris and Robert Stoffel each received forfeits for the 220-pound and 285-pound bouts to seal the match for the purple and white.

Morris

The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team clinched the Interstate 8 Conference regular season championship on Tuesday, when the purple and white cruised over Morris 60-12 and Sandwich 60-15 to end the season with an undefeated conference record.

Freshman Keagan Albers controlled the 106-pound bout against Alex Hughes, taking a 6-1 lead in the first period before recording a secondperiod fall. Junior Tommy Tourdot and sophomore

Sandwich

Keagan Albers (106), Tommy Tourdot (113), Xavier Villalobos (120) and Joseph Nadig (126) all received forfeits in the dual match against the bout. Sandwich and Rochelle exchanged falls over the 160-pound and 170-pound bouts, with Nolan Bobee winning against Erich Metzger and Roman Villalobos taking down Kaden Clevenger.

Brock Metzger followed with a second-period

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