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Gift shop improvements approved

City Council approves camera truck purchase

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its meeting Monday, the Rochelle City Council unanimously approved an ordinance accepting and approving a proposal from Bruns Construction for improvements to the Rochelle Railroad Park gift shop.

Bruns Construction was the low bid at $167,175. As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funds designated to communities were eligible for tourism-related expenditures due to pandemic-related impacts on the industry. As a result, various improvements to the Rochelle Railroad Park gift shop were identified by city staff. The project includes the addition of a handicap ramp entrance, bathroom remodels, addition of a front window and new siding, gutters and soffit.

The city's 2023 hotel/motel budget includes $135,000 in ARPA funds for the project and $32,175 in hotel/motel cash reserves and an additional $17,000 as a project contingency were approved Monday.

"Bruns is ready to get started pretty quickly, so it could be a winter into spring project." City Director of Community Engagement Jenny Thompson said.

Mayor John Bearrows was absent from the meeting and City Councilwoman Kate Shaw-Dickey served as mayor pro-tempore.

Camera truck

The council unanimously approved the total purchase of $254,145 for a new camera truck and software for the Rochelle Municipal Utilities water reclamation department.

To meet current IEPA regulations, the water reclamation department is required to regularly clean and televise the sanitary sewer system. The existing equipment used to perform the task is approximately 20 years old and needs to be replaced.

CBA

The council unanimously approved a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 196 with a term of May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2025.

The previous CBA expired April 30, 2022 and the union ratified the new agreement recently. Most of the provisions from the previous agreement carried over to the new one.

"The major highlights are salary and wages," City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. "The other big change is the call out pay. Those were the main sticking points of the contract. I want to commend our negotiation team and the union's negotiation team. I think this represents a great compromise."

Liquor license

The council unanimously approved an ordinance deleting one class R-2 liquor license for Tecalitlan Mexican Restaurant at 1071 Caron Road and created one class R-2 liquor license for Tecalitlan 7 Mexican Restaurant at the same location.

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VFW Queen of Hearts contest runs 54 weeks

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle VFW Post 3878's Queen of Hearts contest recently saw an unprecedented full 54-week run and the jackpot at the last drawing was $77,980.

The Queen of Hearts drawing involves 54 cards hidden under a covering to be revealed one card per week until the Queen of Hearts is drawn. There are 52 playing deck cards with the 2 jokers hidden.

Players at the local posts purchased tickets in increments of six for $5 and wrote a number corresponding to a hidden card on the board and their information on them before placing them in a tumbling drum. One ticket was drawn each Tuesday night and the card with the number on the ticket was revealed.

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Holt celebrates 101st birthday

Vivian O. Holt of Rochelle celebrated her 101st birthday. **Page 7**

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Little Hubs Learning Center officially opens

'We're here for the community and all these parents can go back to work...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Little Hubs Learning Center at 1010 N. 15th St. opened and saw its first day of operation on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Rochelle had been without a daycare since 2020 when Kishwaukee Family YMCA Child Care Center closed at the same location. The new daycare is owned by Ron and Joni Spartz and their daughter, Kristin Spartz Barlow, runs it as director.

The family and staff members worked for the past four months to open the facility and had to get it back in working order. Barlow said the work involved anywhere from 5-15 hours a day cleaning, fixing things, visits with DCFS and the state fire marshal and parent tours and signups.

"It was nonstop work for about four months," Barlow said. "We'd be here sometimes until midnight. The day before we opened we were here until 11 p.m. just making sure everything was ready to go. Knowing that we were finally done with that phase and stress was great. And it's been great knowing we're here for the community and all these parents can go back to work and school. That's the best part. They have a safe place for their children to go and we're here to provide it."

After the last daycare center closed, the City of Rochelle took on preliminary work in hopes of helping to bring a daycare back to town. It put out a survey to residents that came back with overwhelming results in favor of a daycare with 72 percent of respondents saying they're in need of a daycare and 71 percent saying their children would be likely to attend a daycare if it opened in town.

The Spartz family saw talk online about the need for daycare in Rochelle and Barlow brought up the idea of purchasing the building and opening one. She's worked on opening four other daycares under previous employers. Little Hubs Learning Center is a for-profit organization.

The facility has 24 staff members and Barlow said she was pleasantly surprised at the amount of interest in work at Little Hubs. When open interviews were done in September, 50 applicants were seen. A lot of current staff members worked at the location under previous owners, such as Assistant Director Brittany Furman, who worked at the location for about 23 years.

"It was nice to come back and see all the kids and have the building utilized again," Furman said. "It's a nice building and the community definitely needed it. When seeing parents on the first day, I could tell that some were relieved. They expressed that feeling of, 'Finally, reliable daycare.' If you go to a home daycare or something like that, they might be sick or go on vacation. Here, we don't close down for things like that. It's a lot more reliable and the hours are a little bit longer."

Little Hubs Learning Center currently has seven operating classrooms for different age groups.

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LOCAL NEWS

American Legion essay contest underway for 2023

The annual American Legion essay contest is underway for 2023. Information packets containing a description of the contest, rules, awards and due dates are being delivered to local schools, including home schooled groups. The contest is judged at three levels: Seventh and eighth-graders, ninth & 10th graders and 11th & 12th graders. The essay subject and title is "Who Are Our Modern Day Patriots?" The essay due date is Friday, Feb. 3, 2023. Shown above is St. Paul Principal Steve Hall, accepting a packet from American Legion Members (from left to right), John Gruben (commander), Chuck Roberts (senior-vice commander) and Steve Korth (adjutant). St. Paul School has participated in this essay contest since its inception in Rochelle seven years ago. For more information, email Korth at snkkorth@yahoo.com or Gruben at jgruben@comcast.net.

RTHS board accepting applications for vacancy

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School District 212 is accepting applications to fill the vacancy of Board Member Brian VanVickle, who has resigned his position. The open term starts on Feb. 22, 2023 and the term expires on the April 4, 2023 election.

RTHS District 212 continues to work to prepare students for their tomorrow. Applicants should show familiarity with the board's policies regarding general duties and responsibilities of a board and a board member, including fiduciary responsibilities, conflict of interest, ethics and gift ban. The board's policies are available online. Applications and requirements may be obtained at the Shared Services Central Office

located on the campus of RTHS, 1401 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068 or on the RTHS District 212's district's website – www.rthsd212.org on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023 at 9 a.m. Applications will be accepted until 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 27, 2023. Return completed applications to Rochelle Township High School District #212, 1401 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL, 61068, ATTN: Kathy Bull, board secretary or via email to kbull@rthsd212.org.

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Sheriff's Office releases 2022 holiday enforcement numbers

OREGON — The Ogle County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement across the state for the holiday "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign. From Dec. 16 through Jan. 2, deputies issued 129 citations for various violations to motorists. The citations included offenses including: five arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol, eight arrests for driving with no driver's license (revoked/suspended/no valid), 65 citations for speeding, 18 citations for registration violations, 10 citations for improper lane usage, seven citations for no insurance, one citation for no seat belt, one citation for illegal transportation of alcohol, one arrest for a misdemeanor cannabis violation and six citations for other traffic offenses.

"We can't stress this enough: Impaired driving is illegal, potentially deadly behavior, and it puts the driver, passengers and all road users at risk," Sheriff Brian VanVickle said. "The 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign helps our law enforcement officers address this problem head on. If you use any impairing substance, do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, in 2020, a total of 11,654 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2016 to 2020, with one person killed in an alcohol-related crash every 45 minutes in 2020.

The holiday enforcement campaign is administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by NHTSA.

Benefit for Austin set for Jan. 28

ROCHELLE — A fundraiser benefitting Mary Austin is planned for. Saturday, Jan. 28 at the VFW in Rochelle at 318 4th Ave. from noon to 4 p.m.

The funds raised will help Austin with unexpected medical expenses after she was diagnosed with colon cancer and has undergone two surgeries with complications and extended hospital stays. She's currently going through chemotherapy with one surgery yet to come. If you would like to donate your time, food, cash or raffle items, please call Amy (daughter) at 815-766-1277 or Tasha (daughter) at 815-973-6280.

The event will include raffles for bigger items, a TV raffle for $10 a square, 50/50 drawings and silent auctions.

Mary Austin

Dinner tickets cost $10 apiece and includes a choice of pork chops or pulled pork with various sides and cookies.

(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The council unanimously approved a resolution changing its RMU electric rate for hydroponic businesses. The council also unanimously approved an ordinance amending the effective date of its RMU efficiency program.

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New owners Josefina Valencia and Angelica Valencia recently purchased the business. Existing liquor licenses can't be transferred to new owners. A class R-2 liquor license allows for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises by restaurants with no bar. Bearrows, the liquor commissioner, reviewed the request previously and had no objection to the transaction.

Sewer

The council unanimously approved a resolution approving support and commitment of local funds for a grant application for its phase four sewer lining project.

The city would commit $300,000 of its own funds for the project if the grant is received and is requesting $1,022,200 in grant funds.

"We started this in 2016-2017 and we haven't had a basement backup since we've done it," RMU Utilities Superintendent Adam Lanning said. "It's been a great success."

Electric rates

The council unanimously approved a resolution changing its RMU electric rate for hydroponic businesses. After reviewing its rate structure, RMU leadership decided the rate needed to be adjusted to be more in line with current market pricing.

"The new rate will have an on-peak, off-peak and critical peak rate," RMU Electric Superintendent Blake Toliver said. "That way in the summer it helps incentivize them to curb their critical peak usage. This takes effect Feb. 1."

Efficiency

The council unanimously approved an ordinance amending the effective date of its RMU efficiency program. Residents that make upgrades to their homes to reduce energy or water usage are eligible for the program's benefits. The ordinance Monday will now retroactively include upgrades to homes dating back to after Jan. 1, 2022.

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LOCAL NEWS

VFW: Queen of Hearts contest sees unprecedented run

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When the Queen of Hearts is drawn, the winner receives 70 percent of the pot if they are present for the drawing and 60 percent if they are not present.

The winner drawn Dec. 27 after 54 weeks was Lisa Kresser, who was not present and received 60 percent of the pot. The remaining 40 percent was split between the post and local non-profit organizations. As the pot got larger and larger, the post saw more entries, attention and attendance from players, especially on Tuesday nights.

"It's really unprecedented," Post Commander Joe Drought said. "We've never seen it go that far and nobody that I know of has seen any other post that's gone the full distance. It's never gotten this big before. It got a phenomenal response. We use this as a fundraiser and it helps out with the bar. We've seen an uptick in our lunch sales and revenue. It's been a really good thing for the post to be able to do this. It's certainly helped out with paying the bills and being able to do more in the community."

The VFW Post Board of Directors voted to distribute its $15,600 portion of the jackpot evenly to the following organizations: HOPE of Ogle County, the Rochelle Police Department K-9 Program, Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Pegasus Special Riders and Village of Progress.

"A big part of the purpose of the VFW is Americanism and supporting our community," Drought said. "Because our community has been very supportive of us. We want to continue that and people to look upon veterans favorably. We want that to be a positive thing in people's minds and eyes. There have been times when we needed the support and didn't have the funds to do critical repairs on our roof or restrooms. The community really came out in support of us and helped those efforts tremendously. We want to give back when we can. It gives us great joy to be able to do it."

Drought said the post's portion of the proceeds have been set aside as the board looks at "numerous" projects that are needed. Some of the money has been put into the operating budget to help keep the bar and restaurant running.

The VFW post commander said it was exciting to see the community come out for the Queen of Hearts contest. He said some in the community may have the misconception that the VFW is only for veterans and their families. While that was the case years ago, it isn't now.

"That mentality changed several years ago because we were facing closing our doors and many posts have had to close their doors and give up their organization because they weren't making enough money," Drought said. "We embrace the mentality that the public is welcome. Without the public coming and enjoying our products and services or renting a hall, we would've had to close our doors many, many years ago. It really has been a huge help."

The VFW will be starting another Queen of Hearts contest with ticket sales beginning Jan. 10 and the first drawing Jan. 17. The new jackpot is $26,840. During the last few weeks of the recent contest with a large jackpot and high ticket sales, Drought said the post had to buy a larger tumbling drum to fit all of the tickets.

"I ordered the largest one I could find," Drought said. "We had to make sure we could fit all of the tickets. It was a good problem to have. I'd just like to thank our excellent staff here. They've been working their tails off and they've really done a great job. I give a lot of credit to our new Club Operations Manager Robin Gounaris. She's done a great job and so have all of our bartenders and food service staff. We wouldn't be anywhere near successful without them. We really appreciate all of their efforts."

(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Rochelle Lions Club donates winter clothes for students in Rochelle School District 231

The Rochelle Lions Club recently donated new winter clothing for students in the Rochelle Elementary District 231. Accepting the winter clothing on behalf of District 231 were Guidance Counselor Kelly Polz and Principal Justin Adolph of Central School and Guidance Counselor Erin Strouss of Lincoln Elementary School. The Rochelle Lions were represented by Rick Cogswell and Kevin Zilm.

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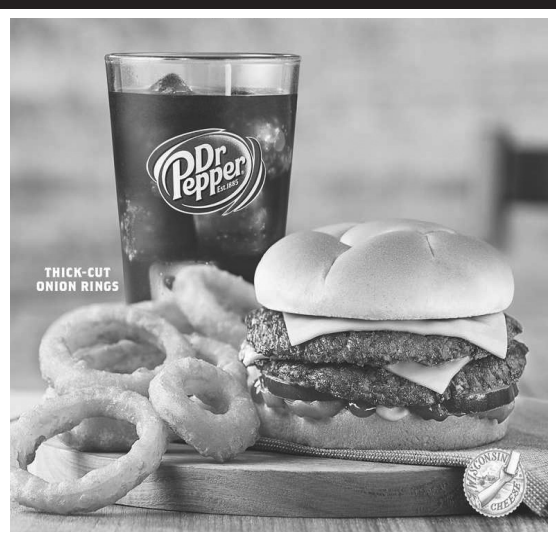

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Catherine N. Goelitz

ROCHELLE — Catherine N. Goelitz, 92, of Rochelle passed away on Sunday, Jan. 8 at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon. Catherine was born on Aug. 24, 1930 in Galena to Heiko and Mildred (Rindesbacher) Grimm.

On Sept. 9, 1950, she married Harold Goelitz in Rochelle. From an early age, Catherine's artistic talent showed in her drawings and paintings. She was an avid crafter, supplying family and church bazaars with home decor and Christmas decorations for many years.

Catherine also enjoyed photography, flower gardening and puzzles. She spent many hours playing cards with friends. Reading bedtime stories with the grandchildren and great grandchildren was a cherished time together. Family camping trips plus trips with Harold made for great sightseeing and lasting memories.

Catherine was an active member of the Esmond United Methodist Church where she served in a variety of rolls. She was also a member of the home extension. Her greatest joys were being a farm wife and her family.

Catherine is survived by her four children: Robert (Ruth Ann) Goelitz of Byron, Gary (Carol) Goelitz of Abilene, Texas, Janet (Greg) Byrnes of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin and Nancy Sykora of Lake Barrington, Illinois; six grandchildren: Brian (Alyssa), Jeff (Erin), Melissa (Shea), Jason (Sarah), Denae (Greg), and Vicki (Avery); ten great grandchildren: Megan, Thomas, Cole, Blake, Andrew, Ryan, Elise, Randel, Aiden and Brandon; two step grandchildren: John and Lisa and their families; sister-in-law, Marcia Goelitz and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Catherine was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; sisters: Eleanor (John) Arand and Hope (Vince) Petitgoue and brother-in-law, Boyd Goelitz.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Esmond United Methodist Church with Pastor Dave Rogula officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m., prior to the funeral service at the church. Interment will follow in Esmond Greenview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Catherine's name to the Esmond United Methodist Church.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Cliff Polley

ROCHELLE — Cliff Polley, 61, passed away at his home in Rochelle on Jan. 5 after a six-month battle with cancer.

Cliff was born in Chicago on May 1, 1961. Cliff enjoyed motorsports, steam trains, drag racing, model building and caring for animals. He shared and imbued these passions into his sons, along with love of music, video games and science fiction.

At a young age, Cliff poured his heart and soul into gymnastics and weightlifting while also playing football his freshman and sophomore years in high school. As he grew older, he turned that energy and a keen mechanical understanding towards motocross racing and building cars (most notably his Mustangs). He married his high school sweetheart, Jennifer Nicholson, on June 7, 1981. They were married for 41 years and raised three magnificent boys together. Cliff actively encouraged his sons to follow their passions and supported them in any way he could. He had an infectious laugh, was quick to joke around with friends and family at the dinner table and even with strangers in passing.

Cliff worked at Rittenhouse from 1979-1989, at Caterpillar from 1989-2017 as a test specialist, and at IDEAL as a machinist from 2018-2023.

He will be remembered as a caring, selfless man whose love for his wife, sons, family and friends could only be outsized by his warmth and joy for life. To say he will be missed is an understatement – his passing leaves a void that can never be filled.

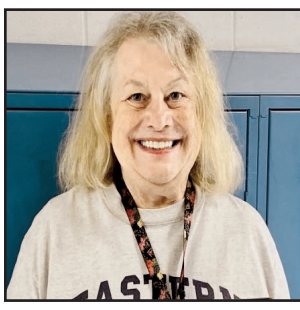
Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, Phillip J. Polley and Roxanne (Gould) Agren, his father-in-law James (Nick) Nicholson and brother-in-law Jeffrey W. Nicholson.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; sons Jeremy (Sarah), Joshua (Tarrin) and Nicholas (Heather) Polley; six grandchildren; stepmother Rita Polley; sister Kip (Steve) Berg; and many nephews, nieces and friends.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 3 p.m. until time of funeral service at 5 p.m. at Anderson Funeral Home, 2011 S. 4th St., DeKalb, IL 60115

Flowers or memorials can be made to the Polley family in care of Anderson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 605, 2011 S. Fourth St., DeKalb, IL 60115. Donations received will be put towards the Rochelle Police Department K9 fund and the Fxck Cancer Organization.

Linda Jean Cagle



ROCHELLE — Linda Jean Cagle, 74, passed away on Friday, Jan. 6 at Loyola Hospital in Chicago with family at her side. She was born on Sept. 27, 1948 in Rochelle, the daughter of Lorenz and Betty (Bunger) Metzger.

Linda graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and taught for 50 years in the Rochelle Elementary School District. She believed people should be life-long learners and in 2010, after 40 years in the classroom, Linda graduated from National Louis University with a master's of education in curriculum and instruction.

Her passion for teaching as well as love for her students and colleagues is what "kept her going." During her much-deserved retirement, Linda traveled, read, and discovered streaming TV. History and mystery shows were her favorite. She said the best part was spending more time with her beloved grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Paul C. Cagle, and brother, Larry Metzger. Linda is survived by her three children: Rhonda (Kevin) Crandall of Rochelle, Jennifer Cagle of Rochelle and Steve (Sarah) Cagle of DeKalb; eight grandchildren: Mallory and Noah Mershon, Mitch (Stephanie) Crandall, Mackenzie (Brent) Boardman, Myah (Logan Brown) Braden, Makenna Malarchik, Emma Carmichael and Lilly Cagle; five brothers: Lee (Mary) Metzger, Merle (Sue) Metzger, Mark (Diane) Metzger, Mick (Mary Beth) Metzger, and Tom (Amy) Metzger; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The memorial service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Gregory Hoffman officiating. Burial will be at Lawnridge Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for memorials to be placed at Central School and the Rochelle Middle School. Visit www.UngerHorner.com to sign the online guest book.

James Andrew Kucenski

ROCHELLE — James Andrew Kucenski, of Rochelle, passed away in Aurora on Monday, Jan. 9.

There are no plans for a memorial service at this moment.

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Deputies make arrests

OREGON — On Jan. 6 at approximately 3:40 p.m. deputies conducted traffic stop in the 14,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After an investigation, deputies arrested Thomas Worthington II, 37, of Davis Junction on an outstanding warrant and driving while license suspended. Worthington was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Jan. 6 at approximately 11:04 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. After investigation, deputies placed Kandras Martin, 25, of Rockford under arrest for an active Whiteside County warrant, possession of a controlled substance (crack-cocaine) and improper container of cannabis as a driver. Martin was additionally issued a citation for a defective taillight. Martin was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On Jan. 7 at approximately 3:30 a.m. deputies with the assistance of the Illinois State Police responded to the intersection of Illinois Route 72 and Limestone Road for the report of a vehicle parked in the intersection. Upon arrival, a male driver later identified as Charlie Zabinski, 20, was found asleep at the wheel. After a brief investigation, Zabinksi was taken into custody for driving under the influence of alcohol. Zabinski was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was additionally cited for parking in an intersection.

On Jan. 9, deputies arrested Christopher Canales, 21, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Canales was arrested by deputies on Interstate 39 near Illinois Route 64, after being stopped for speeding 116 m.p.h. in a 70-m.p.h. speed zone. Canales was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

On Jan. 9 at approximately 7:50 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of North Freeport Road. After an investigation, Jordan M. Meinert, 31, of Freeport, was arrested for an outstanding Whiteside County warrant and for improper container of cannabis as a driver. Meinert was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Meinert was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

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LOCAL NEWS

HUBS: Learning center opens at former YMCA building

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Out of the seven, three are completely full with a waiting list.

"We still have openings in our other rooms," Barlow said. "We have space for 106 children and we have 58 enrolled. We're at about half capacity in those. Most of them are older kids that we can take. We noticed a big need for small children, especially younger infants and toddlers under two. The amount of care that was needed for them, those rooms filled up day one. We could tell how needed it was because those parents were here immediately trying to get packets to get their children in."

Barlow said that on the second day of operation, almost every parent she talked to said their children fell asleep early and had to be woken up the next morning.

"Because they were tired from being here and getting their energy out and having fun and playing and learning," Barlow said. "It was great to see. The children get more socialization here and meet others and a lot of children that are their age."

(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Little Hubs Learning Center currently has seven operating classrooms for different age groups. Out of the seven, three are completely full with a waiting list.

In the future, Barlow said Little Hubs Learning Center hopes to add another school-age classroom. She'd also like to host a camp for school-age kids in the summer. She's currently working with the Rochelle Elementary School District on getting transportation to the center after school starting next year.

"I'd also like to get more active in the community and have a place here where kids can get clothing and canned goods and things that they need," Barlow said. "Not just kids that come here, but anybody who needs anything. I'd like to get something started on that. People bring stuff in and donate it and we're able to help out people that need it."

Not only did the community play a part in advocating for a daycare to come back to Rochelle, but it also helped Little Hubs Learning Center in its work to open over recent months.

"The community has been great," Barlow said. "Anytime I'd post on Facebook looking for something for the facility, they came through. I was short a couple of things, and people would drop something off. I needed a slide one day and somebody was there that day dropping off a slide. Anytime I needed help, the community reached out to help us with getting open. And that's how I got a lot of my staff, through word of mouth."

Speech team nets nine firsts at United Township Invitational

MOLINE — On Saturday, the Rochelle Township High School Speech Team won the United Township Speech Invitational, accruing nine gold & seven silver medals. The results are below:

Varsity division: Paul Swartz/Mikayla Preston 1st Place Dramatic Duet Acting, Z Brizuela 1st Place Oratorical Declamation, Bella Nauman 2nd Place Oratorical Declamation, Paul Swartz 3rd Place Informative Speaking, Z Brizuela 4th Place Dramatic Interpretation, Pigeon Burgholzer/Brooklyn Hull 4th Place Humorous Duet Acting, Aiden Ramsey 4th Place Radio Speaking, Karma Lidren 5th Place Humorous Interpretation, Aiden Ramsey 5th Place Impromptu Speaking, Bobbie Henning 5th Place Original Comedy, Jessica Nguyen 6th Place Informative Speaking, Bobbie Henning 6th Place Humorous Interpretation and Vi Hull 6th Place Prose Reading.

Next-in division: Mikayla Preston 1st Place Dramatic Interpretation, Paul Swartz 1st Place Extemporaneous Speaking, Sienna Seebach 1st Place Original Comedy, Bella Nauman 1st Place Oratory, Liam Wise 2nd Place Impromptu Speaking, Liam Wise 2nd Place Informative Speaking, Indigo Marsden 2nd Place Special Occasion Speaking, Jessica Nguyen 3rd Place Oratory, Khalil Winston 3rd Place Original Comedy, Karma Lidren/Ashes Glover 3rd Place Humorous Duet Acting, Hailey Bunger/Alayna Smardo 4th Place Humorous Duet Acting, Sienna Seebach 4th Place Humorous Interpretation, Ashes Glover 5th Place Poetry Reading and Tilly Gonser 6th Place Poetry Reading.

Novice division: Lucas Smardo 1st Place Radio Speaking, Jimmy Chavez 1st Place Extemporaneous Speaking, Tilly Gonser 1st Place Special Occasion Speaking, Alayna Smardo 2nd Place Oratorical Declamation, Hailey Bunger 2nd Place Prose Reading, Brooklyn Hull 2nd Place Dramatic Interpretation, Cassandra Aguilera 4th Place Oratorical Declamation and Faith Adams 5th Place Informative Speaking.

Speakers of the week are Pigeon Burgholzer and Brooklyn Hull. On Saturday, RTHS will host the I-8 Conference Speech Meet.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Politicians who lie and why it matters

FOLKS are wringing their hands over George Santos.

He's a liar. And he got caught.

He said he graduated from college. He didn't.

He said he had fancy jobs at Goldman Sachs and Citibank. They say they've never heard of him.

He said he was a successful real estate investor. He doesn't own any property and is deep in debt.

So, what do you call someone like that? Congressman.

Yes, the Republican won a toss-up district in New York. And Democrats are crying foul.

The voters were tricked. Bamboozled. Deceived. Fooled.

Sigh.

Former Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin lied about graduating from college. State Sen. Sam McCann lied about being a Marine. Rod Blagojevich lied about, well, just about everything.

I've been covering politicians for 35 years. And I've been lied to for just as long. Some folks want Santos removed from office because of what he said to get there.

With Republicans holding a razor thin majority in the House, don't hold your breath that they will remove one of their own for doing something that happened before he held office. In case you think I'm picking on the GOP, the Democrats aren't any better at policing their own ranks.

When Bill Clinton said, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky," do you remember all of the Democrats in Congress lining up to remove him from office? Me neither.

Presidential biographer Doris Kearns Goodwin once asked Lyndon Johnson why he had so often told people that his grandfather had died at the Alamo, when he knew it was not true.

Johnson, she said, confessed to the fraud, but had a ready explanation. "My grandfather wasn't killed at the Alamo," she recalled him saying. "He was killed at the Battle of San Jacinto, which Texans know was more important in achieving independence (from Mexico), but other Americans usually haven't heard of. So, I moved him to the Alamo."

"That seemed reasonable," Goodwin told a group of reporters years ago, "until I did some further checking and found he hadn't been killed in the Battle of San Jacinto either. He died in bed."

Scott Reeder

When you find discrepancies in the stories of politicians, look out. Someone who refuses to deal honestly with their private life may well distort the reality while holding public office.

Remember Johnson distorted an ambiguous encounter between a North Vietnamese and U.S. ship in the Gulf of Tonkin into the pretext for war.

I once worked for a liar. Maybe "serial fableist" would be a better term. Almost every conversation I had with him was filled with lies and distortions. He lied about big things and small. And he often ended his conversations with, "Remember, I've got your back."

Whenever he'd say that, I'd roll my eyes, tell him goodbye and hang-up the phone. I'd ask myself why he lied so much, even about things that in no discernable way benefitted him.

When he told me to lie for him, my answer was clear, "No."

Some of the best career advice I ever received came from a public servant named Gene Callahan. He told me, he would always tell prospective employers two things: "I'll never lie for you, and I'll return all of my phone calls by the end of every day."

Some folks might ask what does not lying and returning phone calls have to do with one another? One is about a lie of commission and the other about a lie of omission. Both are bad. He wasn't the type to avoid calls so he wouldn't have to answer tough questions.

His daughter former U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, is one of the most honorable public servants I've ever covered. He raised her right. (Cheri and I worked together for a decade at the *Quad-City Times*.)

In our cynical age, it's easy to dismiss all politicians as liars. Many are. But not all.

This growing cynicism stems from many things, not the least is the corrupt system that we find ourselves in.

Most members of Congress and the Illinois General Assembly face either no or nominal opposition.

When a voter learns that they have been lied to, there is little they can do when they have no alternative on the ballot.

But what about the hotly-contested races like that of George Santos? Well, the best disinfectant is sunlight. And in this case, the media organizations that covered the race let us down.

With the exception of the reporting from one small weekly newspaper in his district, we never were told of Santos' deceptions until *after* he had been elected. New York is the last U.S. city with three daily newspapers and it's the center of the media universe. And nobody picked up that there was a liar in their midst?

The necessary shoe-leather reporting wasn't done.

Journalism is being the public's eyes and ears. That means going to the courthouse and checking candidate's backgrounds for criminal convictions, calling schools to see if their education claims are true. One of my favorites is checking birthdates. You'd be surprised how many politicians lie about their age.

Unfortunately, less of that is happening. So, what can voters do when they learn that the candidate they voted for lied to them?

There isn't a whole lot you can do about a liar – other than not elect them again.

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Roberts: The word of the year

THE English language is continually evolving. Words that meant one thing in the past have developed a new meaning now. Check this out: according to the new Cambridge Dictionary, the latest definition of a woman is: "an adult who lives and identifies as a female even though they may have been born as a different sex." Likewise a man is now "an adult who lives and identifies as a male even though they might have been born a different sex." It is interesting to note that the definition refers to a different sex, not the opposite sex suggesting that there are more than two sexes.

New meanings have developed for old words, like the adjective woke. I use to think of woke as a verb: I woke up tired this morning. A woke corporation is an entity that signals its support for progressive policies as a means of maintaining influence and signaling a form of virtue. Woke corporations typically support the leftist side of an issue. The word "woke capitalism" has often been attributed to an article by Ross Douthat in the New York Times in 2015, and the usage of this term has grown exponentially ever since.

But the winner-take-all for this year is the Merriam-Webster Dictionary word of the year: "gaslighting." Gaslighting has its origin in the 1938 English play, "Gaslight" by Patrick Hamilton, where a husband attempts to drive his wife crazy by distorting reality and slowly dimming the gaslights so he can declare her insane, commit her to an institution and collect her inheritance. The wife notices the dimming of the gaslights, but the husband leads her to believe that they are not fading so as to have her question her own sanity. According to Robin Stern, author of "The Gaslight Effect," gaslighting is, "the act of undermining another person's reality by denying facts, the environment around them, or their feelings."

Chuck Roberts

According to the American Psychological Association in the past, gaslighting is "manipulation so extreme as to induce mental illness or to justify commitment of the gaslighted person to a psychiatric institution." In recent years, the term, gaslighting, has expanded usage to mean essentially lying with a straight face. Those who participate in gaslighting are often pathological liars and display narcissistic tendencies. They are interested in gaining control over a group or over a particular discussion. Some examples of gaslighting phrases are: "That did not happen," "I never said that," "That's a lie," "You're nuts," "The border is secure," etc. You can often recognize a gaslighter by their need to impose their judgements on you; they feel they are always correct in their assertions; they are constantly complaining; they never accept responsibility; they are constantly calling you names; they say one thing and do another and are intimidating.

These words with new meanings are often put forth by the elite and powerful in our society to reinforce their elitism and perhaps control the conversation. When one of these elitists hits a person with a fancy word that they know nothing about, the listener usually doesn't respond since it is prudent not to talk about something you know nothing about. If clarification is asked of the elitist, a person often runs the risk of being declared an idiot. It may be prudent to just disengage from the conversation and obtain the clarification by other means.

Someday, these words will probably fade into oblivion much like the expression, "it's a Doozy" (referring to the fancy and unusual Duesenberg automobile) and "jeepers creepers" (an expression of surprise which came from the 1938 song by Louis Armstrong).

New words or words with new meanings will most likely continue to appear.

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COMMUNITY

2023 community events schedule set for Rochelle

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle recently finalized its 2023 community event schedule.

March will include a hiring expo on March 10 and the Lucky Hub Dash on March 11.

April will include the Lions Club Rose Day on April 15 and the CAN Food Truck Festival April 22.

May will include the Cinco De Mayo Festival on May 6 and Railroad Days on May 20-21.

June will include the Outdoor Market on June 24.

The month of July will see fireworks on July 2, a Movie in the Park on July 14 and the Outdoor Market on July 29.

The month of August will include Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival on Aug. 18-20 and the Outdoor Market Aug. 26.

September will include Fiesta Hispana Sept. 16 and the Outdoor Market Sept. 30.

October will include Hay Day Oct. 14 with the CAN Food Truck Festival and Lions Candy Day the same day, along with the Outdoor Market and trick or treating on Oct. 28.

November will include the Turkey Trot on Nov. 23. December will include the Old Fashioned Christmas Walk on Dec. 1.

Holt celebrates 101st birthday

Vivian O. Holt of Rochelle celebrated her 101st birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 10. She is shown holding her name sake, and great granddaughter, seven-month-old Vivian Annalee Potts. She resides at Liberty Village at Rochelle. Lynda And Ron Sassaman of Rochelle are her daughter and son-in-law. Her late husband was Thurman Holt She has been a resident of Rochelle for several of those 101 years!

Dec. 5 - Matt Hayes, Steward, $25

Dec. 6 - James Peterson, Rockford, $25

Dec. 7 - Sherry Good, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 8 - HOPE of Ogle County, $25

Dec. 9 - Ethan Koch, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 10 - From the Heart, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 11 - Kathy Spears, Shabbona, $50

Dec. 12 - Aubrey Meinen, Davis Junction, $25

Dec. 13 - Joe Thompson, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 14 - Evan Meyers, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 15 - Sharon Gardner, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 16 - From the Heart, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 17 - Nancy Reed, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 18 - Brook Kaysaw Abi Cruse, Rockford, $50

Dec. 19 - From the Heart, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 20 - Berta Arreguin, Davis Junction, $25

Dec. 21 - Kathy Yocum, Franklin Grove, $25

Dec. 22 - Nena Stewart, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 23 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, $25

Dec. 24 - Kathy Prestegaard, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 25 - Lindsay Sweckard, Rochelle, $1,000

Dec. 26 - Bridget Blaine, Dixon, $25

Dec. 27 - Rochelle Foods, $25

Dec. 28 - From the Heart, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 29 - Bill Hahn, Rochelle, $25

Dec. 30 - Nick Smallwood, Montgomery, $25

Dec. 31 - Greg Hackbarth, Lindenwood, $25

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

January 12 – (Thursday) – Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas
January 17 – (Tuesday) – Beef Taco Salad, w/Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Jalapenos, Salsa, Sour Cream
January 19 – (Thursday) – Chicken and Sausage Gumbo over Rice
January 20 – (Friday) – BBQ Baby Back Ribs, Coleslaw, Macaroni and Cheese
January 24 – (Tuesday) – Stuffed Chicken Breasts, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans
January 26 - (Thursday) – Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread
January 31 – (Tuesday) – Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice, Egg Rolls
February 5 – (Sunday Brunch) – Serving from 9 to 12 – Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Breakfast Casserole, Oatmeal, Sausage Links or Country Ham

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Christina Jones

Jan. 13
Judy Messer

Jan. 14
Haley Thompson
Jeannie O'Dell-Boeck

Jan. 15
Kami South
Trenton South

Jan. 19
Kevin South

Jan. 20
Noelia Lopez
Harold & Kathy Sanders (anniversary)
Hailey Losoya

Jan. 23
Michele Perez
Victoria Lopez
Odessa Waters

Jan. 24
Terry Dodillet
Kelly Arnold

Jan. 25
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Jan. 28
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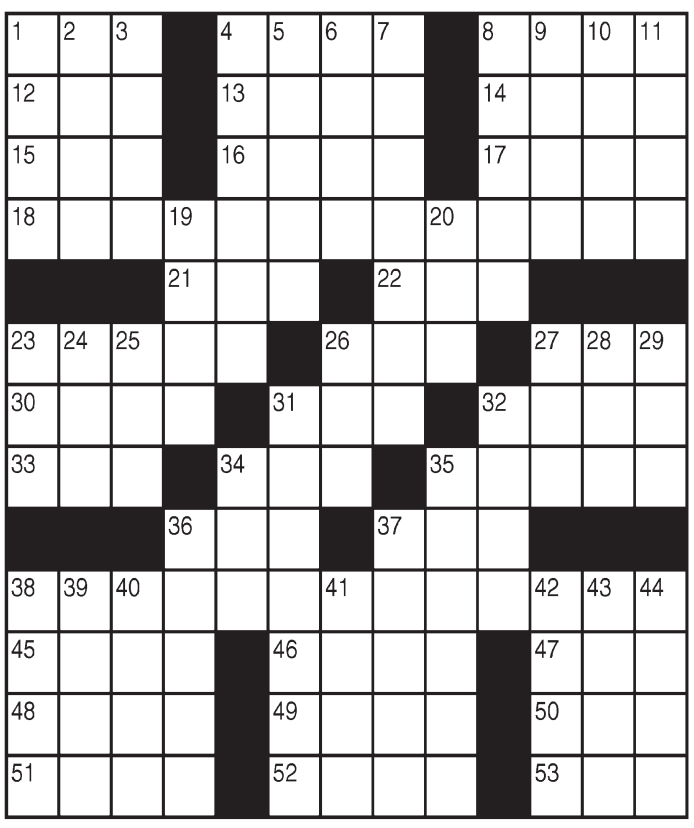

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8 "Cheers" order
12 Brooch
13 Oodles
14 Plotting
15 Swelled head
16 Reed and Rawls
17 "Hud" actress Patricia
18 Star of "NCIS: Los Angeles"
21 Klutz
22 Singer Starr
23 Photo book
26 Witty one
27 Crater part
30 Corp. kingpins
31 24 hours
32 Cab cost
33 Sauce source
34 Novelist Rand
35 Avid
36 Anderson Cooper's channel
37 Calendar abbr.
38 Official flower of Chicago
45 Cash advance
46 Manhattan area
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48 During
49 Nest setting
50 Pep
51 Sandwich shop
52 Play area
53 Greek vowel

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2 Lofty
3 — about (roughly)
4 Fragrant wood
5 Unfriendly
6 Noisy
7 "Not a problem!"
8 Energizer mascot
9 Fencing sword
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11 Bakery buy
19 Debtors' notes
20 Pester
23 Rm. coolers
24 Sign before Virgo
25 Lad
26 Pallid
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28 Anger
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **X** equals **R**

CAL'S VAZ SKPLF SKB CXV-BXMEB RKPSBOAMXC RME M XBMDDV NMXJBDAZE PLJBLSPAL? PS'E XB-NMXFMODB.

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CryptoQuip answer

Don't you think the dry-erase whiteboard was a really marvelous invention? It's re-markable.

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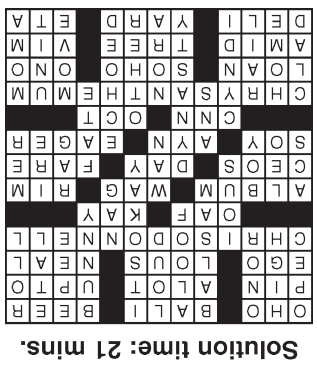

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ASHTON NEWS

Teacher Appreciation Day held at AFCHS

The Ashton-Franklin Center Boosters put together a Teacher Appreciation Day at the high school basketball games on Saturday, a school district Facebook post said. "The crowd was fantastic and the athletes were enthusiastic!" the post said. "Thank you Boosters! To top off the already great day, all 3 high school basketball teams won their games! It's great to be a Raider!"

AFC basketball teams score wins

ASHTON — The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team dropped a close battle against Polo on Tuesday, Jan. 3, falling 44-43 despite 14 points from Carson Rueff and 10 points from Lane Koning. Jordan Harris added nine points and Kaleb Goldman scored six points in the loss.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team dominated Kirkland on Saturday, Jan. 7, winning 54-32 behind 14 points from Carson Rueff and 13 points from Kaleb Goldman. Lane Koning added 10 points and Jordan Harris chipped in five points for AFC in the win.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team outlasted Orangeville for a 63-53 win on Monday, Jan. 9. Carson Rueff shined for the Raiders, scoring 29 points while Jordan Harris added 13 points and Kaleb Goldman recorded 11 points. Zane Murphy and Lane Koning each totaled five points in the win.

Girls

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team crushed Kirkland on Saturday, Jan. 7, winning 42-9 with Brianna Gonnerman scoring 12 points and Taylor Jahn adding 10 points.

Reese Polk totaled eight points and Alexis Schwarz chipped in four points for the Lady Raiders in the win. Mallory Coffman finished with three points for the Lady Raiders.

Lee County releases holiday enforcement numbers

DIXON — The Lee County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement across the state for the holiday "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign. From Dec. 16 through Jan. 2, the Lee County Sheriff's Office showed zero tolerance for impaired driving, arresting zero offenders.

"We can't stress this enough: Impaired driving is illegal, potentially deadly behavior, and it puts the driver, passengers and all road users at risk," Chief Deputy Derek Ranken said. "The 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign helps our law enforcement officers address this problem head on. If you use any impairing substance, do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle."

The Lee County Sheriff's Office ramped up its usual enforcement efforts. In addition to impaired driving enforcement, the Lee County Sheriff's Office issued four seat belt citations and four distracted driving citations.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, in 2020, a total of 11,654 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2016 to 2020, with one person killed in an alcohol-related crash every 45 minutes in 2020.

The holiday enforcement campaign is administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by NHTSA.

DAR seeks scholarship contest entries for 2023

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is seeking entries for scholarship contests. Entries may be submitted from regional public, private, parochial or homeschooled students. No DAR affiliation is required.

A very important part of the DAR is promoting education. Each year, Illinois Daughters award college scholarships. The Rochelle Chapter will sponsor one high school senior for the $1,000 Illinois DAR general scholarship competition, as well as one high school senior for the General Henry Dearborn American History Scholarship at the state level. The chapter looks forward to submitting a winning candidate for these scholarships again this year.

The IL DAR general scholarship is limited to students who are U.S. citizens, graduating seniors from high school, and those who will attend colleges or universities in Illinois (two-year junior colleges and four-year institutions). To qualify for the Illinois DAR general scholarships, a student's financial need and academic consideration are both factors.

The General Henry Dearborn History Scholarship has no financial need component, but is for a graduating high school senior interested in pursuing a career in some phase of history. It is not limited to an Illinois college or university.

Details about the Illinois scholarships and application requirements, as well as scholarships available through the National Society, can be found at https://ildar.org/assets/pages/education.html

The deadline to submit entries to Rochelle Chapter is Jan. 31. No entries postmarked after that date will be considered. All entries should be submitted in one mailing, and incomplete entries will not be considered. Entries should be mailed to: Rochelle Chapter, NSDAR PO Box 104, Rochelle, IL 61068; Attn: Scholarships.

Questions can be emailed to regent.dar.rochelle@gmail.com.

Cupcakes and Cocktails event set for March 29

FREEPORT — CONTACT of Northern Illinois will be hosting its 10-year anniversary for Cupcakes and Cocktails. Join them Wednesday, March 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at This Is It Eatery, 16 N. Chicago Ave. Freeport.

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Any questions, please call: CONTACT of Northern Illinois at 815-233-4402. This Is It Eatery will be donating 10 percent of food sales during the event.

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TWO TOURNAMENTS

The RWC wrestled at the Leyden Wolfpack Open and the Hawk Invitational.

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RTHS Wrestling

Hub matmen take fourth

Eight Rochelle athletes bring home medals from XLVII Sycamore Invitational

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team finished fourth out of 15 schools in the XLVII Sycamore Invitational on Saturday. Eight Rochelle athletes brought home top-8 medals in the tournament.

SYCAMORE — Despite missing three starters, the Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team hung tough against some of the best Class 2A and Class 3A programs in northern Illinois at the XLVII Sycamore Invitational on Saturday. The Hubs (22-1, 5-0 Interstate 8), who saw eight athletes earn top-8 medals, finished fourth out of 15 schools with 387.5 points in the tournament.

"I thought our performance was outstanding today," head coach Alphonso Vruno said. "We were disappointed with our performance last season, but the kids wrestled really well today and we performed a lot better during the medal rounds. We struggled during those rounds at the Rockford East tournament earlier this season and we talked with our kids about finishing strong. We had only 11 kids today and taking fourth in a loaded field has me feeling really proud."

Sophomore Xavier Villalobos (23-1) led the way for the purple and white, placing second in the 120-pound bracket and scoring a team-high 46 points. Villalobos earned consecutive byes and went 2-1 over three bouts as a high seed, recording a fall over Kaneland's Alex Gochis and outlasting Rock Island's Daniel McGhee with an 8-6 sudden victory in the semifinal round. Villalobos faced York's Zach Parisi for the championship, conceding a 6-1 decision in the finals.

"We always talk about taking care of business and our goal as a team is to win a regional," Vruno said. "It's cool to see our kids going after bonus points during these individual matchups and they're always checking to see what the team score is. Our kids have done an awesome job of cheering each other on and it says a lot about the culture that we've built here."

Sophomores Joseph Nadig (22-4) and Kaiden Morris (24-4) each finished third on Saturday. Nadig took third in the 126-pound bracket, earning falls over St. Charles North's Jack Karsten and Unity's Hunter Shike before conceding a 16-0 technical fall to Mundelein's Benji Albavera in the semifinals. Nadig bounced back with a fall over McHenry's Lucas Van Diepen for third place.

Morris also reached the semifinal round, notching consecutive falls over Sycamore's Tristan Countryman and Unity's Haidyn Hendricks and holding off York's Austin Bagdasarian for a 3-0 decision in the 220-pound bracket. After a loss by fall against Nazareth Academy's Gabe Kaminski, Morris secured third with a 4-3 decision over Glenbrook South's Alex Enkhbaatar.

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RTHS Boys Basketball

Second-half lead slips away against Sandwich

Late-game turnovers and missed free throws hurt Hubs in 68-65 loss Friday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Carson Lewis holds the ball from Sandwich defender Ali Galvan during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Indians on Friday.

ROCHELLE — An opportunity for the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team to take down an Interstate 8 Conference foe slipped away Friday evening, when the purple and white held a double-digit lead over the Sandwich Indians midway through the second half of regulation.

Junior Eli Luxton fueled the Rochelle offense during the third quarter, using his 6-foot-4 frame and athleticism on the offensive boards to grab several rebounds that led to putback shots or shooting fouls. Luxton went 7-for-8 from the free-throw line in the third quarter, where he scored 11 of his team-leading 24 points as the Hubs ballooned their lead to as many as 15 points.

But a critical adjustment from the Indians, who switched to a three-quarter-court press defense late in the third quarter, brought Sandwich back within single digits before the Indians ultimately regained the lead late in the fourth quarter. Backcourt turnovers and missed free-throw attempts down the stretch doomed the Hubs, who fell 68-65 in a game where both teams committed a combined 59 fouls. Rochelle (5-10, 1-5 Interstate 8) will play at Ottawa next Friday at 7 p.m.

"We had Eli running the point during the first half and we made an adjustment at halftime so we could play him off the ball and allow him to score the ball more," head coach Tim Thompson said. "He's a really good rebounder and his effort helped us tonight. I thought he left a few things out there tonight and we're really challenging him as a coaching staff to take that next step in terms of his development on defense and handling the ball. I think he can get there."

Three Sandwich players finished in double figures including Austin Marks, who made four of his six field goals in the game during the first quarter to spark the Indian offense early. Trailing 19-15 after the first quarter, Rochelle looked for senior Raul Aguirre down low, where the 6-foot-5 forward backed down Sandwich defenders for a series of layups. Aguirre finished with 15 points for the Hubs, who snuck ahead of the Indians 35-32 at the end of the second quarter.

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HUB SPOTLIGHT

(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Wrestling Club competed in two tournaments including the Leyden Wolfpack Open and the Hawk Wrestling Club Invitational over the weekend. The six athletes who wrestled at the Leyden Wolfpack Open (above) include Brandin Kirk, Elias Andronic, Garrett Miller, Wells Millard, Joshua Lassiter and Teddy Millard.

Rochelle Wrestling Club battles in Leyden, Oregon tournaments

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKLIN PARK — The Rochelle Wrestling Club sent six athletes to the Leyden Wolfpack Open on Sunday, Jan. 8. Four Junior Hub wrestlers brought home first-place finishes, while two others recorded top-3 finishes in the single-day tournament at East Leyden High School.

Elias Andronic (3-0), Wells Millard (3-0), Joshua Lassiter (3-0) and Garrett Miller (2-0) each won their respective brackets on Sunday. The four athletes combined for eight falls as well as one technical fall and two decisions. Teddy Millard (2-1) finished second with one fall, one technical fall and one loss by sudden victory. Brandin Kirk (1-2) took third and recorded one fall.

Oregon

The Rochelle Wrestling Club sent 23 athletes to the Hawk Wrestling Club Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 7. Three Junior Hubs earned first-place finishes, while 10 other athletes recorded second-place finishes in the single-day tournament at Oregon High School.

Wells Millard (3-0), Garrett Miller (3-0) and Joshua Lassiter (3-0) went unbeaten to earn titles in the tournament. Brandin Kirk (2-1), Dominic Escatel (2-1), Xander Gonzales (2-1), Colt Hensley (2-1), Chase Marruffo (2-1), Easton Huff (2-1), Tyson Pavlak (1-1), Quentin Ansteth (1-1), Noah Hayden (1-1) and Elias Andronic (1-1) all placed second in their respective brackets.

Five wrestlers including Gavin Smith (1-2), Elliot Huff (1-2), Julia Herring (1-2), Annika Alsop (0-2) and Kolten Andersen (0-2) took third in the tournament. Vaughn Manning (0-3), Cole Albers (0-3), Tate Bigelow (0-3), Brayden Gross (0-3) and Eoghan Good (0-3) all finished fourth.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Wrestling Club sent 23 athletes to the Hawk Wrestling Club Invitational on Saturday.

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SPORTS

HUBS: Rochelle finishes fourth at Sycamore tournament

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Juniors Tommy Tourdot (3-3) and Brock Metzger (21-7) both finished fourth in the tournament. Tourdot took fourth in the 113-pound bracket, recording a fall over Lyons Township's Roger Martinez and a 9-4 decision against Hononegah's Angelina Cassioppi to reach the semifinal round. Tourdot dropped matches against Rock Island's Truth Vesey (14-3 major decision) and McHenry's Jimmy Norris (20-4 technical fall) to end the tournament in fourth place.

Metzger won his first two bouts in the 182-pound bracket, earning a fall over Woodstock North's David Randecker before scoring a 3-0 decision against Hampshire's Chandler Jernigan in the quarterfinal round. Metzger closed out the tournament with a hard-fought loss by 4-1 decision to Hampshire's Dimitrios Skoulikaris and a fall to Unity's Hunter Eastin in the third-place bout.

Sophomore Grant Gensler (18-9) and freshman Brenden Voight (19-7) both placed fifth on Saturday. Gensler finished fifth in the 152-pound bracket, opening the tournament with consecutive falls over Unity's Eric Vlahovich and Hampshire's Michael Brannigan. After a loss by fall to Sycamore's Gus Cambier, Gensler finished the evening with a 7-2 decision over Mundelein's Gael Diaz and a 15-0 technical fall over Portage, Wisconsin's Luke Paulsen.

Voight batted in the 145-pound bracket, overcoming an early loss by injury default with a fall over Willowbrook's Noah Brockie to reach the top bracket. After falling to McHenry's Pedro Jimenez in the quarterfinals, Voight won back-to-back matches to close out the tournament, scoring falls over St. Charles North's Colin Thompson and Lyons Township's Calum Rogers.

Freshman Keagan Albers (11-5) was the eighth and final medalist for the Hubs, finishing eighth in the 106-pound bracket after notching a fall over Nazareth Academy's Charlie Dvorak during the preliminary rounds. Junior 195-pounder Alex McBride (5-9) and freshman 170-pounder Roman Villalobos (20-10) each took 10th in their respective classes, while sophomore 132-pound Weylin Nay (11-7) finished 13th after two straight wins in consolation action.

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Eight members of the varsity wrestling team medaled at the XLVII Sycamore Invitational on Saturday. Above from left to right are Joseph Nadig, Grant Gensler, Tommy Tourdot, Kaiden Morris, Keagan Albers, Brock Metzger, Xavier Villalobos and Brenden Voight.

RTHS Girls Basketball

Lady Hubs score second straight Interstate 8 win

Balanced offensive effort results in 54-38 victory against Plano on Thursday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

PLANO — A balanced offensive attack from the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team led to a 54-38 win over the Plano Reapers and the team's second consecutive Interstate 8 Conference victory on Thursday evening. Junior Alivia Henkel and sophomore Kendyl Darby each scored nine points for the Lady Hubs (5-15, 3-3 Interstate 8), while junior Kennedy Adamski added eight points in the win.

Senior Torrin Nantz converted two 3-pointers for six points while adding four rebounds and four assists on Thursday. Junior Sydney Tabor chipped in five points and anchored the Rochelle defense with a team-leading four steals, while junior Kara Martinez notched three steals on the defensive end. Darby led Rochelle with eight rebounds and added four assists to command the Lady Hub offense in the victory.

Sophomore Abby Metzger scored five points and junior Megan Seebach totaled four points for the Lady Hubs, who will face Kaneland on the road next Saturday, Jan. 14.

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NO. 2022-PR-75
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NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of RONALD E. NISSEN of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of Office as Executor were issued on December 21, 2022, to JUDY A. NISSEN whose address is 23 Parklane Circle, Bettendorf, Iowa, and whose attorneys are Hewitt & Wagner, 1124 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, 61068.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Oregon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, no later than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this claim notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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(Dec. 28. 2022, Jan. 4 and 11, 2023)

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Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023, during the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Flagg Township Office Building Board Room, 303 W. Highway 38, Rochelle, IL, whereas final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Flagg Township Board of Trustees.

Joanna G. Patrick
Flagg Township Clerk
No. 0104
(Jan. 11, 2023)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
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BEATRICE L. PHIPPS, Deceased.
) NO. 2023-PR-2
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of BEATRICE L. PHIPPS, of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 6th, 2023, to GERALD A. PHIPPS, whose address is 8000 SW 56th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than July 12th, 2023, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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No. 0106
(Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
)
VICTORINE M. SCHLEZES, Deceased.
) NO. 2023-PR-1
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of VICTORINE M. SCHLEZES, of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 6th, 2023, to KENNETH G. SCHLEZES, whose address is 1225 Evergreen Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than July 12th, 2023, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for KENNETH G. SCHLEZES, Executor of the Estate of VICTORINE M. SCHLEZES, deceased
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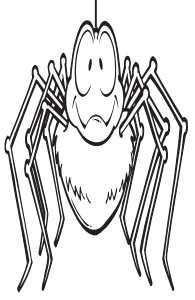

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually.
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Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2022

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	8,338,532	1,208,135	1,509,569	1,174,097	462,203	590,864	201,145	1,231,340	172,321
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	2,852,775	0	0	256,695	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	535,071	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		11,726,378	1,208,135	1,509,569	1,430,792	462,203	590,864	201,145	1,231,340	172,321
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		9,634,824	1,217,903	1,532,063	1,385,863	387,358	43,750		1,151,057	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		(58,438)	0	58,438	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021		8,442,057	1,362,284	681,811	1,985,520	123,936	(39,867)	3,509,252	935,405	377,376
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		10,475,173	1,352,516	717,755	2,030,449	198,781	507,247	3,710,397	1,015,688	549,697
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		10,669,788	1,352,516	717,755	2,030,449	198,781	507,247	3,710,397	1,015,688	549,697

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Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	5,828,716	0	0	213,865	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	2,099,421	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		16,101,199	1,580,396	1,454,735	617,063	480,990	0	167,215	953,480	167,998
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		12,536,123	1,280,668	1,402,525	1,729,914	339,646	0		864,949	243
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		(57,976)	0	57,976	563,024	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021		2,918,204	5,721,854	666,736	784,254	542,365	0	3,272,126	746,183	74,966
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		6,425,304	6,021,582	776,922	234,427	683,709	0	3,439,341	834,714	242,721
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		6,463,348	6,021,582	776,922	234,427	683,709	0	3,439,341	834,714	242,721

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SPORTS

BOYS: Sandwich rallies for win over Rochelle on Friday

From page 1

Sophomore Carson Lewis converted back-to-back 3-pointers in the third quarter to help Rochelle maintain a double-digit lead over Sandwich, who trailed 54-43 entering the fourth quarter, where the Indians punished the Hubs with their three-quarter-court press on defense. Sandwich intercepted multiple cross-court pass attempts and took advantage of loose ball handling from Rochelle, scoring on several easy layups and regaining a one-point lead.

"We did a nice job of hedging their ball screens during the third quarter, but they were hitting mid-range shots during the fourth quarter and they were scrambling with their press," Thompson said. "We looked intimidated against their press and we couldn't get the ball to the right spots. We can't be successful unless we've been in those situations and we're starting to see a lot of pressure late in games. We were throwing the ball away and we were going away from the ball."

Free throws dominated the final minutes of regulation, as both teams fouled themselves way over the limit and created double bonus chances on each side of the floor. The Hubs were unable to close the Indians out at the line, however, going 9-for-17 (52.9 percent) in the fourth quarter and finishing 28-for-44 (63.6 percent) for the evening. Sandwich went 11-for-15 (73.3 percent) over the fourth quarter and 5-for-6 on its last six attempts to clinch the conference win.

"We beat ourselves tonight and that can't happen," Thompson said. "We can't be afraid to go out there and compete. It's a learning experience and we have to figure out what we're scared of and find a way to do better next time. We haven't shot free throws well all season and if we haven't done that all season, it's going to be 10 times tougher to make them in those clutch situations. There's no hiding from those moments and we have to ask ourselves whether we're using extra time to put in the work to make those clutch shots or if we're cutting corners."

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Jack Lodico breaks down Sandwich defender Hudson Wills during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Indians on Friday.

Lewis totaled 10 points and sophomore Cayden Moore added eight first-half points for the Hubs. Chance Lange scored a team-high 18 points and Owen Sheley added 12 points for Sandwich.

RTHS Girls Bowling

Lady Hubs clinch season sweep against Morris

Vincent shines with 642 series as Rochelle defeats Redskins 2,553-2,245

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

MORRIS — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team earned its second victory of the season against the Morris Redskins on Monday. Sophomore Cassidy Vincent shined with a team-leading 642 series as the Lady Hubs defeated the Redskins 2,553-2,245 on the road. Rochelle (6-4, 5-3 Interstate 8) will host a nonconference match against Belvidere on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The Lady Hubs opened the match against Morris with a 846-732 victory in the first game. Vincent fired a 213 to lead the Rochelle side, while freshman Kylie McCullough added 150 and two players including Alexis Jara and Madison Yurkovich shot 151 for the Redskins.

Rochelle extended its series lead with a 823-752 win in the second game, where Vincent rolled a series-best 234 and McCullough chipped in a 141. Yurkovich led Morris with a 155 in the second game before totaling a 147 in the third game, which Rochelle claimed 884-761 to seal the conference sweep.

McCullough stepped up for the Lady Hubs in the third game, shooting a series-best 200 to conclude the match with a 491 series. Yurkovich finished with a team-leading 453 series and Jara followed with a 391 series for the Redskins. Junior Faith Adams rolled a 378 series for the Lady Hubs.

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2 **High rate of return.** For every $100 spent in independently owned stores, $68 returns to the community through payroll, taxes and other expenditures. Online orders return absolutely nothing to Rochelle, IL.

3 **Seeking health care in your hometown brings the comforts of receiving qualified care from people you know and trust.** Whether it be a trip to the dentist, regular health care screenings, a visit to a specialist or an emergency, you need not travel. It's all right here.

4 **Banking with people who know you is a luxury found only in hometowns.** You don't have to show your ID every time you go in. You can get a loan from people who know you and understand your needs, whether it be money for your first car or to help your business grow. Local banks believe in the value of community members helping one another.

5 **No one wants to have to make an insurance claim, but it's painless when your agent is your neighbor.** You don't have to convince them that there was a hail storm, or that the wind nearly took your roof off. They know because they live here. Which do you want when you've had a bad day: A face-to-face meeting with your local agent, or a machine answering the phone at that big national insurer that advertises on TV?

6 **Time is money.** It's simple math (especially when you figure in gas mileage.) Shopping locally can actually save you both time and money!

7 **Customer service after the sale is invaluable.** Local retailers not only take responsibility for the product they sold, they will often fix it or replace it – no questions asked. Appliances, furniture, computers and electronics sometimes have glitches. Would you rather box yours up, send it to who knows where, and wait six to eight weeks, or just go back to thenice guy that helped you when you bought it?

8 **Keeping it local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.

9 **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.