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## Central School roofing bid approved Bus purchases approved at Tuesday meeting

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Rochelle Elementary School District Board of Education unanimously approved a \$751,700 bid from Sterling Commercial Roofing for repairs to the Central School roof.

A bid opening was held Dec. 1 and yielded two bids. The other bid was for \$865,000 from a company out of Rockford.

"We know that we've had some leaking and some other issues with that roof over recent years and it's time to shore things up," Superintendent Jason Harper said. "We've historically used Sterling Commercial for ongoing maintenance across the district. Their bid was the lowest. That project work is set to take place in the summer of 2023. Our architects reviewed and approved this."

### Bus bids

The board unanimously approved a bid from Central States Bus Sales for \$237,420, after trade-in, to purchase two 2024 or newer 77-passenger buses



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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to be received in July 2023.

District Business Manager Kevin Dale said all of the district's current large buses came from Central State and the cost of them has gone up at least 20-25 percent since the last time the district was at this point in its bus replacement cycle.

"We have a rotation we typically do every three years where we do a major overhaul one year and

upgrade our fleet," Harper said. "In the two off years we do minor purchasing and leasing. We are again at that process. We're doing bus bid approvals sooner due to supply chain issues. This was the low bid."

### Tax levy

The board unanimously approved its tax levy for 2023. The levy was presented at last month's

meeting.

The district's equalized assessed value has seen an increase from \$330 million to \$351 million since this time last year. The amount the district will receive is "near exactly" what it received last year.

"Right now with this recommendation, our projected tax rate is 3.2035," Harper said last month.

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## Engineering agreement approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**HILLCREST** — At its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Hillcrest Village Board unanimously approved an engineering agreement with Baxter & Woodman for services during construction of its priority 1A water main project.

Last month, the board voted unanimously to approve a \$2.54 million loan application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the project.

Baxter & Woodman, the village's engineering firm, is aiming for \$1.25 million in principal forgiveness on the loan. The village would have to pay back \$1.29 million at an interest rate of .93 percent. Hillcrest recently raised its service fees each month from \$5 to \$10 for the application and that and the work will require a future increase in water rates.

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## Veterans visit Rochelle Gardens

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## Montgomery honored for local service Rochelle man retiring after 13 years on police and fire commission

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Tuesday, City of Rochelle Board of Police & Fire Commission Member Mitch Montgomery was recognized at his final meeting ahead of retiring from the board after 13 years of service.

Rochelle Mayor presented Montgomery with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service.

"We've been friends for a long, long time," Bearrows said. "Mitch has been not only a good friend, but a very important part of the police and fire board. You folks have some very unique details and duties that you carry out on this board. I couldn't be any more proud of our police force and our boards and management that keep things running smoothly."

In retirement, Montgomery plans to move north with his wife, Kim.

"It's been a real honor, privilege and pleasure to serve the city on this board," Montgomery said. "I've really enjoyed it. Former Mayor Chet Olson



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appointed me in 2009. The professionalism of our police force and fire department has impressed me and makes me very proud to have been involved."

Bearrows wished Montgomery the best in retirement and said the community can be proud of the effort put forth to make things happen and

keep the community safe.

"I want to thank you for your service and you've been a great asset to our community," Bearrows said. "You've served on

the senior center board and have been active on a lot of different things. It's very commendable. It's great to see people take an active part in their community."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Retirement party held for Rochelle PD K9 Axel

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Thursday, a retirement party was held at City Hall for K9 Axel of the Rochelle Police Department. Axel retired recently due to age and his handler, now-Sgt. Ryan Beery, being promoted within the department. RPD employees and members of the community had the chance Thursday to wish the K9 officer well in retirement. Axel will live with Beery and his family going forward.

“It’s been emotional,” Beery said. “It was harder than I thought it was going to be. Leaving for work every day and him staying home has been strange. He’s still getting adjusted to that. It’s going to be a good thing. I’m happy with where I’m at and what I’m doing. All good things have to come to an

end. It’s been a good run.” Axel was with the department and Beery for seven years. RPD Chief Eric Higby said it was nice to see Axel into his retirement.

“A lot of departments aren’t afforded that opportunity because the dog gets ill or something happens,” Higby said. “He had a good long service life and was a good dog for us. It’s nice to see him have the opportunity to retire and be with the Beery family.”

Beery and Axel had many opportunities over the years to interact with the community including trips to schools, community events and local businesses.

“Those connections and relationships made with Axel are things that I’ll always remember and they’ve grown and will continue to be friendships in the future,” Beery said.

“Those will last a lifetime. I’ll always remember them and they’ll remember me and when we see each other on the street we always say hello. It’s been great.”

RPD is currently in the process of raising money for the purchase and training of its next K9, which will be handled by Officer Trevor Owen. Beery said so far the efforts have seen “an outpouring of support.”

Higby said that K9s are multi-faceted, and on top of being able to find drugs, they can be used for article searches, finding missing people and building relationships with the community.

Beery said Thursday he was thankful for his time as Axel’s handler.

“It’s been a great experience throughout my career and I’m excited for something different,” Beery said.



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## HILLCREST: Village receives IPRF grant

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The first 1,000 gallons used would go from \$4.41 per gallon to \$5.70 per gallon in 2023 and \$6.98 in 2024. A Baxter & Woodman representative said the average water bill would need to go from \$31 per month to \$38 in 2023 and \$45 in 2024.

The village still has the opportunity to back out of the venture if it desires. Baxter & Woodman expects to get and approve bids for the project in March or April 2023 and begin construction in July or August and complete it by December 2023.

### Solar

Village Building Inspector Casper Manheim presented the village with information on fee structures for future commercial and residential solar permits in the village. Manheim works with other municipalities in the region and gave trustees and the village attorney ordinances to work off of.

“In a year or two we’ll be getting the large solar farm that’s planned for the village,” Manheim said.

“We have really nothing in place as far as fees or limits or anything. Right now I can only charge for fencing and a few minor things. Right now, maybe I could charge them \$600 for a permit. What I’ve given you today breaks it down by kilowatts. If we get this in place, now we have something to collect fees from them.”

### Maintenance

After meeting in executive session, the board voted unanimously to hire Ronald Belmonte-Lopez as its new maintenance employee. The village had previously been without a maintenance employee for a number of weeks.

Belmonte-Lopez has been working for the village since earlier this month and has already undertaken a number of projects, Trustee Rick Rhoads said.

### Water

Village Trustee Dan Potter discussed ongoing water projects in the village during the meeting.

Potter said the village recently got an estimate for boring work to add another

water line for the Rochelle Church of Christ in Hillcrest due to the fact that it shares a water line with another building and entity. The board resolved to purchase three fire hydrants for a total of \$9,000 from Elliott Wood. The hydrants are slightly used and are half the price of new hydrants. The village is currently in need of two hydrants.

The village will have its water tower looked at on Dec. 20 to assess its problems and needs.

### Chip seal

The board unanimously approved a resolution for its 2023 chip seal program in the village.

The village chip seals one fifth of the streets in Hillcrest each year.

### IPRF

Rhoads said the village is a recipient of the Illinois Public Risk Fund grant program and recently received \$995. Over the last five years, the village has received \$4,364 from the program. The money goes to clothing and safety equipment for village maintenance.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ATHLETICO PHYSICAL THERAPY



Athletico recently promoted Pamela Plachno, PT, DPT, to clinic manager of its Rochelle location and hired Brittany Hudson, PT, DPT, for its Oregon clinical team.

## Athletico announces promotion and new hire

**OREGON** — Dr. Pamela Plachno was recently promoted to clinic manager of Athleticco's Rochelle location. Dr. Chad Brinkmann, clinic manager of Oregon's Athleticco clinic, originally hired Dr.

Plachno as a rehabilitation aide in 2017 when she moved back to the United States after completing her coursework in physical therapy in the Philippines. Dr. Plachno then pursued her doctorate in physical

therapy, which she completed earlier this year.

"It has been a privilege to be able to watch Pam grow in her profession. I'm excited for her to have this opportunity to lead and continue to serve pa-

tients in the Rochelle community where she lives," Dr. Brinkmann said.

In addition, Dr. Brittany Hudson has joined Athleticco's Oregon clinical team, allowing us to expand our normal

business hours, creating more access for patient care. The hiring of Dr. Hudson also enables us to offer additional services to our patients, including dry needling and vestibular rehabilitation.

Athletico Oregon's new expanded hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

## RTHS superintendent Harper earns education advocacy award

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — The 2022 Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education recognized Rochelle Township High School Superintendent Jason Harper for his advocacy, efforts, dedication and support for quality education programs in and about agriculture.

"It was a high honor to be recognized on behalf of the school district's efforts to emphasize agriculture education," Harper said. "The school board and our community has a long history of supporting our agriculture and FFA programs at RTHS, not to mention the phenomenal work that Mrs. Donna Page and Mrs. Deanna Jacobs do as our ag leaders in the building."

At RTHS students can choose from 18 agriculture,

horticulture and technology-related courses as well as four ag-related career track courses through the Kishwaukee Education Consortium. The Ag/Hort Programming also utilizes a 3,600 square foot greenhouse for hands-on experiences in horticulture, hydroponics and aquaculture. Elementary school students are treated to a visit to the greenhouse annually during RTHS Ag Day.

In recent years, Page has been recognized as the Illinois Agriculture Teacher of the Year and the FFA program has had several students win state and national recognitions for their extracurricular efforts.

"As Superintendent Harper said, in recent years our Ag educators and FFA teams have been recognized on state and national levels," Board of Education President Tom Huddleston

said. "Our FFA Charter is more than nine decades old. Agriculture has and will always be a vital part of our school as well as our local economy."

Harper and RTHS staff are in the midst of RTHS making substantial improvements to its educational Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) programming.

Elementary, secondary and post-secondary personnel responsible for the administration of agriculture education programs which includes Ag in the Classroom, K-8 schools, high schools, community colleges, universities and other related agriculture education programs can be nominated including school superintendents, principals, school board members, advisory council members, farm bureau managers and extension leaders.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Schools Superintendent Jason Harper accepts an Agriculture Education Advocacy award.

## RMU extends energy assistance program

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle City Council voted unanimously to extend the Rochelle Municipal Utilities Assistance Program to help the city's low-income families with energy costs.

The RMU Residential Utility Assistance Program provides monetary assistance for qualifying customers in the amount of \$500/household each calendar year. The fi-

nancial assistance is based on income. The combined gross income for all adults permanently living at the residence must be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the previous 30 days. Customers do not need to apply for LIHEAP to be eligible for the RMU program.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

## Roy ‘Tony’ Anthony Cupp, Jr.

**ROCHELLE** — Roy “Tony” Anthony Cupp, Jr., 58, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Forest City Rehab in Rockford.

Tony was born on July 15, 1964 to Roy A. and Janice (Hatfield) Cupp in Rochelle. On June 24, 1995, he married Kylene Mobeck in Jonesville, Virginia.

Tony is survived by his wife of 27 years, Kylene of Rochelle; four children: Kevin (Krystal) Cupp of Malta, LeAnna (Matt) McMeekan of Creston,

Austin Cupp and Amanda Cupp both of Rochelle; his mother, Janice Cupp of Rochelle; brother, Jeffery Cupp of Rochelle and four grandchildren: Jaxon, Braydon, Mackenzie and Sawyer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy A. Cupp, Sr., on June 18, 1998. The visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 and the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle.

A private family bur-



ial will be at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Memorials may be directed to the family to help with the funeral costs. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Martha L. Arwood

**DEKALB** — Martha L. Arwood, 89, of DeKalb, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the comfort of her home. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She was born Nov. 10, 1933, in Powell, Tennessee, the daughter of Ether and Grace (Jory) Hunter.

Martha married the love of her life, Vernon H. Arwood, on Nov. 27, 1950, in Knoxville, Tennessee. They moved their family to Rochelle in 1956. Martha loved and respected her Lord and Savior. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in DeKalb. She was a missionary, Sunday school teacher and a compassionate nurse. She loved

nothing more than spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed word search puzzles.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Shaw; sons, Steve Arwood and Richard (Kris) Arwood; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Ether and Grace Hunter; her husband, Vernon; daughter, Vickie Swimline; brothers, Walter, David, James, Charles, Leonard Hunter, sister, Ruth Arwood and son-in-law Kenneth Shaw. She will be deeply missed by all.

Pallbearers will include Matthew Arwood, Kyle

Arwood, Nathan Howe, Jevin Doke, Dylan Hogan and Derek Hogan.

The funeral service will be held at noon Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Anderson Funeral Home in DeKalb. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Rochelle. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Anderson Funeral Home in DeKalb.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Arwood Family in care of Anderson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 605, 2011 S. Fourth St., DeKalb, IL 60115. For information, visit [www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com](http://www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com) or call 815-756-1022.

## Truman W. Kester

**ROCHELLE** — Truman W. Kester, 86, passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 16 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon surrounded by his loving family.

Truman was born on Jan. 20, 1936 in Friedheim, Missouri to William and Ada (Moeller) Kester. On March 28, 1959, he married Diane L. Modloff of DeKalb in Friedheim Lutheran Church. Truman Served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1961, stationed in Germany, 1959-1960, with Diane. Following his time in the service, Truman worked at Swift-Eckrich in Rochelle and then later in St. Charles for a total of 36 years, until his retirement in 1998.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rochelle since 1962. He was also a member of the Rochelle Garden Club. Truman spent seven years coaching Rochelle Little League baseball. After retiring, Truman

enjoyed many hobbies including woodworking, gardening, fishing and spending time in his “man cave” with his friends. He was the ultimate handyman. There wasn’t a project he wouldn’t attempt or anything he wouldn’t fix.

Truman was an avid outdoorsman and especially enjoyed his annual fishing trip to Michigan with his friend, Vic. He was a man of faith and devoted to his family.

Truman is survived by his wife of 63 years, Diane, of Rochelle; two sons: Brian (Nancy) Kester of Byron, Darrin (Penny) Kester of Sterling; daughter, Deanne (Doug) Mittlesteadt of Montgomery, Texas; six grandchildren: Amanda (Clifford V) Bolt, Danny (Melanie) Kester, Steven (Shawna) Kester, Stephanie (Brett) Chappell, and Sarah and Erik Mittlesteadt; four great grandchildren: Aleena and Jameson Kester, and Clifford VI and Evangeline Bolt; his sister, Charlotte



Davenport and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Truman was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters. The visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the funeral home with Pastor Hoffman officiating.

Burial will follow at the Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Memorials may be made in Truman’s memory to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Serenity Hospice and Home. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Kathryn Faye Provow

**WEST PLAINS, Mo.** — Kathryn Faye Provow, 83, West Plains, Missouri, passed away at 8:54 a.m.,

Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Missouri. Arrangements under the direction

of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. A full obituary can be found at [www.robertsondrago.com](http://www.robertsondrago.com)

### Ogle County Sheriff’s Report

## Deputies respond to vehicle in river

**OREGON** — On Dec. 13 at 11:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 38 at the DeKalb County line. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested George Ogundipe of DeKalb for driving while his license was suspended. Ogundipe was released on a \$2,500 individual bond. Ogundipe was also issued an equipment citation.

On Dec. 13 at about 11:45 p.m. deputies responded to the 4,000 block

of North Illinois Route 2 for a vehicle in the river. After a short investigation, it was determined that Dylan Hensley, 25, of Leaf River, was traveling north on Illinois Route 2 when he failed to navigate a curve, left the roadway, and entered the river. Hensley was uninjured and received citations for leaving the scene, failure to reduce speed, no insurance and improper lane use. Hensley will appear in court at a later date. Deputies were

assisted by Oregon Police and Fire.

On Dec. 15 at approximately 8:15 a.m. deputies responded to the 300 block of West Meadows Street in Polo in response to a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, Brian A. Lopez, 18, of Polo, was arrested for domestic battery. Lopez was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

### Rochelle Police Report

## Officers make several arrests

**ROCHELLE** — On Dec. 13 at 11:15 a.m. Joseph Stallone, 61, of Rochelle was arrested for theft of lost or mislaid property. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Jan. 27 Rochelle court date.

On Dec. 13 at 11:42 a.m. Scott Raphael, 38, of Rochelle was arrested for

two counts of driving under the influence. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Jan. 27 Rochelle court date.

On Dec. 15 at 11:53 a.m. Matthew M. Miller, 18, of Rochelle was arrested on a Kendall County warrant. He paid \$575 and was released with a Jan. 9 Kendall County court date.

On Dec. 15 at 1:59 p.m. Anne Hoag, 54, of Compton was arrested for driving under the influence and cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. She was released on an I-Bond and given a Jan. 27 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## RCH welcomes Auman as chief ancillary officer

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Hospital welcomed Kyle Auman as its chief ancillary officer on Dec. 1. Auman most recently served as the administrator of the Ogle County Health Department and has been an integral

partner to RCH during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He earned his bachelors of science degree from Southern Illinois University and has spent the past 12 years in public health administration, with the last six years as the Ogle

County public health administrator. In addition, Auman has earned several certifications in areas of emergency management, infection control and food and nutrition management.

“I am excited to join the Rochelle Community Hospital team and look forward to meeting everyone and developing a strong relationship to improve healthcare delivery for



the Rochelle community,” Auman said.

The Auman family resides in Rockford.

## Ogle County Sheriff’s Office kicks off holiday campaign

**OREGON** — With the holidays in full swing, the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation to remind motorists about the dangers of impaired driving. From Dec. 16 through Jan. 2, law enforcement across Illinois will step up enforcement efforts with a high visibility “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Drive High. Get a DUI.” traffic safety campaign.

“We want everyone in our communities to enjoy the holidays without worrying about the dangers of impaired drivers,” Sheriff Brian VanVickle said. “During the campaign, you can expect to see extra safety patrols. We will show zero tolerance for alcohol and drug-impaired driving to help ensure everyone makes it to and from their holiday festivities safely.”

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.

Before the holiday fun begins, make a plan for a sober ride home and remember these tips.

Designate a sober driver or make a plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service to get home safely.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and contact The Sheriff’s Office.


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# LOCAL NEWS

## BOARD: Elementary district approve HUB Program contracts

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“At this same time last year, our projected tax rate was 3.2583. That’s just for District 231 and that’s a decrease of 5.48 cents. Further along in the process our rates combine with the Rochelle Township High School rate and that is projected to be an even larger savings for our taxpayers.”

### Central School

Central School Principal Justin Adolph presented an update on recent happenings at his elementary school.

Adolph moved into the principal position at Central before this year after holding the same position at Lincoln School. He said

Central is in the beginning stages of a school improvement plan and hopes to get two or three targeted goals to start at the end of the year or the beginning of next year.

“We have a lot of kids, especially at our third grade level, that have missed a lot of instruction,” Adolph said of pandemic impacts. “We’re trying to accommodate some kids that are pretty far behind. That’s a big part of what we’re trying to do. We’ve made some adjustments to our literacy block to try to accommodate that without holding everybody back.”

Adolph said student behaviors recently have improved “a lot.”

“You can tell kids have

been in school now,” Adolph said. “It’s an interesting case study watching the second graders play at recess compared to the third graders. You can tell they’ve had more of that. We’re working through a lot of that, but things are improving on that front.”

Harpersaid thatAdolph and the Central School staff deserve credit for their work on reshaping behaviors and expectations with students that missed early years of their education process due to COVID-19.

### Pay increase

The board unanimously approved a mid-year tiered hourly rate pay increase for non-certified

staff members of the district.

Harper said minimum wage increases of a dollar per year have recently led to rapidly increasing hourly rates for least senior non-certified staff members. Those jumps in pay have disproportionately increased for the district’s newest employees and the district sought to remedy that by implementing an hourly rate increase based on years of experience.

“We understand that our typical raise in hourly rates in the summer is the same for everyone across the board,” Harper said. “We’ve also noted that the rising minimum wage every year has eclipsed our standard raises that

some of our more experienced staff are getting. At the end of the day with a tight labor market and the rising minimum wage, inflationary pressure and the fact that many of our staff are going to see increases anyways in the two years to come, we thought it was an opportune time to do something based on experience to compensate those who have been with the district longer.”

### HUB Program

The board approved contracts with three of its HUB Program site coordinators: Breyann Baiocco, Roxanna Contreras and Phoebe Hughes. The contracts reflect the spring semester.

The district recently

received a state grant to continue funding the HUB Program in coming years after uncertainty about the program’s status for next semester.

“The board decided to run the program in the fall before we knew we’d have funding,” Harper said. “Because of the timing, we did half-year contracts with our coordinators. These individuals have been with the program for multiple years and we just need to make sure they have a contract for the second semester.”

The board also approved a contract with its HUB Program evaluator, Jodee Craven. The position of evaluator is required as part of the program’s grant funding.

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**Rochelle United Methodist Church, Rochelle United Methodist Church invites everyone to come and look for the angels with us this Advent and Christmas season.** There are angels among us that may not meet the eye; There are messages of hope coming from a choir on high; But don’t just look up; for the way God works is to plant more [hope] right here on earth just like it was with Jesus birth. There are angels among us... (Chuck Bell). You are invited to come and hear with us the messages of advent that so often come with the words of angels saying, “Do not be afraid.” **Sunday worship is at 9:00 am** with Sunday School for children after the Children’s Message. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at [www.rochelleumc.com](http://www.rochelleumc.com). Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. **Our Facebook page** is [www.facebook.com/rochelleumc](https://www.facebook.com/rochelleumc). Our Wednesday Bible Study is studying, “The Angels of Christmas,” by Susan Robb beginning on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 pm. As always here, everyone is welcome! **Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley, Pastor.** 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. [admin@rochelleumc.com](mailto:admin@rochelleumc.com). Everyone is welcome and loved!

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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## Christmas in the City of Rochelle

AS I write, it is beginning to look and feel like Christmas. Decembers are filled with a variety of year-end responsibilities and festivities. I want to thank Tricia Herrera, her staff, the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce board and city staff who helped with our annual Christmas Walk and Light Up Lincoln Parade, followed by the annual City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 2.

This year, the recipient of the Rochelle Gratitude Award was Santa, known to locals as Steve Strang. For many years, Steve has worked diligently putting smiles on the faces of children throughout our

community because in his own words, "I love doing it." Thank you, Steve, for all you do for Rochelle. The evening proved to be magnificent and very well-attended. It takes many hands to make this holiday celebration successful. I believe in Team Rochelle and the dedicated people who work together to provide family events.

The Rochelle City Council recently passed a budget for 2023 and I could not be happier with our overall financial position. The books have improved over the past four years. The expenses for 2023 show an increase because of planned capital improvements that will be

made in 2023 that we are paying cash for rather than using borrowed funds. Appreciation to City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh for his proven guidance and leadership, department heads and staff who work to provide a very responsible budget, and the Rochelle City Council, the elected officials who complete the process by being excellent stewards of the resources entrusted to the city.

Recently, Rochelle Township High School (RTHS) Superintendent Jason Harper reached out to Peggy Friday, city industrial devel-

opment manager, asking if the city would collaborate with RTHS, Kishwaukee College and the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce to provide another Hiring Expo in early March 2023.

The high school and the college have proven to be great partners in the past. The previous expo proved to be a great benefit to participating companies looking for diversity of employee types. We appreciate the generosity of

Rochelle Foods (Hormel) who will sponsor a portion of the event. Partnering with RTHS gives junior and senior students access

to our industries and commercial/retail businesses if they're interested in finding internships, seasonal and after-school employment.

The City Industrial Railroad (CIR) is expanding with the construction of new Intermodal/Transload Center that will bring new customers to the CIR and increased revenue to the city for infrastructure development and essential city services. The regional response from businesses and industries who will benefit from the cost savings of using the facility has been overwhelming. The goal is to open the Rochelle Intermodal Transload Center in the summer of 2023. We appreciate

the assistance provided by State Rep. Tom Demmer, who secured a \$1 million grant for the project. His constituents wish Rep. Demmer the best in the future. Thank you, Tom, for your dedicated service to Rochelle.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. However, you choose to celebrate, may your days be filled with blessings and good times with family and friends.

A great quote I want to share:

"Act as if what you do makes a difference, because it does." -William James

*John Bearrows is the mayor of Rochelle.*



John Bearrows

## Fuel prices hitting farmers

THE average price of diesel is \$5.32 per gallon, more than \$1.50 above the same time last year. While prices are below the \$5.81 peak in June, the high cost of fuel is hitting farmers hard as they navigate the fall harvest season.

A ban on U.S. imports of petroleum from Russia, lower domestic production capacity, and seasonal demand are all contributing to higher costs. Russia provided 20 percent of the petroleum imported into the U.S. in 2021, but that was halted after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Beyond the impact of Russia, since 2019, domestic diesel production capacity has dropped by 180,000 barrels per day. Several plants closed during the corona-

virus pandemic and are not yet back online. National diesel prices are expected to average \$4.86 per gallon through the end of the year, according to government projections, and \$4.29 per gallon in 2023. The price difference between diesel and gas has many scratching their heads. On Oct. 31, the average diesel price was \$5.32 per gallon, while the average gas price was \$3.86.

On the supply side, back in March, the U.S. banned imports of Russian oil and Russian petroleum products. While we only get three percent of our oil from Russia, we get 20 percent of our petroleum products from that country. And a lot of those petroleum products that we were importing are used to make diesel fuel.

We've also seen some downturn in production as refiners have been taking their plants down for maintenance.

Gasoline tends to peak in the summertime when Americans are out hitting the open road on vacation, whereas diesel demand tends to increase in the fall and the winter with increased trucking as retailers are stocking their shelves for the holidays. Of course, farmers are using more diesel during harvest. And as folks are using a lot more heating oil as the temperatures drop. So, it's a combined supply and demand issue really going on here with diesel that is separating it from gasoline

prices.

Nationwide we're down about 17 percent relative to the same time last year, but on the East Coast, they're down 37 percent; the Midwest is down 15 percent, the West Coast and Rocky Mountain regions are down 11 and nine percent, respectively. So, certainly feeling a pinch in multiple regions across the United States, but the East Coast far and away having the biggest supply constraint, followed by the Midwest.

Feeding Minds Press, the publishing arm of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture offers a range of holiday ideas for the bookworm in your life.



Ron Kern

Holiday shoppers can find agriculture-focused children books this gift-giving season from Feeding Minds Press.

Feeding Minds Press has a couple of things to offer to shoppers, especially in the holiday season. One of their books called 'Barn at Night' has got a wonderful winter and holiday vibe. And that book just won the Silver Moonbeam Award in the picture book category for 4-year-olds to 8-year olds. And also, they have another book that just won an award called 'I LOVE Strawberries'. It won Good Housekeeping's Best Kids Book Award.

Feeding Minds Press was really started to create engaging books about modern agriculture. They really want to show young

readers what farms look like today. Agriculture is a really exciting career field, and they want to make sure that students see it as something fun and exciting and fresh.

You can find them on Amazon, on Barnes and Noble, you can find them in the FB store where they also sell educator guides and ag mags to accompany them if you're looking to create a nice educator bundle package for a teacher gift, and you can also order them through Bookshop, which will help you find a local independent bookstore near you as well.

"I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up - they have no holidays." -Henny Youngman

*Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.*

### VOICE ON THE STREET

### Question:

### "Are you a Christmas music listener? If so, what is your favorite song?"

**"Oh yes! Pandora's Traditional Christmas. Bing Crosby, Do you hear what I hear" So many more."**  
Madrene Adams

**"Silent Night sung by candlelight in church during the Christmas sermon. It is so emotional. It reminds me of my mom as it was her favorite too."**  
Tracy Busching Leininger

**"Angels Among Us by Alabama, Let it be Christmas by Alan Jackson, Mary Did You Know by Kenny Rogers and a Soldier's Gift by Josh Turner."**  
Sally Hall Butler

**"O Holy Night by Johnny Mathis."**  
Cindy Foster Knight

**"Andy Williams' It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year."**  
Mary Gustafson

**"Yes very much so. Pentatonix music is so good. The best one is What Christmas Means to Me."**  
Debbie Gruben Hunley

**"A mix of both regular songs and Christmas songs."**  
Margo Bussell

**"I'll be Home for Christmas and The Christmas Song by the Chipmunks."**  
Janet Bausch

**"O Holy Night."**  
Julie Reineck

**"Run Run Rudolph."**  
Katie Paulsen

**"Ronnie Janes Dio and Tony Iommi's version of God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."**  
Scott Vrhel

**"Carol of the Bells."**  
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# COMMUNITY



## Christmas for Vets visits Rochelle Gardens

On Dec. 13, the Christmas for Vets detail composed of American Legion and VFW members assisted in giving out Christmas cards, candy and presents to the attendees at the Rochelle Gardens Care Center. The activity was enjoyed by all. From left to right: John Tuttle, Rich Griffen, Dave Norris, Joe Drought, Steve Korth and Chuck Roberts.

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- Dec. 20**  
Amanda Avila  
Emilyn Voight

**Dec. 21**  
Jacob King  
Bill Patrick  
Angie Mitchell

**Dec. 22**  
Deb Wooten
- Dec. 23**  
Tristen McGuire  
Bailey Dolister

**Dec. 24**  
Luke Gilliam

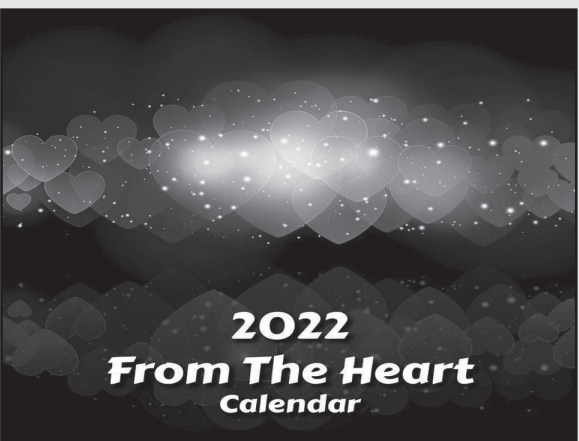
**Dec. 25**  
Maribel Ortiz

**Dec. 26**  
Annette Sulser
- Dec. 28**  
Chris Prosser

**Dec. 29**  
Kelsey Rogers

**Dec. 31**  
Jamey & Nicole King (anniversary)  
Ruth Allen  
Hayleigh Jones

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- Nov. 24 - Adam Heal, Rochelle, \$500
- Nov. 25 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
- Nov. 26 - Sharlene Meadows, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 27 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$50
- Nov. 28 - Fran Robertson, Sycamore, \$25
- Nov. 29 - Debra R. Mayer, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 30 - Rochelle Foods, Rochelle, \$25
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- Dec. 4 - Jonathan Shippert, Oregon, \$25
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: KIDNEY-SHAPED NUT

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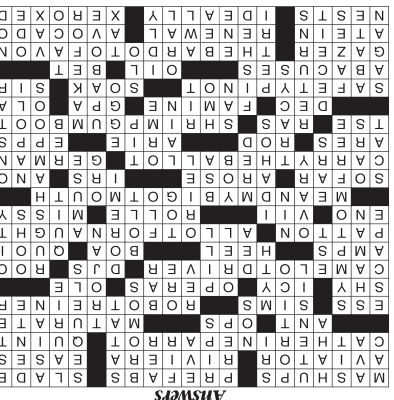
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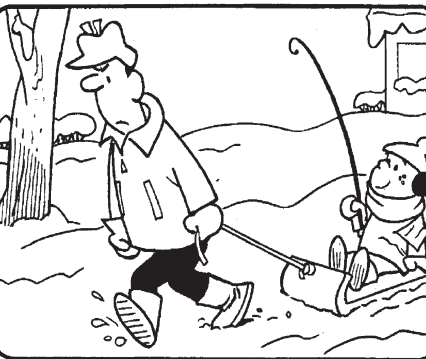
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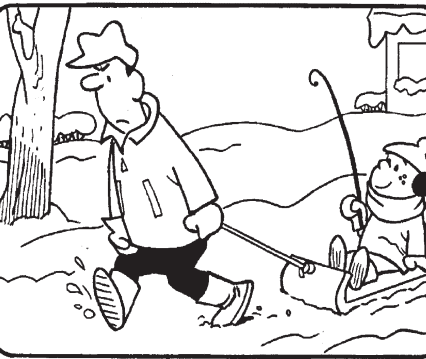


### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is different; 2. Collar is different; 3. Leg is moved; 4. Hope end is missing; 5. Whip is shorter; 6. Scarf end is missing.

## Super Crossword

### PUTTING IN OVERTIME

- ACROSS**

1 Many musical  
melanges

8 Modular  
homes

15 Two-time  
Washington  
senator

20 Airplane flier

21 Cannes area

22 Relaxes

23 Wife of Henry  
VIII who  
was always  
mimicking  
people?

25 One of five  
womb-mates

26 Cookbook pest

27 Photo —  
(PR events)

28 Ripen

30 Suffix with  
govern

33 Computer  
game family

35 Guy who  
directs films  
in a very  
mechanical  
manner?

38 Bashful

39 Intensely  
cold

40 "Falstaff" and  
"Fidelio"

42 Madrid cheer

43 King Arthur's  
chauffeur?

46 Pro song  
selectors

47 Giant bird of  
lore

50 Rock concert  
gear

51 Dog  
command

52 Python's kin

53 Je ne sais —

54 War general  
George

57 Apportion  
something  
erroneously?

62 Glam rocker  
Brian

63 XI less IV

65 Actress  
Esther

66 Young girl

67 What Archie  
Bunker said  
when a  
discriminatory  
comment  
got him in  
trouble?

73 Up until now

75 Stood up

76 Auditing gp.

77 Year, in Rio  
de Janeiro

80 Walk around  
with a voting  
slip?

85 Einstein's  
language

87 War deity

88 Reel go-with

89 Singer  
India.—

91 Omar of  
"Juice"

92 Mao — -tung

93 Coll. dorm  
monitors

94 High rubber  
footwear item  
worn while  
catching  
crustaceans?

99 Jan. preceder

100 Food scarcity

101 High no. for a  
valedictorian

102 Suffix with  
pay

103 Wine with  
a childproof  
lock on its  
bottle?

107 Get really wet

108 Knight's title

109 Primitive  
calculators

110 Valuable  
strike

112 Parlay, say

114 One staring  
"ill" appended

115 Actress  
Brigitte

125 High-fat fruit

126 Hatchlings'  
hangouts

127 In the optimal  
case

128 Made a  
duplicate of,  
in a way

34 Folklore tale
- DOWN**

1 Buddy

2 Gardner or  
DuVernay of  
the screen

3 Dog  
command

4 "Funny!"

5 Ladle, for one

6 Colonnaded  
entrance

7 — Lanka

8 Get set, for  
short

9 Splits

10 Actress  
Mendes

11 Pine relative

12 — Lings

13 Fizzy  
stomach  
settlers

14 Occupied, as  
a booth

15 Films with a  
"ill" appended

16 "House" actor  
Hugh

17 Chinese, e.g.

18 Al —  
(pasta order)

19 Aromatic  
compound

24 Rejections

29 "Iliad" figure

30 Bust out of

31 Tribal healer

32 Enjoying the  
benefits of  
an effective  
medication

35 Give gas to

36 Valuable strike

37 Gin mill

40 Hersher of  
the diamond

41 Tylenol unit

44 Part of i.e.

45 Drug bust gp.

46 Scale starter

47 Liquid carpet  
cleaners

48 — and aahs

49 Dot on a map

52 Nut go-with

53 Conk out

55 Female organ

56 Diarist Anaïs

58 Balcony  
window

59 Dress  
smartly, with  
"out"

60 "Alice" spinoff

61 Tickle

64 Popular  
potatoes

68 Acoustic pair

69 TV horse of  
the '60s

70 Age-revealing  
stat

71 Troop gp.

72 Pt. of NOW

73 Sing jazzily

74 Boat movers

78 Port of Italia

79 GM

81 Actor Morgan  
and singer  
Chapman

82 Been abed

83 "It's either  
you —"

84 Bit of advice

86 Yank's foe

90 Name in  
frozen  
waffles

93 See 119-  
Down

94 — Remo

95 Med. plan

96 Household  
dye brand

97 In heaven,  
say

98 Go toward

99 Subterfuge

100 Did some  
angling

103 "Cosmos"  
author Carl

104 Drop off

105 Unsettles

106 — dish

107 — -pitch

110 Using speech

111 In a lazy way

113 Tortilla snack

116 Ethyl ending

117 TV's Arthur

118 Piercing  
tool

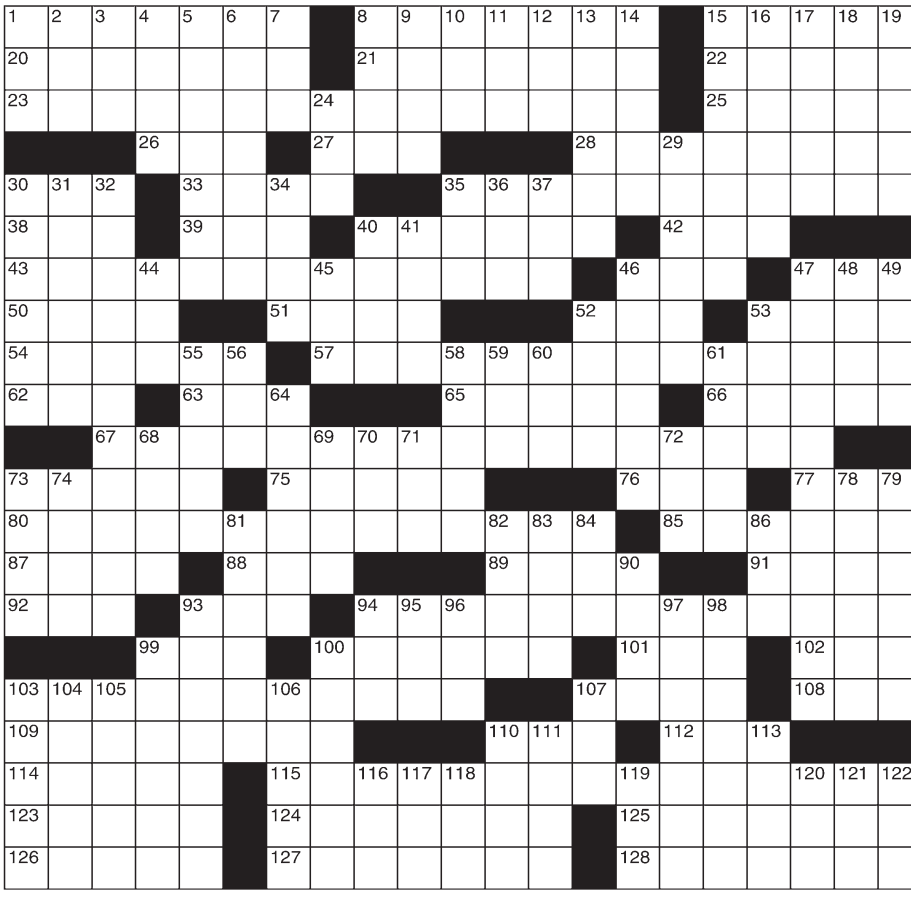
119 With

93-Down,  
many mid-  
April mailings

120 Preventive  
shot, for  
short

121 Lofty verse

122 Drop off







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# SPORTS



## KIDS GRAPPLE IN DIXON

The Rochelle Wrestling Club competed at the John Nagy Throwdown on Sunday.

See page 2 for more details

### RTHS Boys Basketball

# Hubs overwhelm G-K

Luxton, Aguirre each score 25 points as Rochelle cruises over Cogs 92-75

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Looking for its second straight win, the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team utilized its full-court pressure on defense and its fast-paced ball movement on offense to wear down the Genoa-Kingston Cogs during Wednesday evening’s nonconference matchup.

Leading 41-40 after the first half, Rochelle elevated its intensity on the defensive end, using full-court pressure while playing aggressive man-to-man defense and jumping into passing lanes to force several second-half turnovers from the Cogs. The Hubs outscored Genoa-Kingston 25-9 in the third quarter, allowing the purple and white to build a healthy double-digit lead for the remainder of the game and cruise to a 92-75 victory at home.

Junior Eli Luxton and senior Raul Aguirre each scored 25 points to lead the Hubs (4-4, 1-2 Interstate 8) in the win. Juniors Jack Tracey and Jack Lodico each finished with 12 points, while sophomores Elijah Harley and Cayden

Moore combined for 10 points. Rochelle will host an Interstate 8 Conference matchup against the Morris Redskins on Friday night at 7 p.m.

“We were able to tire them out during the second half and we capitalized on the offensive end,” senior David Gerber said. “Raul and Eli are great scorers and when we can tire the defense out, they’re able to score a lot easier. We’re a good second-half team because we’re able to wear other teams down. We’re building on each game and we’re getting better and better. We struggled during our first few games, but we’ve played much better over our last two games.”

Both teams played with tremendous pace on offense, using long passes and quick ball movement to push the ball up the court quickly and create open shots. With Aguirre using his 6-foot-5 frame to draw double teams down low, Luxton took advantage of one-on-one matchups, hitting two 3-pointers and capitalizing on offensive rebounds for two more baskets around the rim. Luxton and Aguirre combined for 18 points



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Eli Luxton soars over two Genoa-Kingston defenders for a shot during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Cogs on Wednesday. Luxton scored 25 points in a 92-75 victory for the Hubs.

to put the Hubs up 27-16 after the first quarter.

“We had a lot of players step up and do what they needed to do,” Luxton

said. “My teammates were passing the ball well and I was aggressive on the boards, which led to second-chance opportunities.

We practice with a lot of pace and that’s how coach [Tim] Thompson wants us to play. It makes us feel more like a team when

we have so many players who are contributing to the team.”

See HUBS page 3

### RTHS Boys Bowling

# Rochelle scores nonconference win over Streator

Odle rolls team-leading 607 series as Hubs take down Bulldogs 3,239-3,037

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Four of the six starters on the Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team recorded at least one score over 200 during Thursday evening’s nonconference match against Streator. Senior left-hander Evin Odle led the Hubs with a 607 series over three games, overcoming an injured wrist and leading Rochelle (6-6, 3-3 Interstate 8) over the Bulldogs 3,239-3,037.

Freshman Andrew Powell fired a 588 series for the Hubs, while sophomore Logan Frye followed with a 568 series against the Bulldogs. Brady Grabowski recorded a 644 series and Anthony Dominic totaled a 575 series to lead the Streator side on Thursday. Rochelle opened the match with a 1,069-962 win in the first game, where Odle threw a 211 and Frye added a 205.

“The kids are playing really well right now,” head coach Jim Lyles said. “Evin’s throwing the ball really well and our freshmen are coming along nicely. Evin’s worked a lot on improving his hand position and even though he injured his wrist this evening, he finished the

match really well.”

The Hubs surged ahead in the team series with a 1,165-1,038 victory in the second game, where Odle rolled a match-best 220 and freshman Owen Tooley fired a series-best 214. Junior Jonathan Alanis added a match-best 189 for the purple and white, while Grabowski and Dominic led the Bulldogs with scores of 224 and 200. Streator avoided the shut-out with a 1,137-1,005 win in the third game, where Grabowski shot a 248 and Dominic added a 217.

“I think our kids are hitting their targets a lot better than they were at the start of the season,” Lyles said. “They’re throwing a lot more strikes as a result. We’re still missing too many spares, but we’ve been able to make up for that with more strikes. Making our spares will be the biggest key for the kids moving forward and that’s what will allow them to find those big games.”

Powell’s series-high 221 and Frye’s 180 were the high scores for the Hubs in the third game. Rochelle’s next meet will be the Freeport Sport Shot Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

See BOWL page 5



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Jonathan Alanis fires a shot during the Rochelle Hub varsity bowling match against Streator on Thursday. The Hubs defeated the Bulldogs 3,239-3,037 to reach 6-6 overall this season.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT

# RWC grapples at 2022 John Nagy Throwdown

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**DIXON** — The Rochelle Wrestling Club sent 18 athletes to the 2022 John Nagy Throwdown at Dixon High School on Sunday, Dec. 11. Three Junior Hub wrestlers earned first-place finishes.

Noah Hayden finished first in the Intermediate 62-65 Division with a 3-0 record. Hayden earned a fall over TJ Trained's Luke Jones in the first round before scoring consecutive major decisions against Dixon's Briggs Van Oosten (9-1) and Hononegah's Wade Walters (13-5) for the title.

Dominic Escatel finished first in the Intermediate 70-76 Division with a 3-0 record. Escatel cruised over Tiger Town's Anastasia Rucinski with a 16-0 technical fall before edging Oregon's Owen Martin for a 7-1 decision. Escatel won by fall over Dixon's Elliott Kahn for the title.

Garrett Miller finished first in the Intermediate 111-115 Division with a 4-0 record, opening the tournament with a fall victory over Sycamore's John Gehrig and an 11-4 decision against Sandwich's Knox Smith. Miller clinched the title over the final two rounds, notching back-to-back fall victories against Dixon's Austin Shomaker and LaSalle-Peru's Paxton Saephon.

Julia Herring took second in the Tots 46-49 Division with a 2-1 record. Herring earned consecutive 15-7 major decisions against Polo's Brett Walls and Dixon's Jax Rhodes before facing Stillman Valley's Owen Provancher for the title, where Herring conceded a 12-6 decision.

Wells Millard took second in the Bantam 47-50 Division with a 2-1 record. Millard held off Belvidere's James Ambelang for a 9-7 decision before winning by fall over Sauk Valley's Annabelle Hoffman. Millard conceded a 5-0 decision to TJ Trained's Tagg Hefner in the finals.

Chase Marruffo took second in the Bantam 70-75 Division with a 2-1 record. Marruffo lost by 6-2 decision against TJ Trained's Brett Merrick in the opening round, but bounced back with consecutive fall victories against Dixon's Avery Smith and Marengo's Jaxson Ostler.

Colt Hensley took second in the Bantam 85-92 Division with a 2-1 record. Hensley lost by fall against Hononegah's Cyrus Houser in the first round, but recovered with a fall over Dixon's Fletcher Lindemeyer and a 11-0 major decision over Sauk Valley's Raleigh Holloway.

Teddy Millard took second in the Intermediate 66-68 Division with a 2-1 record. Millard recorded a fall over Xtreme Wrestling's Boe Bastian before conceding a 2-0 decision to Dixon's Hunter Pankhurst. Millard closed the day with a 11-2 major decision over Stillman Valley's Izayah Marx.

Gavin Smith finished third in the Intermediate 70-76 B Division with a 1-2



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Garrett Miller was one of three Rochelle Wrestling Club athletes to take home a first-place finish from the John Nagy Throwdown in Dixon on Sunday.**

record, earning a forfeit over Dixon's Zachary Wolford. Axel Alsop finished third in the Novice 111-119 Division with a 1-2 record, defeating Dakota's Carson Fritz with a fall. Benjamin Morris finished third in the Novice 125-136 Division with a 1-2 record, notching a fall over Clipper Wrestling's Eli Lewis.

Joshua Lassiter finished third in the Senior 122-123 Division with a 1-2 record, earning a first-round fall over Oregon's Jayden Berry. Brandin Kirk finished third in the Senior 142-145 Division with a 1-2 record, notching a second-round fall against Sauk Valley's Ayden Gutierrez.

Rochelle wrestlers who took fourth in the tournament include Tate Bigelow (Bantam 61-62 Division), Xander Gonzales (Bantam 93-99 Division), Vaughn Manning (Novice 78-83 Division), Quentin Ansteth (Novice 83-85 B Division) and Joshua Hernandez (Novice 95-103 Division).

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# SPORTS



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Raul Aguirre scored 25 points during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team's home win against Genoa-Kingston on Wednesday.

## HUBS: Four Rochelle players reach double figures in win

From page 1

Genoa-Kingston battled back during the second quarter, where senior guard Josh Bunting sank three triples and sophomore forward Hayden Hodgson added four made field goals including a 3-pointer to bring the Cogs within one point at halftime. Bunting and Hodgson each finished with 21 points for Genoa-Kingston, who saw both players go without a field goal during the third

quarter, where Rochelle's defensive pressure helped the Hubs break the game wide open.

"We talk to each other about running the floor as fast as we can and scoring as many points as we can," Gerber said. "We want to press on defense as much as possible, but we also want to push the ball up the floor as much as possible. When we do those things and we get the ball to Raul, Eli or any of our shooters, we're able to knock down

a lot of shots like we did tonight."

Lodico converted a pair of 3-pointers in the second half, while Aguirre dominated the low post during the third quarter, sinking two field goals and drawing three fouls that led to free-throw attempts. Rochelle led the Cogs 66-49 entering the fourth quarter, where three triples from Genoa-Kingston senior Amir Mullens weren't enough to overcome the large third-quarter hole.

### RTHS Girls Bowling

## Rochelle splits road matches against Kaneland, Sterling

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**DEKALB** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team took all three games for an Interstate 8 Conference sweep against Kaneland at Mardi Gras Lanes on Tuesday. Sophomore Cassidy Vincent rolled a team-high 583 series score as the Lady Hubs cruised over the Knights 2,621-2,345. Freshman Kylie McCullough added a 476 series score for Rochelle (4-2, 3-2 Interstate 8).

The Lady Hubs held a commanding series lead after the first game, where Rochelle defeated Kaneland 853-723 behind 192 from Vincent. Juniors Makenzie Liezert and Anahi Alanis fired respective scores of 156 and 153, while Emma Pernice threw a team-high 201 for the Knights.

Rochelle claimed the second game 945-827, with Vincent shooting a series-best 236 and McCullough adding a series-best 173. Junior Faith Adams added a series-best 151 for the Lady Hubs, while Preslee Sutherland rolled a team-best 202 for Kaneland in the second game.

The Lady Hubs edged the Knights 823-805 in the third game to complete the conference sweep. McCullough led Rochelle with



a 170 and Vincent followed with a 155 in the third game, while Sutherland's 175 was the high score for the Kaneland side.

### Sterling

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team played a close nonconference match against Sterling on Wednesday, with freshman Kylie McCullough shooting a 518 series and sophomore Cassidy Vincent rolling a 513 series as the purple and white fell just short in a 2,599-2,518 loss. Rochelle (4-3, 3-2 Interstate 8) will host Ottawa on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Sterling claimed the first game 847-791 behind 173 from Olivia Barton and 154 from Hailey Conderman. Vincent scored a series-best 187 for the Lady Hubs in

the first game, while McCullough followed with a 167. Rochelle took the second game 829-794, with McCullough rolling another 167 and Vincent bowling a 162. Junior Anahi Alanis fired a series-best 170 in the second game for Rochelle.

The Golden Warriors held a 21-pin advantage entering the third game, where Sterling defeated Rochelle 968-898 to take the series and the match. Barton rolled a 188 to finish with a 503 series and Hannah Conderman shot a 184 for the Golden Warriors. McCullough's 184 was the high score for Rochelle in the third game, with Vincent adding a 164 and junior Faith Adams recording a series-best 163. Alanis added a 152 to finish with a 444 series.

### RTHS Girls Basketball

## Lady Hubs fall at Ottawa

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**OTTAWA** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team faced Ottawa on the road Tuesday evening, falling 63-33 in Interstate 8 Conference action. Junior Alivia Henkel scored 12 points while adding five steals and two rebounds for the Lady Hubs (2-11, 1-3 Interstate).

Junior Kara Martinez finished with six points, two assists and a team-

high nine rebounds in the loss against Ottawa. Junior Megan Seebach and sophomore Abby Metzger each recorded four points, with Seebach totaling two steals and Metzger notching two rebounds. Junior Sydney Tabor compiled two points, two rebounds, three assists and two steals.

The Pirates led 29-14 at halftime and 45-24 after three quarters, forcing 38 Rochelle turnovers along the way. Junior Loretta Atkinson and sophomore



Kendyl Darby rounded out the Lady Hub scorers with three points and two points, respectively, with Darby adding three rebounds. Senior Torrin Nantz did not play due to an illness.

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**ORDINANCE #22-01 Amended 11/7/2022**  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE ASHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE-OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Ashton Fire Protection District.  
Section 1. That the following sums of money in the total amount of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,317,050.00) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Ashton Fire Protection District as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES	
Fund Account Description:	2022-23 Budget
<b>Fire Fund - (01):</b>	
<b>Income &amp; Revenue:</b>	
01 300 Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$141,400
01 310 Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	33,100
01 320 Comptroller - Corporate Replacement Tax	6,000
01 330 Interest	600
01 360 Insurance	0
01 370 Miscellaneous Income (Rent)	15,000
01 380 Tollway	0
Cash on hand, May 1, 2022	\$58,449
Total Estimated Budget Funds	\$654,549

<b>Expenses:</b>	
01 500 Capital Outlay - Small Equipment	225,000
01 505 Capital Equipment - Vehicle	325,000
01 506 Future Building Expenditures	100,000
01 507 Future Capital Expenditure - Vehicle	0
01 510 Vehicle Expense	12,000
01 520 Building Repairs & Maint.	10,000
01 530 Comm. Equip - Repairs & Maint	8,000
01 535 Equipment Repairs & Maint.	15,000
01 540 Training	8,000
01 550 Trustee Compensation	3,000
01 560 Firefighter Compensation	25,000
01 565 Firefighter Physicals	2,000
01 570 Insurance General Liability & Property	14,000
01 580 Misc. Contingency Fund	7,000
01 590 Legal	1,000
01 610 Social Security Taxes (Payroll taxes)	9,000
01 620 Publishing & Printing	2,000
01 630 Bookkeeping	3,500
01 640 Telephone	6,500
01 650 Utilities	7,000
01 665 Office Expense	2,000
01 670 Travel	2,000
01 675 Meals	1,000
01 695 Bank Charges	50
01 900 Contingencies	1,000
Total - Fire Fund:	\$789,050

<b>Ambulance Fund - (02):</b>	
<b>Income &amp; Revenue:</b>	
02 700 Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$92,400
02 710 Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	21,600
02 720 Interest	4,000
02 760 Ambulance Fees	15,000
Cash on hand, May 1, 2022	\$17,744
Total Estimated Budget Funds	\$750,744

<b>Expenses:</b>	
02 800 Future Capital Outlay - Equip (Ambulance)	0
02 805 Capital Outlay - Small Equipment	100,000
02 810 Vehicle Expense (gas/oil)	10,000
02 815 Ambulance Supplies	18,000
02 820 Building Expense - repair, maint, rent	15,000
02 825 Ambulance Intercepts	15,000
02 830 EMT/Firefighter Compensation	30,000
02 835 Equipment Repairs Maintenance	15,000
02 840 Training	15,000
02 850 Bookkeeping	12,000
02 880 Contingency Fund	2,000
02 890 Miscellaneous	10,000
Total - Ambulance Fund:	\$242,000

<b>Tort Fund - (03):</b>	
<b>Income &amp; Revenue:</b>	
03 200 Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$0
03 210 Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	0
03 220 Interest	150
Cash on hand, May 1, 2022	\$1,156
Total Estimated Budget Funds	\$51,306

<b>Expenses:</b>	
03 250 Liability Insurance	\$10,000
03 255 Miscellaneous	7,000
Total - Tort Fund:	\$17,000

<b>Workers' Compensation Fund - (04)</b>	
<b>Income &amp; Revenue:</b>	
04 400 Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$14,280
04 410 Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	3,340
04 420 Interest	60
Cash on hand, May 1, 2022	\$7,078
Total Estimated Budget Funds	\$84,758

<b>Expenses:</b>	
04 450 Insurance	\$9,000
04 455 Claims Expense	0
04 460 Workers Comp Physicals	0
Total - Workers' Comp Fund	\$9,000

<b>Audit Fund - (05)</b>	
<b>Income &amp; Revenue:</b>	
05 600 Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$2,350
05 610 Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	580
05 620 Interest	0
Cash on hand, May 1, 2022	128
Total Estimated Budget Funds	\$3,038

<b>Expenses:</b>	
05 650 Audit Fees	\$10,000
05 655 Reserve	0
Total - Audit Fund:	\$10,000

<b>Summary:</b>	
01 General Corporate Expenditure (Fire Fund)	\$789,050
02 Ambulance Fund	242,000
03 Tort Fund	17,000
04 Workers' Compensation Fund	9,000
05 Audit Fund	10,000
Total Expenditures - All Funds:	1,067,050

That the foregoing shall constitute the annual budget for the Ashton Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. As part of the annual budget, it is stated:

A. Statement of cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year:	\$1,194,853
B. Estimate of the cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources:	\$349,840
C. Estimate of the expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year:	\$1,317,050
D. Statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year:	\$227,343
E. Estimate of the amount of taxes to be received by the Fire District:	\$308,030

Section 2. That all unexpected balances of any item or items or any general appropriation made in this ordinance be expected in making up any insufficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made in this ordinance.

Section 3. That all unexpected balances from annual appropriations of previous years are hereby re-appropriated.

Section 4. That the validity of any item or section of this ordinance shall not effect the validity of the whole or any part thereof.

Section 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance be the same are hereby repealed.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: July 11, 2022 APPROVED: July 11, 2022 Amended 11/7/2022

*Clifford Jones*  
Clifford Jones  
President of the Board of Trustees  
Ashton Fire Protection District  
*Scott Hillman*  
Scott Hillman  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
Ashton Fire Protection District  
Amended 11/7/2022

**CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF REVENUES BY SOURCE OF THE ASHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LEE AND OGLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

The undersigned, Chief Fiscal Officer, of the Ashton Fire Protection District of Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois, does hereby certify that the estimate of revenues by source or anticipated to be received by said taxing district, is either set forth in said ordinance as "Revenues" or attached hereto by separate document, is a true statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements of (35 ILCS 200/18-50) and on behalf of the Ashton Fire Protection District of Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois. This certification must be filed within 30 days after the adoption of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Amended 11/7/2022  
*Richard B. Skiffington*  
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Chief Fiscal Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND CERTIFICATION OF ESTIMATES OF REVENUES BY SOURCE OF THE ASHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

The undersigned, duly elected, qualified and acting President of the Ashton Fire Protection District does hereby certify that hereto is a true and correct copy of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance of the said District for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023, as adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

The undersigned, Board Secretary, of the Ashton Fire Protection District, Lee County, Illinois, does hereby certify that the Estimates of Revenues by Source or anticipated amount to be received by said taxing district, is either set forth in said ordinance as "Revenues" or attached hereto by separate document is a true statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements and on behalf of the Ashton Fire Protection District, Lee County, IL.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 Amended 11/7/2022  
*Scott Hillman*  
Scott Hillman  
President  
*Scott Hillman*  
Scott Hillman  
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Filed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
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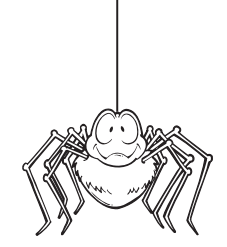
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# SPORTS

## RTHS Wrestling

# Hubs defeat Kaneland, LaSalle-Peru

## Rochelle reaches 13-0 after Thursday win at Ottawa

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**MAPLE PARK** — The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team continued its dominance with two Interstate 8 Conference road wins over Kaneland and LaSalle-Peru on Wednesday. Rochelle (12-0, 3-0 Interstate 8) crushed the Knights 62-4 while downing the Cavaliers 76-6. The Hubs conceded only two bout losses in the conference triangular meet.

### Kaneland

Rochelle's only loss during the dual match with the Knights came during the 126-pound bout, where Kaneland's Alex Gochis recorded a 13-5 major decision over freshman Frank Nasca. Sophomore Joseph Nadig and senior Weldon Nay gave the Hubs a 6-4 lead in the dual with consecutive decisions during the 132-pound and 138-pound bouts, where Nadig outlasted Caden Grabowski 8-6 and Nay earned three near falls to fend off Kyle Rogers 6-4.

Rochelle won the next four bouts by fall to surge ahead 30-4. Freshmen Brenden Voight and Roman Villalobos recorded first-period falls over Max Woodward and Apollo Gochisto claim the 145-pound and 170-pound bouts, while sophomores Grant Gensler and Erich Metzger earned fall victories against Christian Duffing and Nate Harper in the 152-pound and 160-pound bouts.

Junior Brock Metzger notched three takedowns and one reversal in a 9-0 major decision over Nolan Hosking to win the 182-pound bout. Senior Jorge Driggs and sophomore Kaiden Morris followed with victories in the 195-pound and 220-pound bouts, with Driggs holding off Max Pietak for a 5-3 decision and Morris scoring a 11-2 major decision against Nate Diaz. Senior Jaden Cook recorded a first-

period fall over JR Warfel to take the 285-pound bout for Rochelle.

Freshmen Keagan Albers and Anthony Milburn received forfeits for the 106-pound and 113-pound bouts to give the Hubs a 59-4 lead in the dual. Sophomore Xavier Villalobos scored six third-period points to beat Kamron Scholl by 6-3 decision in the 120-pound bout.

### LaSalle-Peru

Xavier Villalobos kicked off the match against the Cavaliers with a first-period fall over Zach Znaniecki in the 120-pound bout. Frank Nasca added five points to the team score for Rochelle, compiling two takedowns and four near falls in a 17-0 technical fall over Griffin Hummers in the 126-pound bout. Joseph Nadig and Weldon Nay extended the Hub lead with back-to-back falls over Kaleb Vela and Zach Pocivasek to claim the 132-pound and 138-pound bouts.

Junior Abel Huerta took a forfeit for the 145-pound bout, making the score 29-0 before Rochelle rallied off five consecutive fall victories. Grant Gensler and Erich Metzger recorded first-period falls over Josh Bickford and Walter Haage to win the 152-pound and 160-pound bouts, while Roman Villalobos and Brock Metzger followed with first-period falls against Ethan Pohar and Jace Wallgren in the 170-pound and 182-pound bouts. Jorge Driggs added a first-period fall over Reid Currier to take the 195-pound bout and give Rochelle a 59-0 lead in the match.

LaSalle-Peru's lone win came during the 220-pound bout, where Connor Lorden held a 9-6 lead over Kaiden Morris before securing a third-period fall. Jaden Cook fired back for the Hubs, taking a 7-1 lead over Gunnar Wright before

finishing with a first-period fall to win the 285-pound bout. Keagan Albers and Anthony Milburn won the final two matchups, with Albers earning a first-period fall over Sylvester St. Peter in the 106-pound bout and Milburn totaling four near falls and two takedowns in a 16-0 technical fall over Franc Knap in the 113-pound bout.

### Ottawa

The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team remained undefeated on Thursday, earning a 51-28 road win against Ottawa after sweeping an Interstate 8 Conference meet with Kaneland and LaSalle-Peru on Wednesday. Rochelle (13-0, 4-0 Interstate 8) will compete at the Oak Forest Mega Duals this weekend.

The Pirates claimed the first match of the conference dual, with Nico Stanfill surging ahead 13-4 before recording a third-period fall over sophomore Weylin Nay in the 132-pound bout. Rochelle tied the score after senior Weldon Nay fired back with third-period fall over Malachi Snyder to take the 138-pound bout. Freshman Brenden Voight gave the Hubs a 12-6 lead after earning a second-period fall over Marek Duffy in the 145-pound bout.

Rochelle continued to extend its lead over the next several matches. Sophomore Grant Gensler overcame a 5-3 deficit to score a second-period fall over Sebastian Cabrera in the 152-pound bout before sophomore Erich Metzger held on for an 8-7 decision against Wyatt Reding in the 160-pound bout. Freshman Parker Campos took a forfeit for the 170-pound bout to put the Hubs ahead 27-6.

Junior Brock Metzger followed with a first-period fall over Tate Spicer to claim the 182-pound bout. Ottawa won the next two matches, with Ryan Wilson recording a first-period fall over senior Jorge Driggs in

## BOWL: Rochelle falls at LaSalle-Peru

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Tooley finished the match with a 501 series, while Alanis recorded a 492 series and junior Sam Tracey added 473 series to round out the varsity lineup for the Hubs.

### LaSalle-Peru

The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team took on LaSalle-Peru in Interstate 8 Conference action Monday evening, falling 3,535-3,197 despite a team-leading 606 series from senior Evie Odle.

Junior Jonathan Alanis recorded a 553 series score, while freshman Andrew Powell rolled a 529 series and sophomore Logan Frye added a 519 series for the Hubs (5-6, 3-3 Interstate 8).

LaSalle-Peru surged ahead in the first game, winning 1,228-997 with four players including Chance Hank (234), Peyton Baker (222), Ethan Picco (215) and Jake Quick (214) eclipsing the 200-pin threshold.

The Cavaliers claimed the second game 1,234-1,085, with Picco shooting a 249 while Quick fired a 235 and Hank followed with a 207. A 210 from Frye and a 209 from Alanis were the high scores for Rochelle in the

second game.

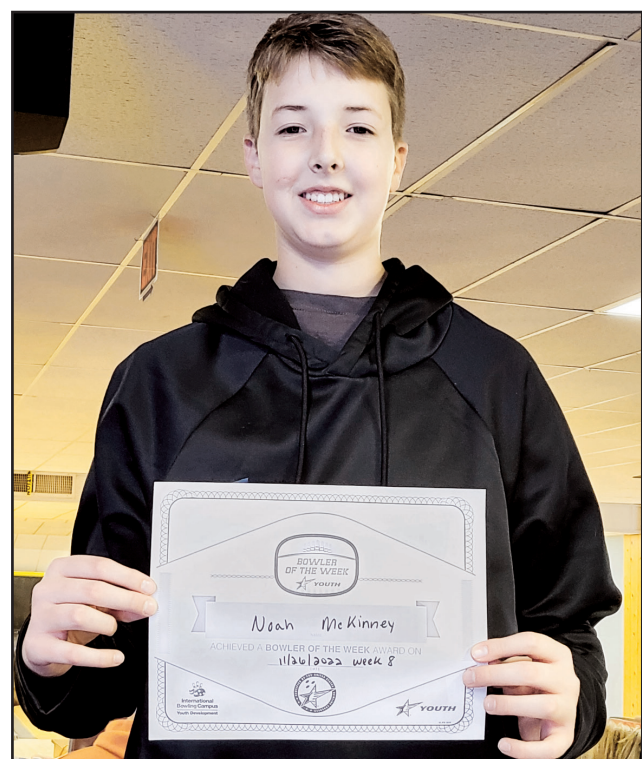
Although LaSalle-Peru took the overall series, Rochelle knocked off the Cavaliers 1,115-1,073 in the third game to score two conference points for the season total. Odle's 233 and Powell's 200 were

among the high scores for the Hubs in the third game, while Baker rolled a 224 to finish with a team-high 640 series for LaSalle-Peru.

Quick and Hank recorded series scores of 635 and 632, respectively.

## T-Byrd Lanes

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