



ROCHELLE News-Leader

MIDWEEK EDITION | WWW.ROCHELLENEWS-LEADER.COM



FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS SINCE 1878

420 4th Ave.
815-562-2456

Vol. 103 • No. 66

LOCAL NEWS... LOCAL VIEWS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 2022

\$1.25

Your life.
Your education.
Your way.

KC KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

Enrolling Now for Fall!

www.kish.edu/fall

KNOW IT TODAY



Balchs celebrate 50th anniversary

David and Marilyn Balch will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Dec. 15. **Page 5**

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
48 36	39 30
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
30 23	26 20

Today's RNL issue sponsored by Community Unity member:

Rochelle Community Unity
Shop • Play • Stay

Common Law, Uncommon Lawyers ©

JAMES G. AHLBERG
ATTORNEY AT LAW

501 6th Ave.
815-562-4443

OBITUARIES

• JAMES FREDERICK DALE JR.

See page 4

INSERTS

• ALDI
• FARM & FLEET

INSIDE

Ashton News.....Section 2
Local News.....2, 3, 5
Obituaries.....4
Opinion.....6
Community.....7



Olson earns ICAHN award

Network was crucial to rural hospitals during pandemic

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson has worked with the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network since it started in 2003.

But he did not expect to win ICAHN's highest award for exemplary and visionary leadership in rural healthcare in recent weeks. The 2022 Presidential Award was presented to Olson on Nov. 10 during ICAHN's annual conference in Champaign.

"It was a surprise," Olson said. "I do what I think is right and what I can for the organization because I believe in it. It wasn't any kind of award that I was chasing. It was just doing the things that I felt were right for the organization and for RCH. I'm very humbled. It was nice for the acknowledgement. It was a very nice surprise."

Located in Princeton, ICAHN is a network of 58 small, rural Illinois hospitals dedicated to strengthening the operations of its member hospitals through collab-



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The 2022 Presidential Award was presented to Rochelle Community Hospital CEO Gregg Olson on Nov. 10 during ICAHN's annual conference in Champaign.

oration. The organization is composed of Illinois hospitals, including RCH, who have earned critical access hospital designa-

tion by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. ICAHN is recognized nationally for its work with rural healthcare

and administers several state, federal and private healthcare programs.

See OLSON page 3



Special use permit approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its Monday meeting, the Rochelle City Council voted unanimously to amend its code to allow warehousing by special use in its B-2 highway commercial district zoning and 5-0 with Mayor John Bearrows abstaining to approve a special use permit for Wirtz Realty Corporation for warehousing at property located in that zoning at 1380 N. 7th St.

The building at 1380 N. 7th St. is currently vacant and was previously the site of Krahenbuhl Chrysler Jeep. The plan is for the location to become the future home of Breakthru Beverage Group, which will lease it from Wirtz Realty.

See CITY page 2

Wreaths Across America ceremonies honor veterans

'The ceremonies and the community support are wonderful to see'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution's local Wreaths Across America efforts started in 2018 with sponsorships of 31 wreaths for the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Fast forward to this year, local efforts this month will see 739 wreaths sponsored across five cemeteries including St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery and Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle, Trinity Memory Gardens in Hillcrest, Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston and Daysville Cemetery in Oregon.

Each December on Wreaths Across America Day, veterans' graves are honored with wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Wreaths locally are sponsored by the DAR along with community members such as veterans groups, private individuals, women's groups,



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Rochelle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution's local Wreaths Across America efforts started in 2018 with sponsorships of 31 wreaths for the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

car clubs, businesses and more, DAR Chapter Regent Laurie Perry said.

"It's a community involvement event," Perry said. "We have scouts come to help us lay wreaths. It's important for young people to understand the educational value of the program. We have veterans and other community members place wreaths. The Knights of Columbus come and do their honor

guard."

Perry is the chairwoman of WAA at Daysville Cemetery and Linda Corwin-Graber is the chairwoman of WAA at Woodlawn Cemetery. Lydia Roberts is the chairwoman of WAA at St. Patrick's, Lawnridge and Trinity.

Roberts said the WAA theme is "remember, honor and teach," and one of the DAR's big focuses is to teach the youth about the

sacrifices veterans made.

WAA ceremonies are scheduled as follows: Saturday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.: Woodlawn Cemetery, Creston. Saturday, Dec. 17, 1 p.m.: Daysville Cemetery, Oregon. Sunday, Dec. 18, 1 p.m.: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rochelle, with abbreviated ceremony and wreath placement to follow at Lawnridge and Trinity Cemeteries.

"The ceremonies and

the community support are wonderful to see," Roberts said. "It's such a sense of community and everybody's coming together for one single purpose. It's the culmination of all the work. Having so many people there braving the weather is amazing. You can look down the rows and see the wreaths. It's just satisfying to see."

See WREATHS pg 3

Stillman BANK
Member FDIC

Holiday GIVEAWAY

3 Beef Quarters and 3 Pork Halves will be given away December 23!
You could be one of 6 Winners!

Register at any one of our **six locations** or online at www.stillmanbank.com!

Byron • Oregon • Rochelle • Rockford • Roscoe/Rockton • Stillman Valley

*Contest runs 11/25/22 through 12/22/22. No purchase necessary. Winners will be notified by phone. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter. See office for complete official rules.

COME SEE YOUR FRIENDS

Brent Ohlinger
Community President
NMLS#454385

David Eckhardt
Vice President/Loan Officer
NMLS#454387

304 EAST HIGHWAY 38
ROCHELLE
firststatebank.biz | 815.562.2200

FIRST STATE BANK

Member FDIC

LOCAL NEWS

CITY: Council approves engineering service proposal for intermodal project

From page 1

The property is planned to be purchased and made a distribution hub for Breakthru Beverage's northwest Illinois beverage delivery operations.

The location would have 25 full-time employees and Breakthru Beverage serves 40 businesses in the Rochelle community and 2,750 in northwest Illinois.

Plans include renovation of the exterior of the building and adding new signage, lighting and landscaping along with repairing the parking lot. The business's traffic would include one semi-truck unloading between 5-6 a.m. four days a week and box trucks would go out at 8 a.m. to deliver product and return at the end of the day.

"They plan to do substantial improvements to the building and improve its appearance and add a monument sign," Andrew Scott, a representative of Wirtz Realty and Breakthru Beverage, said Monday. "It's a full rehab. They're going to do landscaping and parking lot improvements. The vehicular traffic will be minimal."

Breakthru Beverage started in 1946 and is one of the biggest beverage distributors in the state. There is unused space on the northwest corner of the property that may be marketed for an unrelated commercial development in the future.

RITC

The council unanimously approved a \$91,000 proposal for engineering services

with Fehr Graham for finalizing the design and construction plans for its Rochelle Intermodal Transload Yard expansion project.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is offering the Illinois Competitive Freight Program Grant (targeted at intermodal projects) which could fund up to 90 percent of the project cost. The expansion would increase the size of the RITC by 40 percent, which would allow for additional intermodal capacity and revenue to city rail operations. Fehr Graham completed preliminary engineering on the project two years ago and with the grant application can be completed after engineering work is finalized. The project has an estimated \$4 million construction cost.

In a related issue, the council unanimously authorized and approved a farm management agreement with First Mid Ag Services for land in the RITC area.

Over the past five years, the city has purchased around 50 acres through First Mid Ag Services for future city railroad expansions. While plans for using the land for future rail growth are ongoing, Monday's approval allows for the city to continue to lease the land for the purpose of farming it.

Liquor license

The council unanimously approved an ordinance deleting one restaurant liquor license for Brewski's Bar & Grill at 406 Cherry Ave. and creating another for

The Blackstone Bar & Restaurant at the same address.

Shane Erdman and Jim Withers are the owners of The Blackstone Bar & Restaurant. The property changed hands and the owners of Brewski's Bar and Grill surrendered their liquor license on Nov. 30.

Dump trucks

The council approved the purchase of three used tandem axle dump trucks with snow plow packages for \$437,000.

In February, the council approved the purchase of two new Kenworth dump trucks with snow plow packages for \$490,550, but due to supply chain issues the order has not been accepted since and Public Works Director Tim Isley opted for the alternative of the three used trucks to ensure sooner delivery and a lower price.

The used trucks were purchased new in 2015 and 2016 by another city and have less than 20,000 miles and were used only for snow removal operations, Isley said.

Intersection

The council unanimously approved an engineering services agreement for phase two of an intersection design study for improvements at the Flagg Road and 20th Street intersection with Willett Hoffman & Associates for \$35,088.

An intergovernmental agreement with Ogle County was approved by the council in early 2022 for collaboration and cost sharing of various phases of engineering and construction for the



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The building at 1380 N. 7th St. is currently vacant and was previously the site of Krahenbuhl Chrysler Jeep. The plan is for the location to become the future home of Breakthru Beverage Group, which will lease it from Wirtz Realty.

intersection's improvement project.

RMU

The council unanimously approved an ordinance temporarily suspending late fees for Rochelle Municipal Utilities customers through April 30, 2023 due to high inflation impacting residents' cost of living. The measure only applies to residential utility customers.

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said the suspension of late fees could become permanent in the future.

"We'll see how things go," Fiegenschuh said. "And in April if we're still having issues, I might propose that we eliminate them at least semi-permanently. We can always reevaluate it annually. For our residential customers, I think it's nice that they know that we care and that we're not there to punish

them when they're late."

The council also approved a resolution authorizing Fiegenschuh to extend the RMU Utility Assistance Program for two years.

The program is open to all RMU residential customers who fall within guidelines of household income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, which is currently \$27,750 for a family of four. The program provides \$500 a year per household to help pay for utility charges and is funded by renewable energy credits from the previous year.

In 2022 so far, \$32,298.28 has been committed to 67 households. The program expires at the end of 2022 and the vote Monday will extend the program for two additional years.

Residents can learn how to enroll in the program by calling the RMU billing office.

Swearing in

A swearing in ceremony was held for new Rochelle Police Department Officer Bartolome Silva during the meeting Monday.

K9

RPD plans to host a bowling fundraiser for its K9 program at T-Byrd Lanes on Jan. 21 from 6-10 p.m. More information can be found on the department's Facebook page.

The department is working to raise money for its next K9 dog. K9 Axel is retiring this year and a retirement party will be held for him Thursday, Dec. 15 from 2-4 p.m. at City Hall.

Meeting

The Rochelle City Council will not have a second meeting in December as it does in usual months and its next meeting will take place Jan. 9, 2023.

RMU offering biosolid agricultural fertilizer

ROCHELLE – The Rochelle Municipal Utilities Water Department is joining treatment plants nationwide in offering biosolid agricultural fertilizer to be used on area farmland.

Biosolids will be applied in the spring, summer

and fall to fields scheduled to be planted in corn. The City of Rochelle will perform soil testing and analysis of prospective fields at no cost to the property owner/operator in the spring. Based on the results of that analysis, staff will determine

suitability to meet state regulations.

Interested in being considered for the program? Please visit www.rmu.net or contact Adam Lanning at 562-4155 or alanning@rmu.net. Applications will be considered on a first-come first-served basis.

RUMC's Longest Night Service scheduled Dec. 21

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle United Methodist Church at 709 4th St. in Rochelle will host its Longest Night Service

on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

Longest Night services honor the emotions of people experiencing grief,

loneliness and sadness during the holiday season.

Please call 815-562-2164 if you have any questions.



Kish | KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

Opportunities for any situation.

Exceptional education for every student.

HELPING YOU CREATE THE LIFE YOU WANT.

Register for Spring 2023.
kish.edu/register

kish.edu

Holiday GIVEAWAY

3 Beef Quarters and 3 Pork Halves will be given away December 23rd! You could be one of **6 Winners!** Join us in this **58 year tradition!**

Register at any one of our **six offices** or online at **www.stillmanbank.com**!

Celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season with Stillman Bank!

Byron • Oregon • Rochelle • Rockford • Roscoe/Rockton • Stillman Valley

No purchase necessary. Winners will be notified by phone. Must be 18 or older to enter. See office for complete rules.

LOCAL NEWS

OLSON: RCH CEO reflects on earning ICAHN award

From page 1

ICAHN started with 14 hospitals in the early 2000s that felt that rural healthcare was not getting the attention it deserved. Olson played a major part in the formation of ICAHN in 2003 and served as a charter board member until 2007. The critical access designation was brought forward by congress and focused on small and rural facilities and provided them with an enhanced reimbursement methodology to help them financially. "Prior to that time, around 340 small and rural hospitals nationwide had closed due to the way the reimbursement mechanism was working for them," Olson said. "Now it works differently and we get an enhanced payment to help offset the costs of keeping our hospital open. We compete with larger institutions for staff, technology and patients. The smaller hospitals needed some type of provisions to compete."

There are 86 hospitals in the state that are considered small rural, making up 42 percent of hospitals in the state and a \$13.7 billion annual economic

impact. Rural hospitals like RCH also play a crucial role in proximity to patients in need.

"There are geographical gaps that do make a difference in healthcare," Olson said. "If you're in Rochelle at 2 a.m. and having chest pains, if our hospital isn't here, that's a tough position to be in. You have 30-40 minutes to Rockford or the ride to DeKalb or Dixon."

Olson was among the first to offer information and COVID-19 updates on weekly ICAHN CEO calls during the pandemic.

"Gregg is always eager to lend support and lead efforts to change and to make rural communities and healthcare better," Pat Schou, ICAHN executive director, said.

Olson said being part of ICAHN was important during the unprecedented pandemic and the network was used as a resource to see what other hospitals were doing and to share ideas.

"It was kind of an open discussion on who was doing what with pandemic operations," Olson said. "We were able to get guidance from those conversations. We're an

independent organization at RCH and were in uncharted territories with the pandemic. ICAHN was crucial to the success of how we handled things. We were all depending on each other for information."

RCH was also able to trade supplies with other ICAHN hospitals during COVID-19 when supply chain issues came about.

"We had certain masks that we had excessive inventory of that a hospital 150 miles south of us didn't have," Olson said. "But they had something we didn't have. We were switching out physical resources back and forth to help each other. It was very nice to have that connection with 58 organizations statewide."

Olson said his work with ICAHN will continue on in the coming years. The award was special to get, especially during a pandemic, he said.

"The right thing to do was to get involved and be part of those conversations to help our organization and others," Olson said. "The pandemic was an element of things we did. It seemed like as a member, those are the things you should do."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson has worked with the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network since it started in 2003.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR ASHTON-FRANKLIN CENTER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 275

COUNTIES OF LEE/OGLE, STATE OF ILLINOIS

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Ashton-

Franklin Center Community Unit School District No. 275, Counties of Lee/ Ogle, State of Illinois, for year 2022, will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:45 p.m.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Superintendent Michael Lindy, 611 Western Avenue, Ashton, Illinois, 61006, 815-453-7461.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2021 for Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District No. 275 was \$5,469,750.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 for Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District No. 275 are \$5,852,632. This represents a 7.0% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 for Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District No. 275 was \$669,456.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 for Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District No. 275 is \$669,456. This represents a 0.00% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2021 for Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District No. 275 was \$6,141,925.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 for Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District No. 275 is \$6,522,088. This amount represents a 6.18% increase over the previous year.

12142022



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Each December on Wreaths Across America Day, veterans' graves are honored with wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

WREATHS: Ceremonies held annually to honor veterans

From page 1

The WAA process throughout the year includes: Coordinating with cemetery sextants, identifying veterans including ones added in the current year, ordering flags, placing flags on graves for Veterans Day to facilitate WAA Day in December while assisted by scouts, updating sponsorship forms, publicity, collecting sponsorships, preparing for ceremonies by soliciting volunteers and creating the program, receiving the truck load of wreaths, applying branch of service flags to wreaths, delivering wreaths to cemeteries, setting up for ceremonies, holding ceremonies, placing wreaths, collecting remaining unneeded wreaths, traveling to the second

cemetery site, checking that no veteran was missed and finally, cemetery cleanup in March.

"Wreaths Across America has been very enjoyable," Roberts said. "There's a lot of work and a lot that goes into it. But it's worth it. This project ties together the three main priorities of DAR, which are historical preservation, education and patriotism."

Perry called WAA work a privilege and said the DAR would like to expand into other cemeteries in the area in the future if additional resources can be found. She said she and others involved have found it to be a "beautiful and rewarding way" to serve the community.

Roberts said some of the veterans that wreaths are placed for date back

to World War I and the Spanish-American War. Some have no family left to honor them. Perry said those that do have living families are "incredibly special" to communicate with about WAA.

"If they can make it to place the wreath themselves, it's fantastic," Perry said. "We encourage it. If they can't, we'll place it for them. I've been blown away as I've watched the numbers grow. I remember having tears in my eyes when we did Daysville for the first year. Seeing the cars pulling in and there were so many people. We're always uneasy about the work of adding more, but the community answers and I'm always blown away. People from all over the area give up themselves to help with this project."

ANDERSON Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning,
Drinking water systems, Water Heaters,
Softeners, Iron Filters & More.

Since 1976

Like us on
Facebook

Lic# 055-013999

LENNOX

One less thing to worry about

621 First Ave., Rochelle
815-562-8784

HSF2015

DOUBLE BUTTERBURGER WITH CHEESE



FRESH, NEVER
FROZEN
MIDWEST
BEEF COOKED
AFTER YOU
ORDER.

Visit your local Culver's restaurant:

Culver's of Rochelle
1060 Dement Road, Rochelle, IL
(815) 561-9720
culvers.com

Culver's
Welcome to delicious®

0626201

LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

James Frederick Dale, Jr.

ROCHELLE—James Frederick Dale, Jr., 88, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. Jimmy was born on Aug. 25, 1934 to James F. and Nellie (Allen) Dale in Rochelle.

He proudly served with the United States Army from 1952 to 1957 during the Korean War. On Nov. 7, 1958, he married Reiko Saito in Japan. Jimmy worked as the custodian at the Central Annex and then at Lincoln School. After that, he worked in the maintenance department for many years at the Rochelle Community Hospital.

Jimmy is survived by his daughter, Susan Ann (Robert) Messer of Rochelle and his son, William (Glenda) Dale of Kansas City, Missouri; sister: Doris (John) Brinker of



North Carolina and five grandchildren: Shannon (Adrian) Montelongo, Paul (Heather) Helser, Chris Messer, Jeffrey Dale and Steven Dale and many great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was preceded in death by his wife, Reiko, on Jan. 30, 2007, and brother, Chuck; sister, Betty Rocha and half-brother, Sigfred Johnson, Jr. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

4-Hers honored for outstanding achievement

OREGON — Ogle County 4-H will honor 127 members for their achievements during the 2022 4-H year at club programs this fall. The 4-H Experience Award recognizes 4-Hers for their work in project learning, participation, community service and leadership. Members can earn three levels: Bronze 4-H Clover Award, Silver 4-H Clover Award and Gold 4-H Clover Award. All awards will be distributed at the member's 4-H Club awards banquet.

Bronze 4-H Clover Award winners: These 4-Hers completed at least one experience in each of the four dimensions. These include project learning, participation, community service, and leadership: Immanuel Arellano, Blackhawk Crossing; Trinity Beren, Grand Detour Greens; Adrien Booker, By-Y-Badgers; Alex Booker, By-Y-Badgers; Madison Bross, Byron Emerald Eagles; Courtney Bushman, Pine Creek Valley; Ali Danekas, Pine Creek Valley; Alex Grygiel, Blackhawk Crossing; Cian Grygiel, Blackhawk Crossing; Brooke Hammond, Grand Detour Greens; Josie Hammond, Grand Detour Greens; Cora Herring, Ogle County Clovers; A.J. Hinrichs, Blackhawk Crossing; Annaliese Koziol, Ogle County Clovers; Edward Koziol, Ogle County Clovers; Leo Koziol, Ogle County Clovers; Nicolette Koziol, Ogle County Clovers; Haven Marks, Summerhill Huskies; Savannah Marks, Summerhill

Huskies; Parker Morss, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Benjamin Nadig, Ogle County Clovers; Caleb Nadig, Ogle County Clovers; Elijah Nadig, Ogle County Clovers; Joseph Nadig, Ogle County Clovers; Dylan Reimer, Blackhawk Crossing; Hazel Reimer, Blackhawk Crossing; Jaxson ReVelle, Blackhawk Crossing; Katelyn Rockwood, Pine Creek Valley; Laura Rockwood, Pine Creek Valley; Owen Sardo, Ogle County Clovers; Alivia Thies, Blackhawk Crossing; Elliot Thies, Blackhawk Crossing; Jaxson Thies, Blackhawk Crossing; Kailee Thies, Blackhawk Crossing; Briannah West, Blackhawk Crossing; Zakkary West, Blackhawk Crossing; Madilyn Woods, Blackhawk Crossing; Adelaide Zimmerman, Blackhawk Crossing; Orion Zimmerman, Blackhawk Crossing; Phoenix Zimmerman, Blackhawk Crossing and Raiden Zimmerman, Blackhawk Crossing.

Silver 4-H Clover Award winners: These 4-Hers completed at least two experiences in each of the four dimensions. These include project learning, participation, community service and leadership. Also, at least two of those experiences were at the county, regional, state or national level: Ella Beran, Grand Detour Greens; Grace Costello, Ogle Jolly; Harmony Coy, Blackhawk Crossing; Alayna Doane, Mighty Clovers; Kamryn Feltz, Mighty Clovers; Trinity Feltz, Mighty Clovers; Jacob Goldstick, Byron Emerald Eagles; Lucas Goldstick, Byron Emerald Eagles; Melinda Goldstick, Byron Emerald Eagles; Rosalyn Goldstick, Byron Emerald Eagles; Zachary

Goldstick, Byron Emerald Eagles; Bella Hammond, Grand Detour Greens; Jenna Heller, Grand Detour Greens; Trent Heller, Grand Detour Greens; Jacob Hickman, By-Y-Badgers; Grant Johnson, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Mallory King, Mighty Clovers; Aubrey Kusnierz, Mighty Clovers; Madeline Kusnierz, Mighty Clovers; Kaden Lingbeck, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Eli Lotz, Blackhawk Crossing; Lucia Miller, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Ruth Nadig, Ogle County Clovers; Josie Pals, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Lily Smith, Blackhawk Crossing; Joshua Snow, Blackhawk Crossing; Kathryn Snow, Blackhawk Crossing; Makayla Williams, Ogle Jolly; Tristin Williams, Ogle Jolly and Emma Wissinger, Ogle Jolly.

Gold 4-H Clover Award winners: These 4-Hers completed at least four experiences in each of the four dimensions. These include project learning, participation, community service and leadership. Also, at least two of those experiences were at the state or national level: Kaitlyn Adams, Ogle Jolly; Lauren Carlson, By-Y-Badgers; Nicholas Cassens, By-Y-Badgers; Carson Conderman, By-Y-Badgers; Maggie Eden, Mighty Clovers; Colton Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers; Andrew Hickman, By-Y-Badgers; Natalie Johnson, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Allissa Martin, Carefree; Clare Montavon, Mighty Clovers; Kaeden Motszko, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Alyse Rogers, Ogle Jolly; Braden Rogers, Ogle Jolly; Madisyn Ruthe, Mighty Clovers; Lydia Sherburne, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; David Wehler, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Alexan-

der Williams, Leaf River Soaring Eagles and Lacie Williams, Leaf River Soaring Eagles.

Cloverbuds are 4-Hers between the ages of 5 and 7. The following Cloverbud members will also be recognized by their clubs: Nolan Adams, Ogle Jolly; Beckett Alderks, Carefree; Chloe Alexander, Summerhill Huskies; Lilian Anderson, Blackhawk Crossing; Laura Benton, Carefree; Paisley Benton, Carefree; Pyper Bruns, Carefree; Delaney Byers, Summerhill Huskies; Hayden Capes, Hub Hickory Nuts; Owen Collins, Ogle Jolly; Joslyn Countryman, Summerhill Huskies; Declan Franks, By-Y-Badgers; Luke Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers; Ashley Harbaugh, Carefree; Emily Harbaugh, Carefree; Remington Harvey, Summerhill Huskies; Anna Herring, Ogle County Clovers; Julia Herring, Ogle County Clovers; Lauren Hickman, By-Y-Badgers; Kenzie Hongermeier, Leaf River Busy Beavers; Zeke Janoski, Ogle Jolly; Reese Johnson, Ogle Jolly; Kaylee King, Mighty Clovers; Hunter Kremske, Blackhawk Crossing; Emmitt McAuliffe, Leaf River Busy Beavers; Dawson Mickleby, Hub Hickory Nuts; Phineas Nadig, Ogle County Clovers; Josanna ReVelle, Blackhawk Crossing; Thomas Reynolds, Leaf River Busy Beavers; Noah Richardson, Ogle County Clovers; Ellie Schier, Carefree; Alana Smith, Summerhill Huskies; Cole Somers, Hub Hickory Nuts; Emersyn Thies, Blackhawk Crossing; Henry Van Bogaert IV, Blackhawk Crossing; Michael Vaughn, Hub Hickory Nuts; Drake Woods, Blackhawk Crossing and Remington Zabran, Pine Creek Valley.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

ANDERSON
Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Drinking water systems, Water Heaters, Softeners, Iron Filters & More.
Since 1976
Like on on Facebook
Lic# 055-013999

LENNOX
One Less Thing To Worry About
621 First Ave., Rochelle
(815) 562-8784

COUNTRY LIVING!

18702 2500 NORTH AVE, OHIO



Gorgeous, updated 6.76 acre livestock farmette just a couple of miles from Princeton. Landscaped with a myriad of trees, lovely bushes and shrubs, as well as perennial flowers & ground-cover, all planted around the marvelous 2000 sq ft home with detached garage. When you step into the 3 bedroom 2 bath home, you'll be greeted by hardwood floors throughout the house that have just been refinished. This home has been updated in the last few years including new windows, furnace, new well & septic system, major appliances replaced, fresh paint, new insulation, and so much more. Look outside to see fenced pastures, a cattle shed, a barn w/ 2 horse stalls and 3 cattle pens..... Here's your chance for you to live your dream! All you need to do is bring the cows, horses, kids and the chickens!!!!

\$298,000. CALL KAREN DIDIER: 815-973-2686 OR PATT GJONOLA: 815-973-7997



Heartland Realty II, LLC
815-288-4648
www.heartlandrealty.info

ROCHELLE News-Leader



211 IL Route 38 East, Rochelle, IL 61068
(815) 562-4171

USPS (467-820) ISSN (1075-2811)
Published every Wednesday and Sunday by Rochelle Newspapers Inc. at 211 E. State Route 38, Rochelle, IL 61068.
Periodical postage paid at Rochelle, IL 61068. Postmaster send address changes to the Rochelle News-Leader, P.O. Box 46, Rochelle, IL 61068. Subscription rates are \$139.99 per year by mail in Ogle County. Outside county rate is \$149.99 per year. No mail delivery in newspaper-carrier serviced areas. The circulation department is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are a carrier subscriber and your paper does not arrive, contact Kelly White at 561-2112.

IN-COUNTY REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION RATES

- \$139.99 for one year • \$79 for six months
- \$34.99 for three months • \$13.99 for one month

Call (815) 561-2112 or Visit our website at www.rochellenews-leader.com



HOW TO CONTACT US

News-Leader Main Switchboard	(815) 562-4171
General Manager Mike Feltes	(815) 561-2124
Newsroom Staff Jeff Helfrich, Managing Editor Russ Hodges, Sports	(815) 561-2151 (815) 561-2152
To Place a Display Ad Andrew Heiserman Chris Ackland	(815) 561-2123 (815) 561-2153
To Place a Legal Ad Mike Feltes	(815) 561-2124
To Place a Classified Ad Andrew Heiserman Chris Ackland	(815) 561-2123 (815) 561-2153
Subscriptions and Delivery Kelly White	(815) 562-4171

ISP announces results of special traffic enforcement patrols

STERLING – Illinois State Police (ISP) District 1 Interim Commander Lt. Dyan Talbot recently announced the results of day-time special traffic enforcement patrols (STEP) in Lee and Ogle Counties during this month of November.

These STEP allowed the ISP to provide increased enforcement for impaired driving, occupant restraint, speeding, and distracted driving violations during the National "Click It or Ticket" Campaign.

Occupant restraint vio-

lations: One. Driving under the influence and drug/alcohol-related citations: Zero. Speeding citations and warnings: 73. Distracted driving citations and warnings: One. Total citations: 62. Total written warnings: 44.

Ogle County Sheriff's Report

Deputies respond to loose cow in roadway

OREGON — On Dec. 10 at 10:31 a.m. deputies responded to the 4,000 block of South Ridge Road in reference to a loose cow in the roadway. After the cow was located roaming outside of the cattle yard, Merle Yocum, 83, of Oregon, was arrested for Illinois domestic animals running at large. Yocum

was given an I-bond and was released at the scene.

On Dec. 11 at approximately 2:20 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of West Town Line Road. After investigation, deputies placed Kasey Erckfritz, 37, of Machesney Park under arrest for driving while license suspended. Erckfritz

was additionally issued citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol. Erckfritz was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Rochelle Police Report

Two arrests made

ROCHELLE — On Dec. 9 at 2:44 p.m. Cristian Garcia, 29, of Rochelle was arrested for aggravated battery to a peace officer and transferred.

On Dec. 9 at 8:10 p.m. a 15-year-old juvenile

of Rochelle was arrested for criminal damage to property/disorderly conduct and released to their parents.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Rochelle Police,

the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

David and Marilyn (Droege) Balch will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 15. David and Marilyn were united in marriage at Reynolds United Methodist Church in Lee County on Dec. 15, 1972.

Balchs to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

ASHTON — David and Marilyn (Droege) Balch will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 15.

David and Marilyn were united in marriage at Reynolds United Methodist Church in Lee County on Dec. 15, 1972. Their two

children are Tina (Brian) Ketter of Oregon and Brian (Tiffany) Balch of Chana. They enjoy spending time with their five grand-

children. Alec (Dakotah) Ketter of Oregon, Allyse Ketter of Atlanta, Georgia, Owen Ketter of Oregon, Gabe O'Brien and

Timothy Balch of Chana. They welcomed their first great-grandson this year as well, Knox Ketter. Congratulations dad &

mom/papa & grandma! Thank you for all the love and support you have given to our families. We love you very much!

RTHS speech team takes third in Rochelle invitational

ROCHELLE — The RTHS Speech Team hosted and placed third in the 23-team Rochelle Invitational Dec. 10. Those earning finalist honors in the varsity division:

Second Place: Paul Swartz and Mikayla Preston, dramatic duet acting;

Paul Swartz, extemporaneous speaking as well as in informative speaking.

Third place: Bella Nauman, oratorical declamation and fourth place in oratory.

Fifth place: Liam Wise, informative speaking and Bobbie Hennin, orig-

inal comedy.

Sixth place: Pigeon Burgholzer and Brooklyn Hull, humorous duet acting.

Placing in the next-in division:

First place: Z Brizuela, oratorical declamation.

Third place: Lucas

Smardo, radio speaking.

Fourth place: Karma Lidren, humorous interpretation.

Fifth place: prose reading, Vi Hull.

In the novice division:

Second place: Pigeon Burgholzer and Mae Owen in dramatic duet

acting, Bobbie Henning in humorous interpretation, Indigo Marsden in occasion speaking.

Third place: Tilly Gonser special occasion speaking, Hailey Bunker and Alayna Smardo fourth in humorous duet acting, Mae Owen

fifth, extemporaneous and Liam Wise sixth impromptu speaking and Tilly Gonser sixth in poetry reading.

Speakers of the week are Hailey Bunker and Alayna Smardo. Next week the team competes in the Byron Invitational.

WHO IS UNITY HOSPICE?

- Care provided by the entire hospice team: physician, nurse, social worker, certified nursing assistant, chaplain, dietitian, pharmacist, and volunteers.
- Care is individualized and based on the patient's and family's goals of comfort and quality of life.
- Supplies, equipment and medications.
- Service where the patient resides.
- Specialize in pain & symptom management.
- Spiritual enrichment and bereavement counseling.
- Ancillary Therapies: Music, Physical/Occupational, Speech, Massage, Pet, etc.
- Ability to provide education to caregivers and family members.
- On-call nurse available 24/7.
- Volunteers providing special attention and stimulation.
- Assistance with advance directives and community support.
- Provide Education to those we care for

Unity Hospice and Palliative Care
CALL UNITY:
(815) 561-8866
 915 N. Caron Rd.
 Rochelle, IL

07012020



Mendota, IL Restaurant with Apartment Rental Income For Sale

Great investment property in downtown Mendota, IL. Established and thriving restaurant/bar. Four apartments with \$1,875.00 monthly income. Banquet room for private parties with restroom. Lots of updates. Great opportunity awaits.

Call McConville Realty for all the amenities.

McConville
 REALTY & AUCTIONEERING

Joe McConville, Designated Managing Broker
 612 S. Main St., Mendota • 815-539-5673
 E-mail: office@mcconvillerealty.com
 mcconville.realtymendota@gmail.com
 Website: www.mcconvillerealty.com

We are now offering LIPO MINO MIX injections

Introductory price \$25

Call for an Appointment!

This lipotropic combination of B12 and methionine, an essential amino acid and other B vitamins can promote:

- Increase Fat metabolism
- Boost Energy Level
- Reduce appetite

Mon: 7:30 - 6pm, Wed: 7:30 - 6pm, Thurs: 8 - 1pm, Fri: 7:30 - 4pm
 Some Saturday appointments available

DLX Medical
 GROUP

815-227-9594
 1212 Currency Ct.
 Rochelle IL
 We Accept Most
 Insurances and
 Patients Without
 Insurance

11042020

Antiques & Collectibles

Belvidere Collectible Coins

www.goldsilverjewelrycoin.com

We Pay Highest Prices For Gold, Silver, Platinum, Jewelry, Coins, Flatware, Dental & Bullion

10% More For Jewelry With This Ad!

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:30am-5:00pm • Sat. 10:30am-2pm

~ Call For Directions ~ **(815) 547-7111**
 880 Belvidere Road • Belvidere, IL

SYCAMORE ANTIQUES

JAMES AND ANN TUCKER,
 PROPRIETORS

321 WEST STATE STREET
 SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

OPEN
 WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
 10:00 AM TO 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM FRIDAY
815-895-4720



Suzanne Schmidt
 owner

1112 S Galena Ave
 Dixon, IL
 (815) 718-3659



OPEN Wednesday-Friday 10am-5pm
 Saturday 10am-4pm

"Winter hours after January 1st of 10am to 4pm everyday until March 1st"

antiques

Our House Antiques

Antiques - Primitives - Folk Art

Thursday - Friday 10 - 7
 Saturday 10 - 5



815.441.1263

510 E King St Polo IL



THIS & THAT Collectibles

109 N 7th Street
 Dekalb, IL 60115
 815.909.1069

Open 7 days a week

Antiques, MCM, Primitives & Vintage
 Dixie Belle Paint Company Elite Retailer
 Redesign with Prima Retailer

LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Populism and the American Dream

THE American Dream says that in America, more than anywhere else, you can work hard and become more prosperous than your parents were, and that your children can do better still. That dream is dying for many Americans. Today's culture wars and turbulent politics feed on their anger and despair.

The problem comes to light in a 2020 study from the World Economic Forum. Their report ranked 26 countries above the United States in the conditions that allow people to have a better life than their parents had, commonly called social mobility. Philip Alston, who looked into poverty and human rights for the UN from 2017 to 2019, commented in an interview that "the sad reality of the 'Great

American Dream'...is that...the U.S. is less mobile than almost any other developed country."

Fionna Hill knows about limited social mobility on a personal level. She describes, in her book, "There Is Nothing for You Here," the obstacles she confronted in her struggle to rise above the poverty and social decay of her home town in England.

Her path to success took her through a career in Russian studies, with frequent stays in that country both before and after the collapse of the Soviet Union. There she came upon many of the same economic and social ills that she had seen in her childhood hometown. On moving to the United States, where she eventually served as an intelligence analyst

for the White House, Ms. Hill found, to her surprise, much of the same in our land of opportunity.

In each country, once-prosperous cities and towns were withering away. Workers' skills had become obsolete. Poverty was the norm. Drug addiction and other social problems overwhelmed the weakened public and private institutions that had once held communities together.

They were victims of a world economy that relied less and less on the heavy industries that used to support them. Government policies that began in the 1980s made things all the worse, according to Ms. Hill. The drive for tax cuts, deregulation, low tariffs and scaled-back

social support "helped drive the nail in the coffin" even as they helped "pave the way for the economic growth of the 1990s and early 2000s."

Fareed Zakaria reveals the extent of America's retreat from programs for the economically disadvantaged in his book, "10 Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World." He reports that, contrary to the popular impression, welfare and other public assistance programs haven't expanded in the

past four decades. The growth in federal spending that so many decry has come from the Defense Department and from entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare. Everything else has shrunk dramatically.

America, like the UK and Russia, is now split into two societies, according to Ms. Hill. One, centered in cities that benefit from the new economic order, is full of opportunity for many though not all of its people. The other, located in rural areas and communities that formerly relied on heavy industry, is held back by poverty and hopelessness.

The American economy is, in spite of these problems, the most powerful in the world. Our gross domestic product, a measure of a nation's wealth in terms of goods and services, is higher on a per-person basis than any other sizeable nation's, according to statistics from worldpopulationreview.com.

And yet the World Happiness Report, a United Nations-sponsored survey of people around the world, places us below 16 other countries. All but three are in Europe, a continent noted for having more extensive social welfare programs, as well as greater social mobility, than the U.S. has.

Everything in this world involves trade-offs. Everything comes at a cost. The trade-off, the price we're paying for our powerhouse economy and the prosperity that many Americans enjoy, is a dying American Dream for others, and the rise of populist leaders who promise to bring it back.

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



Lowell Harp

It's who is behind the trigger

I remember taking my oldest daughter Gracie fishing 14 years ago at Lake Springfield.

We talked about the ducks, geese and boats floating in the lake, her favorite cartoons and the brand-new Barbie life jacket she was wearing.

After about three hours wiggling on a dock staring at a bobber that refused to go under, she exclaimed, "I think all of the fish have gone on vacation to a different lake."

It was a grand day to be a dad. She seemed to be having a good time too. No sooner had we packed up the worms and closed the tackle box than she was asking when we could go fishing again.

I guess uninterrupted time with Dad was more important than how many bluegills we reeled in.

After finishing at the lake, I decided to let her pick out a new fishing pole, so I took her to

Gander Mountain, which was one of those "big box" sporting goods stores on the city's south side.

She chose a rod with the cartoon character Sponge Bob embossed on the reel.

After loading the fishing pole into the cart we wandered into the firearms section.

I occasionally hunt, but with three kids and a busy job, I don't always have the time. In fact, this year is the first time in the last five that I haven't found myself in a tree stand holding a shotgun and waiting for a deer.

Unlike other retailers that put firearms behind a counter, Gander Mountain, at the time, displayed guns attached to tethers so customers could hold them unsupervised -- but not walk away with them.

What I saw that day frightened me. A couple of junior high kids were playing with a rifle and pointed it toward me, other customers and

at my then 3-year-old daughter.

I remembered my father's admonitions when I was their age:

"Never point a gun at something you don't plan to destroy."

"Always assume a gun is loaded."

"Never count on a gun's safety."

I started handling guns when I was 9 or 10. A reverent respect for firearms was instilled in me by my father and older brother.

But I didn't see that same quiet respect in those teenagers at the store. Instead of tools for harvesting game, they seemed to view guns as macho playthings.

Some of the "adults" shopping in the gun department weren't much different.

They were "oooing" and "awing" over guns

dolled up to look like military weapons. (The gun control crowd likes to call them "assault weapons" and gun-rights groups call them "modern sporting rifles.")

There's a word for all those "assault weapon" add-ons like - bayonet holders, detachable magazines and pistol grips - it is called "marketing."

Just as my 3-year-old thought a "Sponge Bob" fishing reel would be "way cool," these fellows seemed drawn to firearms with macho doodads attached.

Here's a few hints, guys:

They don't fire off bullets any faster than any other semi-automatic rifle. (They may look similar to military weapons, but they aren't the same.)

Wildlife doesn't care what the gun looks like (and neither does your

wife.)

If you need more than 10 bullets in your rifle, you must be a pretty lousy shot.

It's OK to go out in public wearing something other than camouflage — really.

Illinois lawmakers are considering legislation that would not only ban the future sale of "assault weapons" but would require the registration of ones already owned. It would also ban the sale of magazines with more than ten bullets in them, as well as raise the age for FOID cards to 21 for all guns.

It's no secret that firearms are viewed in radically different ways depending on where one lives in the state. My hope, as always, is that lawmakers will listen intently to the concerns of one another and compromise.

But experience tells me gun debates generate more heat than light. One thing I do know is that no one

in the General Assembly relishes the thought of innocent people dying.

Some proposed restrictions, such as lengthening the term of firearm restraining orders from six months to a year, make sense. Other aspects of the bill while well-intentioned, will do little to make our communities safer.

Asad reality is that loud demands for gun control mean more guns are sold to people afraid they will soon be banned.

The main problem isn't what the guns look like — it's who is behind the trigger.

That's a problem that won't be solved by passing another law in Springfield. It can only be solved with good parenting.

Have all the good parents gone on vacation? Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



Scott Reeder

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question: "Are you an authentic or artificial Christmas tree user?"

"Artificial. I don't like killing live trees."

Dorothy Leininger

"Artificial tree."

Doc. N. Rubi

"Artificial tree."

Denise Montgomery

"Artificial tree."

Katie Paulsen

How to contact government officials

U.S. Con. Adam Kinzinger
1218 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-3635

IL Sen. Brian Stewart
M104A State House
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-0180

IL Rep. Tom Demmer
314 Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-0535

Have a letter you want to submit to us? Send it to news@rochelle-news-leader.com

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL LEADERS

* Denotes Chairman/President

Rochelle City Council

*John Bearrows	jbearrows@rochelleil.us
Kathryn Shaw-Dickey	kshaw-dickey@rochelleil.us
Bil Hayes	bhayes@rochelleil.us
Rosaelia Arteaga	rarteaga@rochelleil.us
Dan McDermott	dmcdermott@rochelleil.us
Tom McDermott	tmcdermott@rochelleil.us
John Gruben	jgruben@rochelleil.us

Rochelle Elementary School Board

*Dave Casey	dcellini94@gmail.com
Steve Builta	sbuilt@gmail.com
Ashley Jackson	ajackson@d231.rochelle.net
Stephanie White	swhite@d231.rochelle.net
Eric Van Hise	eric.vanhise@gmail.com
Trisha Vaughn	jrvtlv02@msn.com
Javier Zepeda	jzepeda@rthsd212.org

Rochelle Township High School Board

*Tom Huddleston	tom.huddleston@rthsd212.org
Carol Hayenga	carol.hayenga@rthsd212.org
Bill Ravnaas	bill.ravnaas@rthsd212.org
Jacky Aguilera	jacky.aguilera@rthsd212.org
Jeff Tilton	jeff.tilton@rthsd212.org
Bobby Chadwick	bobby.chadwick@rthsd212.org
Brian VanVickle	brian.vanvickle@rthsd212.org

Flagg-Rochelle Park Board

Brent Carmichael	bcarmichael@rochelleparkdistrict.org
John Dobbs	jdobbs@rochelleparkdistrict.org
Dale Wells	dwells@rochelleparkdistrict.org
*Tim Hayden	thayden@rochelleparkdistrict.org
Jodie Hart	jhart@rochelleparkdistrict.org
Joe Lenkaitis	jlenkaitis@rochelleparkdistrict.org

Ogle County Board Dist. 3

Lloyd Droege	ldroege@oglecounty.org
Dan Miller	dmiller@oglecounty.org
Greg Sparrow	gsparrow@oglecounty.org

Ogle County Board Dist. 4

Bruce McKinney	bmckinney@oglecounty.org
Skip Kenney	skkenney@oglecounty.org
David Williams	dwilliams@oglecounty.org

Creston Village Board

Wayne Williams	jwdw13@yahoo.com
Jennifer Payton	
*Tom Byro	tommyb_47@yahoo.com
Greg Hopkins	ghopkins522@comcast.net
Steve Katzman	skatzman@essex1.com
Mike Kerns	ac.kerns@comcast.net
Mark Hibshman	
Curt Ward	caward92@comcast.net

Hillcrest Village Board

*Randy Salsbury	rsalsbury@hillcrestil.us
Pam Pittman	ppittman@hillcrestil.us
Dan Potter	dpotter@hillcrestil.us
Richard Rhoads	rrhoads@hillcrestil.us
Tim Ball	tball@hillcrestil.us
Renee Kerwin	rkerwin@hillcrestil.us

Flagg Township

*Bob Withrow	flaggtwp@rochelle.net
Joanna Patrick	flaggtwpclerk@rochelle.net
Susan Rothenberger	assessor@rochelle.net
Scott Seebach	scottseebach@gmail.com

Board of Trustees

Lance Noggle	noggle62@gmail.com
Eric Gruben	egruben@comcast.net
Susan Hagar	susanhager303@comcast.net
Jim Kenney	jimk@rocketsupply.com

Flagg-Rochelle Library

*Jaqueline Dickow	dickow@comcast.net
Teresa Haggstad	haggstads@comcast.net
Michael Scanlan	scanlan@comcast.net
Lanning Nicoloff	nicoloff118@comcast.net
Sheri Klindera	alwayslefty2@gmail.com
Susan Sevedge	nit1prl22@yahoo.com
Darci Waltrip	doobs12@comcast.net

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Rochelle News-Leader encourages responsible letters to the editor on subjects of interest to our readers. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered. All letters must bear the handwritten signature of the writer and include address and phone number or e-mail address for verification purposes. Neither the street address nor phone number will be printed. Letters should be typed or legibly

handwritten, and no anonymous letters will be published. Any letters from boards or organizations must include at least one name of an individual. Any criticism of public officials should be limited to issues related strictly to their position or actions made in office, as personal attacks will not be published. Letters involving private disputes between the writer and a business will not be published. Political endorsements will be published,

however letters from candidates endorsing themselves will not be printed. Letters may be dropped at the News-Leader office (211 IL Route 38 East), mailed to the News-Leader (P.O. Box 46, Rochelle, IL 61068) or e-mailed (news@rochellenews-leader.com). The News-Leader reserves the right to edit or reject any letter to the editor for any reason, and letters chosen for publication do not necessarily reflect the views of this newspaper.

Solution time: 23 mins.

GET **TWO** GREAT GIFTS IN **ONE** BUY!

**Start or Renew a 52-Week
News-Leader
Subscription for just**

\$139*

**and receive a Rotary
Cash Calendar**

FREE!

(a \$159 total value!)

* Offer expires December 31, 2022

*You can't beat this
holiday gift deal!*





ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE!

Great Rate - Great Spot!

Call Mike @ 815-561-2124 or email mfeltes@oglecountylife.com

01252021



Santa loves his new recliner from...
HUB CITY FURNITURE
You will, too!
Several styles to choose from!

429-433 Lincoln Hwy. | Rochelle, Illinois | 815-562-8765 | hubcityfurniture.com

 Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm • Saturday 9am-1pm • Closed Sunday & Monday

12/14/2022

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 2022

ROCHELLE NEWS-LEADER • SECTION 2 • PAGE 1

SPORTS



HUBS EARN AWARDS

The Rochelle Hub football team recently held its team awards banquet.

See page 3 for more details

RTHS Boys & Girls Bowling

Rochelle rolls at Cavalier Classic

Vincent earns fifth-place medal as Lady Hubs finish sixth, Hubs take seventh

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

PERU — After finishing sixth in the Cavalier Classic during her freshman season, sophomore Cassidy Vincent made it her goal to bring home a top-5 placement in the tournament this winter. With the support of her teammates and coaches, Vincent found a consistent rhythm throughout the six-game tournament, finishing with a 1,082 series total to end the event in fifth place.

Vincent took fifth out of 62 bowlers in the tournament, leading the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity team to sixth out of 10 schools with a 4,131 series total. The sophomore opened the tournament with a 572 series (163, 187, 222) over her first three games, growing stronger as the afternoon progressed. Vincent fired a 510 series (183, 164, 163) over the final three games on Saturday. “It’s a huge confidence booster for me because we bowled at such a tough house,” Vincent said. “Finishing fifth and landing only a few pins out of fourth place was a big deal for me. My team played a huge role for me and my teammates are always



(PHOTO BY SHANNON FORNEY)

The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub varsity bowling teams competed in the Cavalier Classic at the Illinois Valley Super Bowl on Saturday. The Lady Hubs finished sixth, with sophomore Cassidy Vincent earning the fifth-place medal for her individual performance. The Hubs took seventh in the tournament hosted by LaSalle-Peru.

encouraging me. Some of my best friends are on this team and having them with me the whole time was something I knew I could count on when I was feeling down. I was able to lean on

them and they were there for me.”

Rochelle fielded three top-20 bowlers in the tournament, with junior Faith Adams taking 16th after rolling a 928 series score

while freshman Kylie McCullough placed 20th with a 893 series score. Adams recorded high games of 176 and 160, with McCullough adding high scores of 155 and 221. The Lady Hubs

(3-2, 2-2 Interstate 8) will face Kaneland on the road Tuesday in Interstate 8 action before battling Sterling on the road in nonconference play Wednesday.

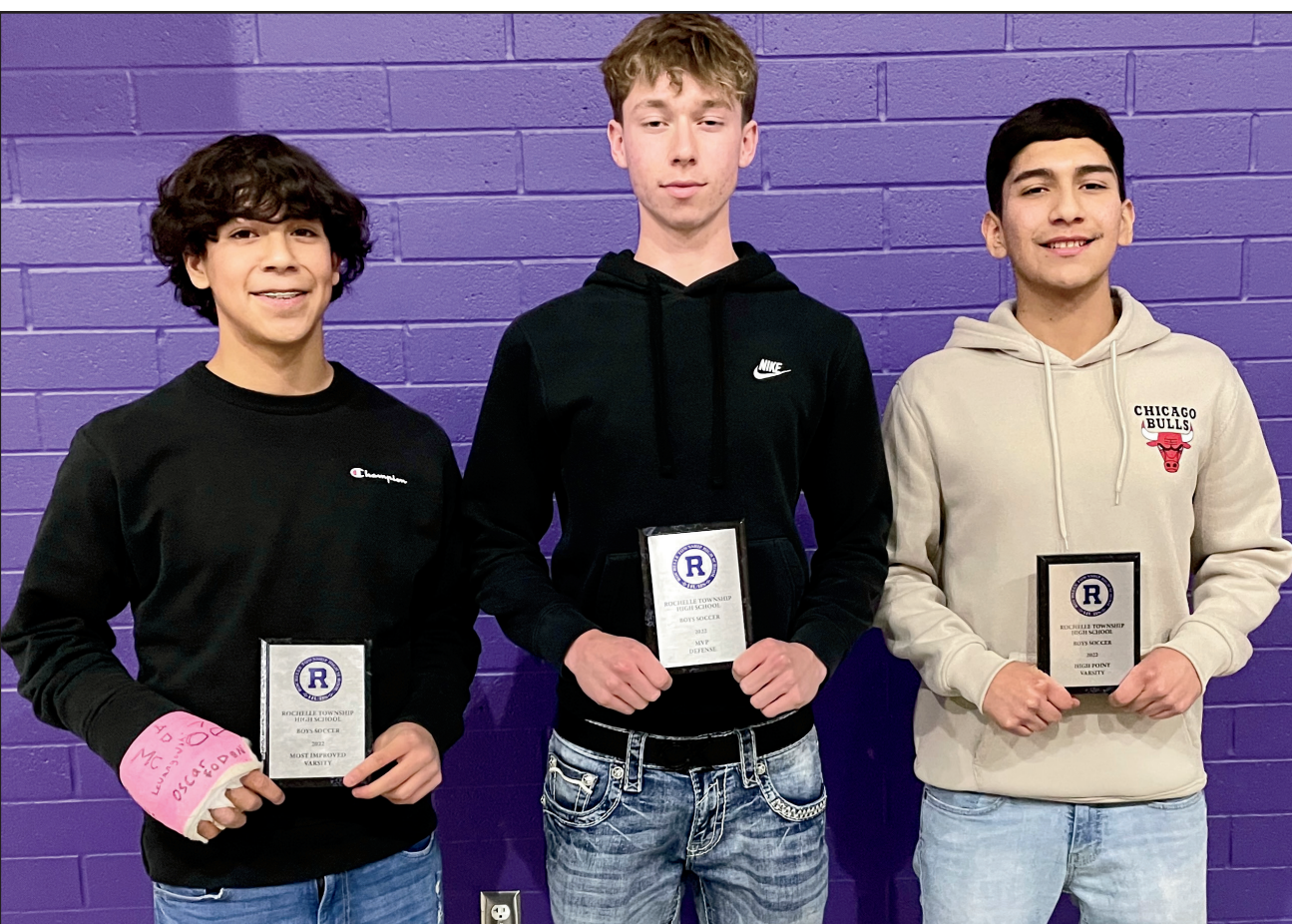
“We have a lot of new

bowlers this season, but I think we have a good chance to finish near the top of the conference,” Vincent said.

See BOWL page 6

RTHS Boys Soccer

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



Hubs earn RTHS, Interstate 8 Conference awards

The Rochelle Hub soccer team held its season-ending awards banquet this past week, with several student-athletes taking home RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference awards. Five Hubs received All-Conference honors including Diego Salazar (Honorable Mention), Alberto Casillas (Honorable Mention), Jace Whitehead, Christian Harding and Jared Montano (top left). Two Hubs including Jack Anderson (Honorable Mention) and Jace Whitehead earned Academic All-Conference honors (top right). Fernando Diaz was named the Most Improved Player Award winner, while Christian Harding was named Defensive Most Valuable Player and Alberto Casillas was named the High Point Award winner (bottom).



The businesses featured on this page are
"Hubs Super Fans"
 They proudly support our local athletes and students.



Please show your appreciation by patronizing their businesses.

WE SUPPORT OUR HUBS!

HUB SPOTLIGHT



Kylie

McCullough

Year: Freshman

Sport: Bowling

Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?

A: I have been playing for nine years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: How the team treats me and how good the coaches are.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Science because my teacher makes it fun.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Shannon Forney because she's a really good bowler and I was so happy when I met her.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My mom because she has always been there for me.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: Working with kids with special needs because I have always helped them.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Georgia because I've always wanted to go there.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I get to bowl with my friends.

Mackenzie

Burnett

Year: Freshman

Sport: Bowling



Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?

A: This is my first year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: The teamwork and the excitement.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Art because I love doing projects and putting things together.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a zoologist or a veterinarian because I love animals.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Arizona is my dream destination.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I love the enjoyable moments when someone gets a strike for the team and I love making those moments last.

GO HUBS!

VINCE'S PIZZA

Vince's Pizza Family and staff are always ready to serve you, 55 years and counting! Without compromise we will continue to serve the Best Pizza and Italian dishes with only the highest quality ingredients from start to finish!

We are proud to support Rochelle Hubs!

815.562.7300
Delivery & Curbside Pick Up
1071 N 7th St, Rochelle, IL
vincepizzainrochelle.com

Hello, neighbor!

Huber Inc and Fin Svcs Inc
Shane B Huber, Agent
1211 Currency Ct
Rochelle, IL 61068
Bus: 815-562-7011

Please stop by and say, "Hi!"
I'm looking forward to serving your needs for insurance and financial services.
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.
CALL ME TODAY.

State Farm

DLX Medical GROUP

Caring for your family's health from infant to adults.

For appointment, please call
815-227-9594
1212 Currency Ct, Rochelle, IL 61068
Most Insurance Accepted

Diana Alanis, MD
Accepting New Patients

Local People Providing Local Service

Rochelle MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Water • Waste Water
Electric • Communications

Phone: 815-562-4155
Fax: 815-562-5861
333 Lincoln Highway
Rochelle, IL

www.rmu.net

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LOAN

Loans For All Your Needs
Auto • Home Improvement • Vacation

Jami Hackman

815★561★4035!

310 Eagle Drive, Rochelle
All loans subject to our normal credit requirements and policies.

MORTON BUILDINGS

If you can dream it, we can build it.

Rochelle Sales Office • Hwy. 251 N. • 877-613-3050

Rochelle Community Hospital

Your Local Healthcare Resource.

900 N. 2nd Street, Rochelle
815-562-2181
www.rochellehospital.com

MEYERS FURNITURE & FLOORING

209 Powers Road, Hwy 251 N
Rochelle, IL 61068
(815) 562-8792
www.meyersfurniture.com

Bruns Construction, Inc.

Residential & Commercial Roofing

Shingled Roofs
Flat Roofs
Metal Roofs For Farm Facilities
Custom Built Homes
Additions

815-561-0099
Licensed & Insured

Batavia Builders & Remodelers, LLC

Debbie Foster, Owner
(815) 501-8946
www.bataviabuilders.com

Serving Illinois & the Surrounding Area

Specializing in Walk-In Tubs & Acrylic Showers

Additions ~ Bathrooms ~ Kitchens
Accessibility Remodeling

ANDERSON Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning,
Drinking water systems, Water Heaters,
Softeners, Iron Filters & More.

Since 1976
Like us on Facebook
Lic# 055-013999

LENNOX
One less thing to worry about
621 First Ave., Rochelle
815-562-8784

Rochelle Chiropractic Clinic
Dr. Chad M. Piller

227 E. Rt 38 • Rochelle, IL
815-562-8706
www.rochellechiropractic.com
Now Accepting New Patients!

Alfano's
Pizzeria and Italian Restaurant

Taste The **TRADITION**
Taste The **DIFFERENCE**

Dine In • Carry Out •
• Home Delivery • Pizza • Pastas •
• Sandwiches • Salads •
• and Lots More!

Dine-In • Carry Out • Home Delivery
1115 TURKINGTON TERRACE, ROCHELLE
815-562-3312

JOHNSON TRACTOR

SALES • PARTS • SERVICE

200 Steward Road
800.262.1680
www.johnsontractor.com

AtlasAuto

BUY HERE - PAY HERE
You Work - You Drive

Se Habla Español **815-562-7433**

1400 N 7th St
Corner of Flagg Rd & Hwy 251 N

HUB-REMSEN PRINT GROUP

101 Maple Ave • Rochelle, IL 61068
815.562.7057 • hub-remsen.com

GO HUBS!

"Proudly Serving The Rochelle Area Since 1945"

Berg-Johnson Electric

Residential • Commercial • Industrial

FREE ESTIMATES
Licensed and Insured
24 Hour Emergency Service
815-562-4937
500 Cleveland Avenue

JEFFPERRY

CHEVROLET • BUICK • CADILLAC • JEEP • CHRYSLER

815-562-8787 • **www.jeffperrychevrolet.com**

Busy Schedule? Leave the cooking to us.

• Large menu of foods
• Rochelle's famous chicken by the dinner or bucket
• Hand dipped ice cream (16 flavors)

COUNTRY SCHOOL DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT
251 N. ROCHELLE • 562-6039

We're tuned in to your financial needs!

• Six locations
• 25,000+ ATMs across the U.S.¹
• Free checking account options including Student Checking
• Stillman Mobile App featuring mobile deposit²
• Free Pre-approvals
• Local lenders, local decisions

Stillman BANK
Earning Your Trust For 135 Years
www.stillmanbank.com

GOOD LUCK HUBS FROM YOUR FANS AT:

HAYDEN REAL ESTATE INC.

RESIDENTIAL
AGRICULTURAL
COMMERCIAL

815-562-2111 ★ hre@haydenreinc.com

SPORTS

RTHS Wrestling

Hubs reach 10-0 with wins over Plano, Woodstock

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

PLANO — The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team traveled for a triangular meet with Plano and Woodstock on Thursday, defeating both schools to stay unbeaten on the season. Several underclassmen earned varsity experience for the Hubs (10-0, 1-0 Interstate 8), who beat Plano 47-30 and took down Woodstock 55-15.

Plano

Rochelle took a 12-0 lead over the Reapers over the first two matches, with freshman Roman Villalobos scoring a first-period fall over Daniel Hoover to win the 170-pound bout and junior Brock Metzger earning a first-period fall against Thomas Romero to claim the 182-pound bout. Plano evened the score at 12-12 after Rich Ama and Eliyas Peray recorded first-period falls over senior Jorge Driggs and sophomore Damon Cagle during the 195-pound and 220-pound bouts.

Alex Diaz scored a first-period fall over senior Jaden Cook in the 285-pound bout to give the Reapers an 18-12 lead in the match. Freshman Freddie Hernandez outlasted Shane Downs in the 106-pound bout, recording three takedowns and one near fall for a 9-3 decision. Freshman Anthony Mil-

burn received a forfeit for the 113-pound bout before freshman Deegan Schabacker earned a first-period fall over Marcos Garcia to claim the 120-pound bout and put Rochelle ahead 27-18.

Freshman Frank Nasca and sophomore Joseph Nadig continued Rochelle's scoring streak with first-period falls over Liam Heale and Isaac Wrich to take the 126-pound and 132-pound bouts over Plano. Freshman Brenden Voight and sophomore Grant Gensler each recorded major decisions, with Voight defeating Antoina Gilford 17-4 in the 145-pound bout and Gensler beating Caiden Ronning 12-3 in the 152-pound bout.

Plano's Norbert Gejcia scored a second-period fall over senior Wesley Brown in the 138-pound bout. Gio Diaz won the final bout of the dual for the Reapers, earning a first-period fall over sophomore Matthew Lynn in the 160-pound bout.

Woodstock

Brock Metzger opened the dual against the Blue Streaks with a third-period fall against Giovanni Gonzalez in the 182-pound bout. Steven Colvin held off senior Troy Papke for a 3-1 decision in the 195-pound bout, putting Woodstock on the scoreboard before sophomore Kaiden Morris compiled four takedowns in a 12-2 major decision

over Andrew Ryan in the 220-pound bout. Jaden Cook earned a hard-fought 5-4 decision against Tyler Moon in the 285-pound bout.

Freshman Colten Manning took a forfeit for the 106-pound bout, making the score 19-3 Rochelle before Taquildian Baker recorded a first-period fall over Anthony Milburn in the 113-pound bout. Sophomore Xavier Villalobos took the 120-pound bout over Daniel Bychowski, totaling four takedowns in a 10-3 decision. Frank Nasca followed with a second-period fall against Cody Zabielski to claim the 126-pound bout.

Junior Riley Damask received a forfeit for the 132-pound bout to give the Hubs a 34-9 advantage. Wesley Brown cruised over Ayden Dobler in the 138-pound bout, scoring a first-period fall before Brenden Voight recorded a second-period fall over Logan Wisner to win the 145-pound bout. Woodstock's Sonny Marsalla earned a first-period fall over sophomore Jordan Bly in the 152-pound bout, which was the final victory for the Blue Streaks.

Rochelle concluded the dual with Matthew Lynn receiving a forfeit for the 160-pound bout and Roman Villalobos edging Zachary Canaday for a 5-3 decision in the 170-pound bout.

RTHS Football

(COURTESY PHOTO)



Three Hubs take home RTHS team awards

The Rochelle Hub football team held its season-ending awards banquet on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Three student-athletes were recognized with RTHS awards including Isaac Lopez (Scout Team Player of the Year), Garrett Gensler (Hackett Most Valuable Player Award) and Trey Taft (Ellis Sportsmanship Award)

RTHS Boys Basketball

Rochelle finds shooting stroke in road victory over Sycamore

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SYCAMORE — The Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team broke out on the offensive end Saturday evening, with four players reaching double figures in scoring as the purple and white took down Sycamore 75-64 in Interstate 8

Conference action. Junior Jack Tracey led Rochelle (3-4, 1-2 Interstate 8) with a season-best 20 points on 7-of-13 shooting while adding six rebounds.

Junior Jack Lodico scored a season-best 16 points on 4-of-8 shooting and 3-of-5 shooting from 3-point range with six rebounds. Senior Raul

Aguirre recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while sophomore Cayden Moore notched a season-best 15 points on 5-of-6 shooting and 5-of-5 shooting from the free-throw line. Rochelle made 51.1 percent of its field-goal attempts and went 6-for-13 from the 3-point line.

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SANDWICH — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team scored its first Interstate 8 Conference win of the season on Wednesday, defeating Sandwich 52-34 on the road. Senior Torrin Nantz led the Lady Hubs (2-9, 1-1 Interstate 8) with 15 points on five 3-pointers made while adding four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Junior Alivia Henkel scored 12 points with six

rebounds, four assists and four steals in the win over the Indians on Wednesday. Junior Sydney Tabor recorded seven points and two steals, while sophomore Kendyl Darby compiled seven points and five rebounds for the Lady Hubs.

Sycamore

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team faced a tough Sycamore squad on Friday, falling 67-29 in Interstate 8 Conference action. Senior Torrin Nantz scored 11 points and

made three 3-pointers for the Lady Hubs (2-10, 1-2 Interstate 8), while junior Alivia Henkel recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds in the game. Nantz added five rebounds for Rochelle in the loss.

Sophomore Kendyl Darby finished with three points, three rebounds and three assists. Sophomore Abby Metzger chipped in three points and junior Kara Martinez followed with two points for the Lady Hubs in the loss.

COMMUNITY BOARD

Need to get the word out about a product or service you offer?

Give us a call at 815-562-4171.

We can reach over 9,000 homes!



Gutters

THE SCEN
ROOFING & SIDING CO., INC.

SEAMLESS GUTTERS

ALL ALUMINUM

- Will Not Rust, Chip Or Peel
- Most Colors Available
- Manufactured On The Job

815-758-8998

257 W. Stephanie Dr., Cortland
www.theiscenroofing.com

Storage Sheds

Rocky Ridge Structures

FREE Sales Rep. Evaluation At Your Site

We Deliver! From Our Lot To Your Site

We Specialize in Portable/Quality Built Storage Sheds

- Stock & Custom Design
- Many Options Available
- Competitive Pricing
- Site Preparation Available

See Displays at 3500 S. Chana Rd. Chana IL 61015
Call Norm or Albert for Free Literature packet
779.861.3542

Plumbing/Heating/Cooling

Anderson Plumbing & Heating Inc.
Serving Rochelle For Over 40 Years

LENNOX

Quality Service • Free Estimates
Residential & Commercial
815-562-8784

Lic. #058-087891

Heating & Air Conditioning

Keep your family safe and warm!

HULL HVAC
Heating, Cooling & Duct Cleaning Specialist

815-561-6551
www.HullHVAC.com
527 2nd Ave Rochelle, IL 61068

Precision Furnace Clean & Check
\$85.00
Includes FREE carbon monoxide test

24/7 Emergency Service

Commercial & Residential Roofing

Bruns Construction, Inc.

Residential Concrete Driveways, Flatwork and Foundations

- Shingled Roofs
- Flat Roofs
- Metal Roofs For Farm Facilities
- Custom Built Homes
- Additions

FREE ESTIMATES

561-0099
www.brunsconstructioninc.com

Tim & Roger Bruns, Owners
Established 1997

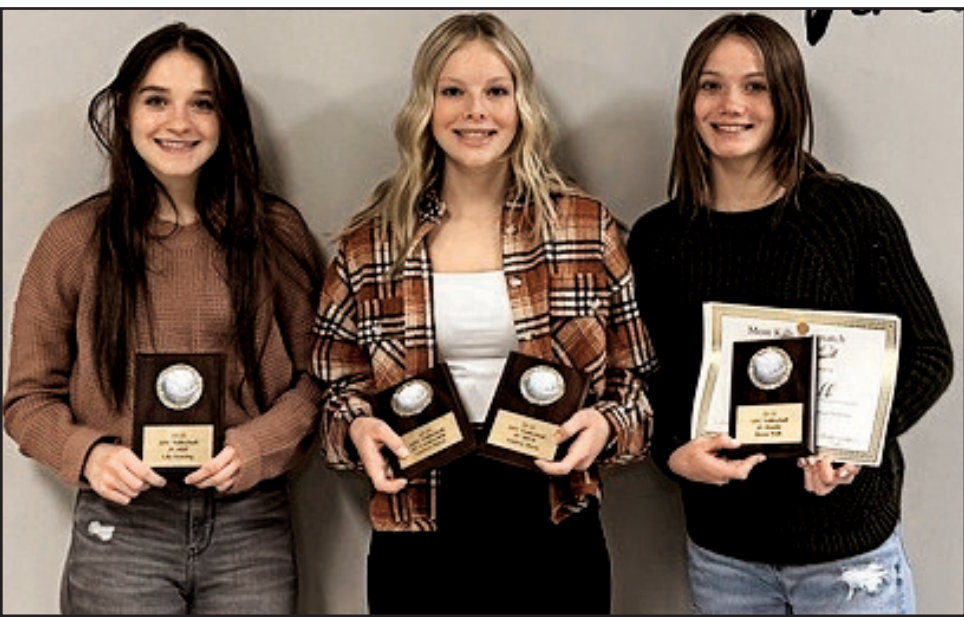
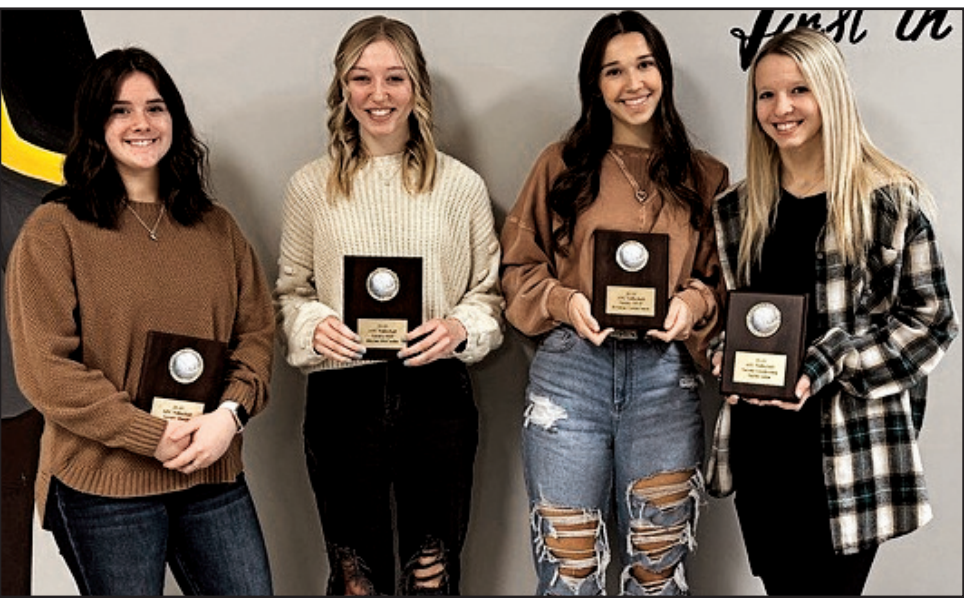
Advertise Here

What Service Do You Offer?

562-4171

The Rochelle News-Leader

ASHTON NEWS



Ashton-Franklin Center student-athletes take home team and conference volleyball awards

The Ashton-Franklin Center volleyball team recently held its season-ending awards banquet. Varsity winners (top left) include Nadezda Cater (Hustle), Cailin Bogle (Hustle), Rhylee McCaslin (Most Improved), Brianna Gonnerman (Most Valuable) and Taylor Jahn (Leadership and Honorable Mention All-Conference). JV winners (bottom left) include Lily Searing (Most Improved), Audree Dorn (Most Valuable and Leadership) and Reese Polk (Hustle). Fresh/Soph winners (top right) include Claire Freeman (Most Valuable), Natalee Schafer (Leadership), Nadia Near (Most Improved) and Reese Polk (Hustle).

AFC basketball teams score several victories

ASHTON — The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team battled Orangeville on Tuesday, Nov. 29, falling 54-19. Taylor Jahn led the Lady Raiders with seven points, while Alexis Schwarz added six points. Audree Dorn and Reese Polk each recorded three points in the loss.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team faced Oregon on Thursday, Dec. 1, conceding a close 37-30 loss. Reese Polk led the Lady Raiders with eight points and Taylor Jahn scored seven points in the game. Brianna Gonnerman chipped in six points for AFC.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team scored a 48-37 win against Leland/Somonauk on Saturday, Dec. 3. Taylor Jahn shined for the Lady Raiders, scoring 17 points while Brianna Gonnerman totaled 10 points and Alexis Schwarz added seven points. Reese Polk chipped in six points and Audree Dorn recorded four points for AFC.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team faced Eastland on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The Lady Raiders fell 46-37, with Taylor Jahn scoring a team-high 18 points while Alexis Schwarz added eight points. Brianna Gonnerman totaled nine points for AFC.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team scored a 39-24 win over Milledgeville on Thursday, Dec. 8. Taylor Jahn recorded 11 points for AFC, while Alexis Schwarz scored nine points and Reese Polk added eight points. Brianna Gonnerman totaled seven points for AFC.

Pearl City

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team opened the Pearl City Tournament with a 43-34 victory over Pearl City on Saturday, Dec. 10. Taylor Jahn scored 13 points and Audree Dorn recorded eight points to lead the Lady Raiders, while Mallory Coffman and Reese Polk each followed with six points in the

win. Brianna Gonnerman totaled five points for AFC.

Boys

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team battled Oregon on Tuesday, Nov. 29, falling short in a 65-61 loss. Lane Koning totaled a team-leading 22 points for the Raiders, while Kaleb Goldman added 14 points and Ta’kota Hovious scored

11 points.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team dominated Leland 65-28 on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Carson Rueff scored 11 points for the Raiders, with Lane Koning adding 10 points while Noah Danielson recorded nine points. Griffin Bushman followed with eight points and Jordan Harris chipped in seven points during the win over Leland on Wednesday.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team battled a tough Ottawa Marquette squad on Friday, Dec. 2, falling 63-28. Lane Koning had nine points and Kaleb Goldman recorded eight points for the Raiders in the loss. Jordan Harris added five

more points. The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team fell 52-42 against Annawan on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Lane Koning led the Raiders with 19 points, while Carson Rueff added eight points in the loss. Jordan Harris also scored eight points for the Raiders.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity boys basketball team brought home a 57-32 victory against West Carroll on Friday, Dec. 9. Kaleb Goldman led the Raiders with 22 points, while Jordan Harris scored eight points and Carson Rueff added seven points. Ta’kota Hovious and Lane Koning both chipped in six points for the Raiders in the victory over West Carroll.

COMMUNITY MATTERS



BAR/RESTAURANT

Ralphie and Lulu’s
812 Main St., Ashton
815-453-2103

Huddle Cafe
802 Main Street, Ashton
815-453-2677

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Mills and Petrie Memorial Building
Hourly, daily rentals for your event
815-973-8397

CONSTRUCTION

Don Ross Jr. Construction
PO 96, Ashton
815-677-3774

GROCERY/GAMING

Mimini’s General Store
602 Brown Street, Ashton
815-453-7500

FUNERAL HOME

Beverage Lyons Funeral Home
604 Richardson Ave., Ashton 815-453-2441


HAIR SALON

Shear Delight
1873 Ashton Road, Ashton
815-453-2331

Village of Franklin Grove

105 E. S. South Street,
Franklin Grove
815-456-2131

Winifred Knox Memorial Library



112 S. Elm St.
Franklin Grove, IL 61031
815.456.2823

INSURANCE

Bradford Victor-Adams Mutual Insurance Company
120 W. South St., Franklin Grove
815-456-2334

MUNICIPALITIES

Village of Franklin Grove
105 E. S. South Street, Franklin Grove
815-456-2131

NEWSPAPERS/PRINTING

Ashton Gazette
815-453-2551

PLUMBING

Richter Plumbing and More
402 Western Ave., Ashton
815-453-2361

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Franklin Grove Library
112 S. Elm Street
815-456-2823

Mills and Petrie Memorial Library
704 First Street
815-453-2213

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

Sell your household items for free.
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words
- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



ROCHELLE • HILLCREST • CRESTON • STEWARD • KINGS • ASHTON

101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX35
FILED: 11/18/2022
TAKE NOTICE
County of Ogle
Date Premises Sold: November 4, 2020
Certificate No.: 2019-00237
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 1104 Illinois Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 11-27-211-003
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 17, 2023.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 17, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Court Room 302, on June 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 17, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
105 South 5th Street Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1110
Myriad Capital LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 29, 2022
Byard Home Builders LLC
Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Zenbusiness Inc., as R/A for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Occupant
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
No. 1206
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)
NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX33
FILED: 11/18/2022
TAKE NOTICE
County of Ogle
Date Premises Sold: November 4, 2020
Certificate No.: 2019-00235
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)

and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 1112 Burlington Way, Davis Junction, IL 61020
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 11-27-208-013
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 17, 2023.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 17, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Court Room 302, on June 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 17, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
105 South 5th Street Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1110
Myriad Capital LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 29, 2022
Byard Home Builders LLC
Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Zenbusiness Inc., as R/A for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Occupant
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
No. 1207
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)
NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX34
FILED: 11/18/2022
TAKE NOTICE
County of Ogle
Date Premises Sold: November 4, 2020
Certificate No.: 2019-00236
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 1101 Northwestern Avenue, Davis Junction, IL 61020
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 11-27-209-001
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 17, 2023.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 17, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Court Room 302, on June 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 17, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
105 South 5th Street Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1110
Myriad Capital LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 29, 2022
Byard Home Builders LLC
Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Zenbusiness Inc., as R/A for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Occupant
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
No. 1208
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)
NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX31
FILED: 11/18/2022
TAKE NOTICE
County of Ogle
Date Premises Sold: November 4, 2020
Certificate No.: 2019-00233
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 1107 Depot Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 11-27-208-003
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 17, 2023.
The amount to redeem

is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 17, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Court Room 302, on June 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 17, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
105 South 5th Street Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1110
Myriad Capital LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 29, 2022
Byard Home Builders LLC
Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Zenbusiness Inc., as R/A for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Occupant
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
No. 1209
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)
NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX36
FILED: 11/18/2022
TAKE NOTICE
County of Ogle
Date Premises Sold: November 4, 2020
Certificate No.: 2019-00264
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 521 Cottonwood Ct., Dixon, IL 61021
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 22-09-128-022
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 17, 2023.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition

has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 17, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Court Room 302, on June 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 17, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
105 South 5th Street Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1110
Myriad Capital LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 29, 2022
Richard L. Miller
Richard L. Miller
Unknown Heirs & Devises for the Estate of Richard L. Miller
Unknown Heirs & Devises for the Estate of Richard L. Miller
Occupant
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots"
No. 1210
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)
NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX30
FILED: 11/18/2022
TAKE NOTICE
County of Ogle
Date Premises Sold: November 4, 2020
Certificate No.: 2019-00083
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 161 East 2nd Avenue, Rochelle, IL 61068
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 24-24-458-005
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 17, 2023.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 17, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Court Room 302, on June 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 17, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
105 South 5th Street Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1110
Myriad Capital LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 29, 2022
Byard Home Builders LLC
Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Zenbusiness Inc., as R/A for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Occupant
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
No. 1211
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)

the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
105 South 5th Street Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1110
Myriad Capital LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 29, 2022
Monte L. Enoch
Monte L. Enoch
Monte L. Enoch
Cedar Siding & Lumber, Inc.
Monte L. Enoch as R/A for Cedar Siding & Lumber, Inc.
Monte L. Enoch
Monte L. Enoch
Occupant
Cedar Siding, Inc
Cedar Siding, Inc
No. 1211
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)
NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX32
FILED: 11/18/2022
TAKE NOTICE
County of Ogle
Date Premises Sold: November 4, 2020
Certificate No.: 2019-00234
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 1110 Burlington Way, Davis Junction, IL 61020
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 11-27-208-012
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 17, 2023.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 17, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Court Room 302, on June 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 17, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
105 South 5th Street Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1110
Myriad Capital LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 29, 2022
Byard Home Builders LLC
Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Zenbusiness Inc., as R/A for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Jacob J. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Gemma G. Petry as Manager for Petry Homes Illinois, LLC f/k/a PCO Homes LLC
Occupant
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
No. 1212
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)

Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots"
No. 1212
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)
101 LEGAL NOTICE
This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.
105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."
113 FINANCIAL
NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.
119 ANNOUNCEMENTS
"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."
121 LOST AND FOUND
LOST. 7 Month Old, Female Cat. Gray with a Brown Belly & White Spots on Each Side. Last Seen Wearing a Pink Harness. Lost around Rochelle Gardens on Caron Road. Call 815-503-3654. \$100 Reward
127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS
FURMAN'S LAWN CARE and Tree Work. Fall clean up, gutters and more. Fully insured. In business since 1999. Rochelle and surrounding areas. Call Jeremy Furman at 815-761-9619. Please leave a message, will return call ASAP.
201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE
NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.
301 ANTIQUES
WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com
ANTIQUES WANTED: I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com
307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
BRAND NEW, still in box glass top coffee table and 2 end tabs. \$150 cash only. 815-761-6576.
BUNDLED Newspaper - \$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 815-562-4171 (8 AM-NOON ONLY) Rochelle News Leader.
SPLIT firewood for sale. Contact 779-251-0254. (12-17-22)
309 PETS AND SUPPLIES
FREE Kittens to good and loving homes. Call 815-503-1881. (12-12-22)
405 HOUSES FOR SALE
ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.
301 ANTIQUES
WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com
ANTIQUES WANTED: I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com
307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
BRAND NEW, still in box glass top coffee table and 2 end tabs. \$150 cash only. 815-761-6576.
BUNDLED Newspaper - \$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 815-562-4171 (8 AM-NOON ONLY) Rochelle News Leader.
SPLIT firewood for sale. Contact 779-251-0254. (12-17-22)
309 PETS AND SUPPLIES
FREE Kittens to good and loving homes. Call 815-503-1881. (12-12-22)
405 HOUSES FOR SALE
ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.



NEW MILFORD REFRIGERATION

NEW, USED SCRATCH & DENT

- Refrigerators • Freezers
- Washers/Dryers • Stoves

We also carry a large selection of refurbished appliances with a warranty.

6331 11th Street, Rockford
815-874-2257

11222020

SPORTS

203
HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING

Maintenance Position Rochelle, Oregon & Ashton Branches

Seeking qualified candidates for a Maintenance Position. This is a non-exempt part-time hourly position serving our Rochelle, Oregon and Ashton branches. This individual provides general maintenance and related duties ensuring facilities are well maintained, in good working order and have a clean internal and external appearance. Completes minor plumbing and electrical repairs as needed and assists staff when requested.

The successful candidate should be a self-starter with the ability to work with minimal supervision, have a good working relationship with employees, be dependable, have the ability to prioritize duties and perform tasks on a timely basis. Reliable transportation is required.

Currently scheduled hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 11:00am. Hours can be subject to change depending upon weather related needs and/or assistance with bank sponsored events.

Qualified and interested applicants should send resume and cover letter to:

Central Bank Illinois
Attn: Jeff Glen
340 May Mart Drive
Rochelle, IL 61067

Or email recruiter@central-bank.com.



Equal Opportunity Employer

12052022

ROCHELLE News-Leader

Part-time local delivery driver

The Rochelle News-Leader has an opening for a part-time newspaper bundle delivery driver who would load and deliver bundles to the post office, store racks and machines.

The daytime deliveries would be two or three days per week (including Sundays) and consist of approximately 4-5 hours per shift depending on the route.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and a safe driving record. Drivers will use company vehicles when delivering, and will be trained on the respective routes.

Candidates must be able to load, unload and carry multiple bundles of 5 to 10 pounds each. Driver applicants must be reliable, personable and have a general knowledge of area streets and roads.

This position is perfect for someone looking to supplement their income or retirement.

Interested individuals must fill out an application in person at the Rochelle News-Leader office at 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle. No phone calls please.

12042022



(PHOTO BY TINA VINCENT)

Sophomore Cassidy Vincent took fifth place for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team during the Cavalier Classic at the Illinois Valley Super Bowl on Saturday. Vincent is seen above with RTHS coaches Jim Lyles (left), Shannon Forney (middle) and Eric Widick (right).

BOWL: RTHS teams compete at Cavalier Classic

From page 1

"We have three bowlers back from last season and we're a lot more consistent than we were last season. We're focused and we know what we want."

Hubs

The Rochelle Hub var-

sity bowling team also competed in the Cavalier Classic at the Illinois Valley Super Bowl on Saturday, finishing seventh out of 12 schools with a 5,045 series score. Junior Sam Tracey led the Hubs (5-5, 3-2 Interstate 8) in the six-game tournament, placing 27th out of 73 bowlers

with a 1,061 series score that included high games of 244 and 163.

Senior Evin Odle finished 29th with a 1,056 series score that included high games of 203 and 185. Junior Jonathan Alanis took 33rd with a 1,010 series score that included high games of 204 and 179.

Freshman Andrew Powell and sophomore Logan Frye finished 49th and 50th with respective series scores of 824 and 806 and high games of 191 and 185 for Rochelle. The Hubs (5-5, 3-2 Interstate 8) will host Streator in nonconference action on Thursday.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS Savings

\$50 VISA GIFT CARD
VISA
Upon completion of appointment

75% OFF LABOR*
*Does not include cost of materials

LeafGuard®

Get it. And forget it.®

*Guaranteed not to clog for as long as you own your home, or we will clean your gutters for free

- LIFETIME NO-CLOG WARRANTY
- MADE ONSITE SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUR HOME
- THE ONLY ONE-PIECE SEAMLESS DEBRIS SHEDDING GUTTER SYSTEM.
- SCRATCHGUARD® PAINT FINISH

SPECIAL FINANCING AVAILABLE

Call Today for Your **FREE Estimate!**

815-673-7532

*All participants who attend an estimated 60-90-minute in-home product consultation will receive a \$50 VISA Gift Card. Retail value is \$50. Offer sponsored by LeafGuard Holdings Inc. Limit one per household. Company procures, sells, and installs seamless gutter protection. This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. If married or involved with a life partner, both cohabitating persons must attend and complete presentation together. Participants must have a photo ID and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of Company or affiliated companies or entities, their immediate family members, previous participants in a Company in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former Company customers. Gift may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that Company may substitute a gift of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Gift card will be mailed to the participant via first class United States Mail within 10 days of receipt of the promotion form. Not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer not sponsored and is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Offer not available in the states of CA, IN, PA and MI. Expires 11/30/22. LeafGuard operates as LeafGuard of DC in Maryland under registration number MHIC License #116693

The 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients:
Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

**OUR CHARITIES
NEED OUR
SUPPORT
NOW MORE
THAN EVER!**



For Just \$20 you have a chance to be one of
365 DAILY WINNERS TOTAL CASH PRIZES \$18,250
PLUS Each Calendar Has VALUABLE LOCAL COUPONS

Here are 3 Ways to Purchase Your 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendar!

• **ONLINE:** Go to <http://fromtheheartrochelle.org> and click on **CASH CALENDARS**. Once the calendar is purchased we will mail it out to you! Shipping and processing fees will be added to cost.

• **IN PERSON:** You can pick up a 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendar **TODAY** at the following locations:
In Rochelle at: First State Bank, Stillman Bank, HOPE Chest, Dimond Bros. Insurance and Hub City Senior Center
In Oregon at: Merlin's
In Dixon at: Shining Star

• **BY MAIL:** Fill out the form below and send it in to us and we will mail a 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendar to you! Shipping fees are added to cost.

YES! Send me my 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendar!
(Please Print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

NUMBER OF CALENDARS: _____

Clip and mail this form along with \$23
(\$20 per calendar plus \$3 per calendar postage) to:
Rotary Calendar, PO BOX 372, Rochelle, IL 61068

LAST MINUTE GIFT GUIDE

How to avoid shipping costs on holiday gifts

MANY shoppers conduct their holiday shopping at traditional brick-and-mortar stores as well as online retailers. Both have their share of advantages, including the ability to ship items directly home if there is a deal to be had.

Shipping can be quite the convenience, particularly for heavy items or if an item is currently out of stock in a store. The retailer can have it sent over from another location or their main warehouse. Shipping can save shoppers time and reduce their stress. However, as convenient as shipping gifts can be, the hefty cost of shipping gifts can eat away at holiday budgets.

A 2018 article from U.S. News and World Report found some shipping fees can range between \$5 and \$10 per package. Fortu-

nately, in many cases, consumers can avoid shipping costs if they shop smart.

Pay attention to suspended shipping costs. Many retailers will temporarily freeze shipping costs during certain periods. Shoppers can note these free shipping windows and order the bulk of their items then.

Meet the minimum amount. Some stores and online retailers will offer free shipping once shoppers reach a certain spending threshold. For example, Chewy.com offers free shipping on purchases \$50 and over. By spending a little more, shoppers may actually end up saving money.

Shop where shipping is always free. In order to attract business, certain online retailers, including Zappos, offer free shipping, while others offer free

shipping in exchange for nominal membership fees.

Explore in-store pickup. To capitalize on both online and in-store shopping, retailers will frequently offer free in-store pickup of items purchased online. Ship-to-store has become popular at stores like Target, Old Navy and Walmart.

Shop as early as possible. Free shipping deals often extend only to items shipped standard. Expedited or overnight shipping will still incur a fee. Therefore, shop early if your goal is cut shipping costs or avoid them entirely.

Take advantage of Free Shipping Day. Free Shipping Day takes place each year when thousands of online stores offer free shipping with delivery before Christmas. In 2019, Free Shipping Day is Saturday, Dec. 14.



Holiday gifts for four-legged family members

HOLIDAY shoppers who are busy making lists and checking them twice should make sure they don't overlook the family pet. Christmas has gone to the cats and dogs, as a greater number of people include their companion animals when selecting gifts each year.

A study by OnePoll conducted by Rover.com, the nation's largest network of dog sitters and walkers, found that 95 percent of pet owners have bought holiday gifts for their pets. Gifts can range from everyday needs, like food and treats, to more lavish extravagances like spa treatments.

Pet owners who plan to get their pets gifts this year may want to consider some of the emerging pet trends as they browse wares and

services. The Balance, a business, career and industry information site, says pet industry trends point toward these segments seeing growth.

Just as people are interested in protecting the health of the planet and their own personal health, so, too, are they extending this concern to companion animals. Natural pet products, which can include natural flea and tick remedies, holistic foods, organic items, and all-natural grooming products, can make great gifts.

The American Pet Products Association says the demand for high-end pet grooming and other services is substantial. In addition, personalized training, behavioral consulting, portrait photography, dog sitting, and upscale spa treatments like pet Reiki and massage

are booming.

Mobile pet grooming has become the norm in many areas. Mobile pet grooming can reduce the potential stress on animals, and tends to be very convenient for customers, particularly seniors and others who have mobility issues.

Pet owners have a bevy of other ideas from which to choose. Here are just a few different suggestions: Tests to detect pets' DNA and trace breed and ancestry, interactive puzzles to keep pets engaged and banish boredom, stylish storage baskets for pet toys, hidden cat litter or dog crate items that camouflage commonly used pet items, heated pet bed for cozy nights and mornings and signature vests, coats and sweaters to look good and remain comfortable.



For the hunter on your list, Santa recommends

Carter's Gun Shop

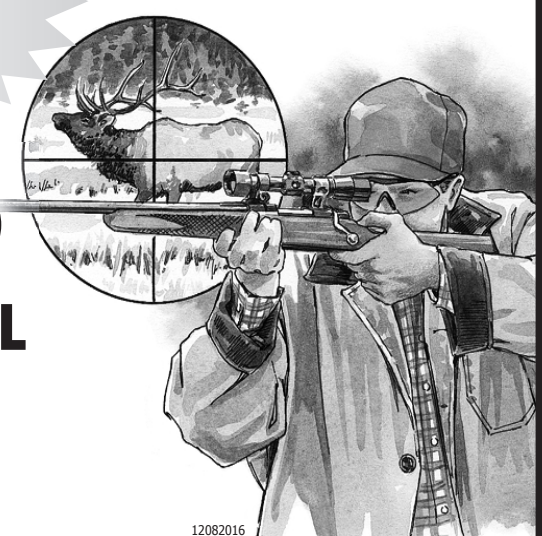
- **New & Used Guns**
- **Ammunition**
- **Scopes**
- **Mounts**
- **Full Line of Accessories**
- **Cleaning Kits**



- **Reloading Supplies**
- **Black Powder Supplies**
- **Competitive Prices**
- **Special Orders Welcome**
- **Quality Gunsmithing**
- **Expert Service**

Gift Certificates to Carter's make great presents!

CARTER'S GUN SHOP
202 W. Commanche Ave., Shabbona, IL
815-824-2354



LAST MINUTE GIFT GUIDE

Eight best things to buy in December and January

OH the weather outside is frightful. Rather than succumb to cabin fever, people can use the winter months as the perfect time to visit area stores and score a few deals.

Savvy shoppers understand that key items go on sale at specific points throughout the year. Learning how to shop the sales can lead to considerable savings.

December

1. Toys: Toys are perhaps the best items to purchase in December. Apart from Christmas gifts, it is a good time of year to stock up on toys children have coveted, which can be put away for birthday presents or other occasions. Retailers tend to lower toy prices as Christmas approaches.

2. Holiday decor: Decorative holiday items also tend to be heavily discounted in December. Stores slash prices on ornaments, gift wrap, artificial trees, holiday-themed baking items, and much, much more. If it has a passing connection to the holidays, chances are stores will

cut prices by 50 percent or more once Christmas is over.

3. Televisions: It's possible to find discounted TVs even after the Black Friday sales have come and gone. Keep eyes trained on the circulars and jump when sales are advertised, as inventory may be limited.

4. Bubbly: Competition in the market will help drive down the cost of champagne and other sparkling wines. According to the wine resource GuildSomm, 22 percent of all champagne sales are run during the month of December.

January

5. Winter apparel: As the winter progresses, the amount of clothing stock in stores starts to dwindle to free up room for a new season's worth of attire. Starting in late December and continuing into the latter half of January, retailers are eager to liquidate their stock of scarves, sweaters, boots, and winter coats. This is a prime time to replenish wardrobes.

6. Linens: "White sales" are traditionally in January,



with home goods retailers running discounts all month long. These sales generally encompass towels, bed sheets, curtains, and other linens.

7. Fitness items: January is the ideal time to purchase

a new gym membership or fitness equipment since these purchases tie into New Year's resolutions to get fit. Gyms may waive extra fees or offer discounted rates.

8. Travel and entertain-

ment: Most people return home after the holidays, and that can generate a slow travel season afterward. The travel industry attracts new customers with discounted hotel rates and other deals. Tickets

to Broadway shows and other theaters also may be discounted to encourage people to leave the house.

December and January are great times to grab steep deals on an array of products.

Safety first when buying toys for children

DECEMBER is a special time of year for children, millions of whom await the arrival of Santa Claus and the bounty of toys he delivers each year.

When buying holiday gifts for youngsters, adults must consider safety. According to the Alliance for Children and Families, approximately 217,000 children are treated at hospital emergency rooms

for toy-related injuries each year.

Holiday shoppers are urged to stick to age-related recommendations on product packaging and avoid toys that do not contain the ATSM (American Society for Testing and Materials) label.

Adhere to these two tips and ensure that children who receive toys from Santa Claus can play in a safe and fun manner.



Come See Us To Get Your Holiday Loan!

Loans For All Your Needs:

- * Holidays
- * Auto
- * Vacation
- * Home Improvement

Cash for all your needs!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LOAN

Happy Holidays!
Jami & Tonia
Give Us A Call Today
310 Eagle Drive
Rochelle, IL 61068

815★561★4035!

All loans subject to our normal credit requirements and policies.

12142022



Pressure Washers-Sweepers-Scrubbers
Quality Used Units-Parts-Accessories
30+ Years Service & Sales Experience



Many Sized Floor Scrubbers Available for All Types of Floors



We Have Sweepers Push or Self Propelled Big or Small OK Indoor or Outdoor



Mi-T-M® Gas Motor HOT Peosta, Iowa USA

This Holiday Season

We Wish You the Best and Brightest ... Especially THE CLEANEST

Year End Specials Available



Karcher® German Electric Motor HOT Pressure Washer

2003 Harrison Ave. Rockford, IL

paul@rjbowers.com 815-399-8839