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## HVAC system work approved

### School designated as commendable under ESSA

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — At its monthly meeting Monday, the Rochelle Township High School Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a bid to upgrade the building’s HVAC automation system.

RTHS secured bids from various contractors this month to upgrade the system. The district’s architect, GreenAssociates, led the process and got two bids. The bid approved Monday was from Applied Controls, Inc. for \$580,600 for the total project. Another bid was received for \$743,795 and was rejected. The work is planned to be done over the summer, beginning immediately after school ends in May with plans to complete the work before Aug. 4.

### Designation

Assistant Principal David Perrin made a presentation on the school’s recent annual Every Student Succeeds Act summative designation.

The designation is concluded by a number of factors, 50 percent of which is made up the school’s graduation rates, which is currently about 85 percent. Factors also include En-



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glish language proficiency, chronic absenteeism, a climate survey, ninth grade on track, science and SAT scoring.

There are four ESSA summative designations. They include exemplary, commendable, targeted and comprehensive.

RTHS has been designated as commendable, which is a school with at least a 67 percent graduation rate and no subgroups performing in the lowest five percent of all students.

### Levy

District Business Manager Kevin Dale presented

the district’s 2022 tax levy. The board will vote on the levy at its Dec. 19 meeting.

Last year, the equalized assessed value (EAV) was \$471,424,237. This year, the EAV is estimated to be \$501,583,928. Last year, the district was extended \$10,002,067.53. This year, the district is asking for a 2.17 percent increase, which is about \$217,000 of new money, Dale said, for a total of \$10,219,017. The district asks for dollars, not with a rate.

“When you look at the estimated tax rate that we’re looking at, we’re scheduling it to be about

\$2.33, which is down from \$2.41,” Dale said. “We’re at 2.17 percent, and we’re trying to keep a balanced rate that’s lower for the taxpayers. We’ve been reducing the tax rate almost every year.”

### Employment

The board unanimously approved the resignation of Mark Bratko (event coordinator/outside maintenance) and the employment of Janine LeMar (substitute teacher), Matthew McMeekan (girls basketball assistant coach) and Sarai Orozco (G-Force coordinator).

## Beauty Bar celebrates third anniversary

### ‘A lot of you have been with us since the very beginning’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Friday, Beauty Bar, a salon at 310 N. Main St., celebrated its third anniversary and joining the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting.

One of the owners of the business, Diana Valdez, said many of those that attended Friday have been with the business since the very beginning when they were working out of their homes and kitchens.

“We never imagined being here today or winning Best of Ogle County for the second year in a row,” Valdez said. “We won five total awards this year. We wouldn’t be where we are today if it wasn’t for our families, friends and all of our beautiful guests here at Beauty Bar. Thank you to our amazing salon family. We went from three of us to now seven of us and we couldn’t be happier.”

Chamber Executive Director Tricia Herrera spoke



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at the ribbon cutting and welcomed Beauty Bar to the chamber and celebrated their anniversary and new building.

“Welcome to the chamber,” Herrera said. “We hear all the time about your wonderful team and the wonderful bridal team that you have. What you’ve done with this building is beautiful. It always looks beautiful. That’s very exciting and we like that addition to our downtown.

We are here for you and we’re your partner now. We’re always excited when businesses join us, but we’re always very excited when it’s young entrepreneurs. And we’ve had a lot of them lately. We want to celebrate that.”

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows spoke at the event Friday on behalf of the city and let the owners know that they have new partners in the city and chamber. He mentioned

the pandemic and the team effort it was in the community to get businesses back to where they are today.

Bearrows said he was happy to hunt for a parking spot downtown on his way to the ribbon cutting Friday and the crowded event and traffic downtown was encouraging to him.

“We’re very fortunate,” Bearrows said. “I will also say that we’re committed as a city to provide businesses with more parking.

We’ll be closing on a property in a couple of weeks that will be turned into another municipal parking lot and it will be great for the downtown area. It’s so humbling to be able to come down here and see the downtown. We’ve done so many ribbon cuttings and groundbreakings over the past few years. We’re all here for you. We’re glad you’re in Rochelle and we’re glad you chose to do business here.”



# LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

It was 20 degrees when Rochelle Township High School Student Council and FFA volunteers assembled at Prescott Brothers about 8:15 a.m. Saturday and 21 degrees when they left at 11:30 a.m., but the teamwork involved coupled with the gratitude of those receiving the meals filled hearts with warmth.

## RTHS Student Council and FFA members distribute meals

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Just how cold was it standing in the path of a brutal winter wind distributing Thanksgiving meals on Saturday? Down into your bones cold!

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The 17 RTHS students

and three staff members with help from the food pantry's Jennie O'Rourke, Cal Jacobs, Chet Olson and a few other volunteers kept the drive thru line moving.

On Thursday, The Coyote/Superhits 93.5 collected \$12,000 and three tons of food at Prescott Ford. Friday the pantry volunteers sorted and packaged it up for distribution on Saturday. Recipients received a frozen turkey & roasting pan, a five-pound bag of potatoes, a Northern Illinois Food Bank box of ingredients for traditional Thanksgiving side dishes, plus a bag of assorted ingredients.



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## Health department reports increase in GI illness outbreaks

**OREGON**—The Ogle County Department of Health (OCDH) reports an increase in gastrointestinal (GI) illness outbreaks and encourages people to take action to prevent the spread of the virus, a Nov. 21 press release said.

GI illnesses can be highly contagious, spreads quickly from person to person and cannot be treated with antibiotics. Symptoms of GI illnesses include diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and stomach pain that usually last between 24 hours and 48 hours. Anyone with GI illness should stay home when sick and for 24 hours after experiencing vomiting or diarrhea.

Good hygiene practices are important for everyone to prevent the spread of illness. OCDH recommends people take the following steps recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to assist in the prevention and spread of GI viruses:

Frequently wash your hands, especially after using the toilet or changing diapers, before eating and preparing food or before taking or giving someone medicine.

Using hand sanitizers in addition to handwashing can be beneficial but using hand sanitizers should not

replace hand washing. Handwashing with soap and water is always preferred over hand sanitizers.

To help make sure that food is safe from viruses, routinely clean and sanitize kitchen utensils, counters and surfaces before preparing food. Additional steps to reduce the spread include:

Rinse fruits and vegetables before eating. Cook oysters and other shellfish thoroughly before eating them. Avoid preparing food for others when sick and for at least two days after symptoms stop.

If you are caring for someone with a GI illness, always thoroughly clean and disinfect an area immediately after an episode of vomiting or diarrhea. Wear rubber or disposable gloves and wipe the entire area with paper towels. Use a bleach-based household cleaner to disinfect the area. If using liquid household bleach to disinfect, use a chlorine bleach and water solution. Leave the bleach disinfectant on the affected area for at least five minutes, then clean the entire area again with soap and hot water. Finish by cleaning any soiled laundry, taking out the trash and washing your hands.

Please contact Ogle County Health Department with additional questions or concerns at 815-562-6976.

## County conducting holiday light recycling

**OREGON** — Autumn is upon Ogle County, and it seems folks are getting an early start on holiday decorating. Some of those light strands from previous years may not be working anymore and can be recycled very easily here in Ogle County.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is again partnering with local fire departments and villages to again offer several convenient drop-off boxes so those frustrating, nonfunctional holiday light strands can be recycled and kept out of the landfill.

Starting Nov. 18, drop-off boxes will be available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley and Mt. Morris. They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, Davis Junction and Creston. Light strands are also accepted at the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. Boxes will remain at these locations until Jan. 20, 2023.

Accepted light strands include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, LED

lights and other holiday light strands. Extension cords are also accepted. Material not accepted include rope lights, wreaths, garland, metal stakes or silhouettes, live greens, plastic decorations, timers, and light packaging, plastic bags, or cardboard boxes. Placing just the light strands and cords into the bins increases material value and makes the recycling process more efficient for the processor.

Lights and cords will be shipped to Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations in Onalaska, Wisconsin to be recycled. In 2021-2022, over 1,400 pounds of material was collected and recycled through this program.

So as we prepare to untangle, test and put out those holiday lights this season, remember you can help the environment and recycle all those strands of lights which have brightened our homes in the past but now refuse to light up anymore. If you have any questions about this program, or wish to learn about other recycling opportunities in Ogle County, call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org).

## Chamber hosting Merry and Bright decorating contest

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Chamber of Commerce will once again be sponsoring the Merry and Bright decorating contest this holiday season. Winners will be chosen in two categories of business and residential, each having a first, second and third place winner with the residential category also having a people's choice award given out.

Winners will receive cash prizes and a sign to display throughout the holiday season. To enter a home or business, email [rochellechamber@gmail.com](mailto:rochellechamber@gmail.com) with the name/address/contact information. Entries for the people's choice can also submit a photo that will be posted on the chamber's social media pages for residents to vote on.

"We love this event each year," Chamber Executive Director Tricia Herrera said. "We know that the decorations add to the holiday spirit and the small-town feel of Rochelle. Each year we get so many entries deserving of an award. So go crazy and make Rochelle Merry and Bright."



# LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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## RTHS math team takes third at Stillman Valley

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first outing of the season.

Coach Mike Fonfara reported results as follows: Algebra 1 team third overall, geometry team second overall and Noah LeFevre third in-

dividual, algebra 2 team third overall and Aidan Ramsey first individual junior/senior eight-person team first, calculator team second and candy bar competition second.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Shown left to right: Brett Zick, RTHS dean of students, Yuelma Ortiz, Jasmin Hernandez, Gisselle Robles, Gotti Fuentes, Zalak Patel, Joy Miller, RCH radiology manager and Michelle LaPage, manager of marketing, foundation & organizational development.

## RTHS Cultural Reform Alliance raises money for RCH Foundation

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Hospital recently sent out a thanks to the Rochelle Township High School Cultural Reform Alliance.

The group raised

\$639.50 in one week

during their October cancer awareness fundraiser. Proceeds were donated to benefit the RCH Foundation "All About Me" cancer fund.

Students raised money

by selling breast cancer

pins over their lunch hours, school events and with the help of their parents.

Learn more about RCH's All About Me cancer fund at: <https://www.rochellehospital.com/about-us/foundation/>

## Chana UMC Candlelight Christmas Dessert scheduled for Dec. 3

**CHANA** — Once again the Chana United Methodist Church will be hosting their Candlelight Christmas Dessert on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Chana UMC at 7

p.m. The program will fea-

ture Jamie Young, a vocal

and instrumental musician

from rural Oregon — a former

member of the Spirit's

Harmony group which

frequently were featured at

many local events. Follow-

ing the program a dessert

buffet will be held in the

candlelit social hall.

There is no admission

charge—a love offering will

be taken for a local special

need. A door prize will be

awarded at the close of the

program and additional

drawings for other prizes

will take place during the

social time.

All women and girls in

the area are welcome. Please

call the church office at 815-

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## Girl Scouts and Rochelle DAR plant flags at Lawnridge Cemetery

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## Madrigal Dinner at The REC scheduled Dec. 2 & 3

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Township High School Choral Music Director Cory Ellis announced that the 34th annual Madrigal Dinner will take place at The Rec Center at 800 Jones Road on Dec. 2 and 3.

Tickets are \$25 and are

on sale at this link: <https://bit.ly/22MadrigalTicketOrderForm>

Organize a group of any size, but be aware the tables can seat up to six people, so if your group is larger than six, it will be divided. Ellis said, "We will make every effort to seat

you close to each other."

Tickets for the dinner are also available in the main office. Stop by RTHS weekdays 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to pay for and pick up your physical tickets from the office. Tickets may be paid for via cash or check.

## 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.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Gregory ‘Greg’ Donald Stroh

**ROCHELLE**—Gregory “Greg” Donald Stroh, 67, of Rochelle, passed away Sunday, Nov. 20 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Greg was born June 30, 1955, in Dubuque, Iowa, the son of Donald and Catherine (Anderson) Stroh. He married Vanessa Richardson on Oct. 18, 1997. Greg worked for Securitas Security Services. He also drove a semi truck for a number of years. He loved NASCAR, fishing and motorcycle rides. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs. He was a member of the Rochelle Moose. Greg most enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his wife, kids and grandkids.

Greg is survived by his wife, Vanessa of Rochelle; five children, Katrina (Paul McLeod) Stroh of Dixon, Gerri (John) Hanson of Compton, Heather Contreras of Rochelle, Dennis (Calla) Stroh of Steward, and Carolee Wilson of Rochelle; 22 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; six siblings, Brian (Betty) Stroh of Las Animas, Colorado, Bob (Debby) Richardson of Peosta, Iowa; Joe (Becky) Richardson of Estill Springs, Tennessee; Tina (Gary) Tigges of Durango, Iowa, Kim (Steve) McKinzie of Springfield, Tennessee, and Lisa (Richard Thormann) Weinberg of Epworth, Iowa; and numerous nieces and



nephews. Greg is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Mary Stroh; and a sister, Pam McKeown. A memorial celebration of Greg’s life will be from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle. A memorial luncheon will follow at the Rochelle Moose. Please visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Schrader joins Stillman Bank as trust operations officer

**ROCKFORD** – Stillman Bank is pleased to welcome Jessica Schrader as trust operations officer, according to Martin C. Larson, chairman and CEO. In her position, Schrader will oversee the operations of the bank’s trust and wealth management department and will be located in the bank’s Rockford office at 8492 E. State St. Schrader has 20 years of banking experience in managing various departments. Her experience includes 11 years serving in a vice president role managing financial, administrative and operational functions. She earned her bachelor of science-business management and

minor in economics from Illinois State University. She holds a professional in human resources (PHR) and society for human resource management (SHRM-CP) certification. “We are thrilled to have Jessica as part of our team,” stated Keith Akre, CFA, CFP, Stillman Bank vice president & trust officer. “Her industry knowledge, operational skill-set, and enthusiasm for the mission of Stillman Bank’s trust and wealth department will allow us to serve more families, businesses and mission-driven organizations in the state-line region as their trusted partner in holistic wealth management services.” Schrader has lived in



the stateline community for over 25 years. She served as a vice president and secretary board of director for the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce and has been involved with the chamber ambassadors along with several other local community groups. She currently serves as a marketing and communications board member for the Rockford Area SHRM. For more information on Schrader, please contact (815) 332-8100.

## Ogle County Sheriff’s Report

### Deputies respond to multi-vehicle accident

**OREGON** — On Nov. 18 at approximately 7:19 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 26 and Lanark Road. After a brief investigation, Denzel Stokes, 24, of Freeport, was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis. Stokes was also cited for illegal window tint, expired registration and illegal transportation of alcohol. Stokes was released on scene with a return court date. On Nov. 19 at 5:49 p.m. deputies, the Rochelle Police Department, and Rochelle Fire Department responded to a multi-vehicle accident at South Illinois Route 251 and Twombly Road. After a brief investigation, deputies cited Kylie Hall of Davis Junction for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Hall struck a Chevrolet Yukon driven by Priscilla Hernandez of Rockford. Hernandez’s Yukon then struck Jeff Dilling’s Chevrolet Traverse. Hernandez was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital with suspected injuries. On Nov. 19 at 12:15

a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, Juan Mendez-Martinez of Rockford, was arrested for driving without a valid license. Mendez-Martinez was also issued citations for speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign. Mendez-Martinez was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. On Nov. 19 at approximately 7:45 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 southbound at mile marker 106 for window tint. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Vincent Sanders, 44, of Rockford, for driving while his license was revoked. Sanders was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond. On Nov. 20 at approximately 12:17 a.m. deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 900 block of North River Road. Upon arrival, deputies located a blue Chevrolet Cruze in the east ditch facing northwest with minor damage. After investigation,

deputies determined the Chevrolet, being operated by 26-year-old Aaron T. Woods of Rockford, was traveling southbound on River Road. Woods left the roadway on the southbound shoulder before over-correcting and entering back into the roadway. Woods crossed over the center-dashed yellow line and into the northbound lane before losing control and entering the east ditch. The Chevrolet struck a ditch/embankment causing minor damage to the vehicle. After further investigation, Woods was taken into custody for driving under the influence of alcohol and unlawful possession of cannabis/improper container-driver. Woods was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. Woods was additionally cited for improper traffic lane usage, operating uninsured motor vehicle and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## Rochelle Police Report

### Officers issue citations

**ROCHELLE** — On Nov. 19 at 2:41 p.m., Rochelle Police arrested Matthew Miller, 18, Earlville, on an outstanding Kendall County warrant. Miller posted \$375 bail and a court date has been set for Dec. 7. On Nov. 19 at 7:48 a.m., Rochelle Police cited Mayra Leticia Flores, 34, Houston, for no driver’s license. Flores posted an I-bond and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023. On Nov. 19 at 4:52

p.m., Rochelle Police cited Stevie R. Bozarth, 31, Rochelle, for driving with license suspended. Bozarth posted an I-bond and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023. On Nov. 29 at 9:01 p.m., Rochelle Police cited Jaquelyn N. Robinson, 31, Rochelle, for driving with license suspended and improper lane usage. Robinson posted an I-bond and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023. On Nov. 19 at 1:01 p.m.,

Rochelle Police cited Jacob Myers, 29, Rochelle, for driving with license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. Myers posted an I-bond and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023. On Nov. 19 at 1:18 p.m., Rochelle Police cited Elba Gallegos-Barajas, 41, Davis Junction, for unauthorized use of parking places. Gallegos-Barajas posted a promise to comply and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023.

### Nominations being taken for county soil and water conservation board

**OREGON** — Nominations are being accepted for Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. To all persons of legal voting age who own or reside on land located within the boundaries of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District. Nominations are being accepted for two, 2-year terms as directors of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District. Nominations

can be made at the district’s office, 1213 Pines Road, Suite 3, Oregon, IL 61061, during the normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the district. Interested persons must respond by 4 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2023.

### Fehr Graham hires McKinney as newest project assistant

**ROCHELLE** – Fehr Graham, a leading Midwest engineering and environmental firm, is pleased to announce the hiring of Sarah McKinney as a project assistant. As a project assistant at the firm’s Rochelle office, McKinney handles clerical and administrative work. She helps maintain company data, supports her colleagues on project needs and manages the day-to-day operations of the office. McKinney earned a



bachelor’s degree in psychology from Columbia College of Missouri. She has several years of experience in an administrative role.

## 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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## PARK: Ohlinger details maintenance work around Rochelle facilities

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The marina decking project was recently completed under budget and in a timely manner by staff, she said. Materials for the project totaled \$29,872 and it included the complete replacement of the decking at the marina to match recent work at Spring Lake Pool.

A contractor also recently completed its work on drainage at Tilton Park. The park district's staff will finish that work with removal of extra soil and seeding. A portion of the bike path will be replaced

after part of it needed to be cut out for tiling.

Several memorial trees and benches have been placed throughout parks recently, Ohlinger said.

The park district's annual Turkey Trot will take place Thanksgiving morning and will start at The REC Center.

Ohlinger introduced the park district's new superintendent of recreation, Andrew Murray.

"I'm very excited to be here," Murray said. "It's impressive, the foundation that's been laid. I'm excited to get to work. Thank you everyone."



**Rochelle boy makes catch on opening day of trapping season**

Cash Olsen, 7, of Rochelle caught his first Beaver on opening weekend of trapping season.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Valued Veteran of the Year is selected on the basis of having served the Moose and their community. This year's Valued Veteran of the Year is John Kisner Sr.

## Kisner named Valued Veteran of the Year

**ROCHELLE** — Since 2017, the Rochelle Moose has held a Valued Veteran Banquet in November for all Rochelle Moose members who have self-identified as

having served our nation in the United States Armed Forces.

The Valued Veteran of the Year is selected on the basis of having served the Moose and

their community. This year's Valued Veteran of the Year is John Kisner, Sr., who enjoys working on the annual Haunted Room at the Moose with his son John Kisner, Jr.

John also got to be an actor in the Haunted Room again this year! John loves frightening the kids. John served in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## Thanksgiving and farm bureau perks

AS I write we sit just a few days from Thanksgiving. I hope all of you have plans to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the holiday.

For many Christmas is THE holiday of the year, and well it should be, but for me I've always held a special place for Thanksgiving. Over the years I missed a few Christmases at home, but never a Thanksgiving. That was the one time we all knew the whole family would be together.

Of course the meal, in particular for me, the fresh baked pies were always a draw.

So whatever holiday is your favorite, be sure to enjoy this one.

**IFB credit card**

Farm bureau members across Illinois now have

access to a new way of promoting agriculture and ag education. The IAA Credit Union, an Illinois Farm Bureau affiliate, has introduced the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card.

Members can now apply for the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card and show their support for ag education. Programs like the Ag In The Classroom will receive a direct support payment through the IAA Foundation each time you use your new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card.

The card offers members no annual fee and no minimum finance charge. The new card offers competitive rates based upon credit approval and low transaction fees on cash advances.

Members should contact the Ogle County Farm Bureau for IAA Credit

Union application for the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card or contact the IAA Credit Union at 1-800-676-2541.

**Paint**

The fall and winter seasons offer many of us the opportunity to get going on a few of those fixer-up projects around the house. Of course interior painting is one project that is perfect for this winter season.

Now, Farm Bureau members can not only get going on their painting project, but save money while they are doing it!

Farm Bureau members get a 25 percent discount on all items, excluding duration paint, at all Sherwin-Williams stores. Sherwin-Williams has

been a recognized industry leader for decades delivering the finest quality products and services available in the home repair and construction industry.

So if you're getting ready to start planning, or to get busy, on that painting project be sure to stop in at your local Sherwin-Williams store to see how they can help, and to save yourself some money!

**Sales tax**

I receive several calls a year inquiring about the sales tax exemption on farm equipment. Here's the wording direct from the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The farm machinery and equipment exemption applies to purchases of farm machinery and

equipment used or leased for use primarily (more than 50 percent of the time) in production agriculture or for use in state or federal agricultural programs; the exemption also applies to repair and replacement parts for qualifying machinery and equipment. Excluded from this exemption are motor vehicles required to be registered under the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code.

To document tax-exempt purchases of such items, retailers must keep in their books and records an exemption certificate containing the seller's name and address, the purchaser's name and address, an identification or description of the items purchased, a statement from the purchaser that the items are being used primarily in production

agriculture or in a state or federal agricultural program, and the purchaser's signature and the date of signing.

Purchasers may document their tax exempt purchases either by completing Form ST-587, Machinery and Equipment Exemption Certificate, or by making their own certificate. A copy of the certificate must be provided to the retailer. For more detailed information about this exemption, see 86 Illinois Administrative Code 130.305.

"Thanksgiving is an emotional time. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they see only once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often." -Johnny Carson

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



Ron Kern

## Thankful for our library

I am thankful for our library. Over the years, I have met many individuals at the library who need help in some way. Many times, we see patrons who are looking for books or magazines on a subject. We see others who are signing up for unemployment, needing to email something, want help with their computer, need a printer or a warm place to stay for the day. People need services and we are thankful that we can be a reliable resource in our community. Enhancing patrons' lives through resources and effective communication is the key. We are thankful that we live in a generous com-

munity where we all help and learn from each other and our diverse situations. Below are five reasons why some people around the country say they are thankful for libraries.

Reason one: I save money. "My library card is the only card I have that really saves me money! I save hundreds, if not a thousand, dollars a year! Between the books and movies we check out and the seed library, we save tons. Now, if I could only remember to take full advantage of the library, that would save us even more."

Reason two: I have access to resources. "I love my library for myriad reasons. Lately, I have been most excited about

the fact that I can read The New York Times every day, for free, through Delta County Libraries' website."

Reason three: My privacy matters. "Libraries and librarians have actually been bastions of privacy warriors. They defend people's rights to privacy, like protecting your right to check out materials and your reading history, keeping them private. Also, the interlibrary loan system is awesome. Support your local library!"

Reason four: I love books! "What I love about my library is the books

it contains that free your mind from current life events, and spin you into another world. Oh, the things you can learn just by picking up a non-fiction book! And now the library has joined the wonderful Marmot world which allows you not just use of your local library, but all other libraries that carry books our local one doesn't."

Reason five: I value the summer reading program. "The summer reading program encourages people of all ages to read. It is a fond memory of mine growing up. I love participating with my own

kids now." ([https://www.highcountryshopper.com/community/spotlight/five-reasons-to-be-thankful-for-libraries/article\\_af640e4e-3d91-11ec-9188-33625685df50.html](https://www.highcountryshopper.com/community/spotlight/five-reasons-to-be-thankful-for-libraries/article_af640e4e-3d91-11ec-9188-33625685df50.html))

We have over 60,000 volumes in the library but at this time of year one section of our non-fiction is very popular. The cookbook section! We have a large variety of cookbooks for all occasions but the holiday ones are the most popular. Thanksgiving is a time when families get together and cook traditional family recipes. Many families have recipes that are made each year to enhance the holiday meal. If you look in

the 641.5 Dewey Decimal number you will find all of our cookbooks.

Our mouths water when we look at all of the spectacular recipes and determine what will be on our holiday table. Family traditions are important and bring us back to a simpler time when we remember relatives past and present who made an impact in our lives.

Come in and see all of the materials and services that we have available. We are thankful for our community and our patrons. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

*Sarah Flanagan is the library director of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District.*



Sarah Flanagan

### VOICE ON THE STREET

## Question: "Which Thanksgiving food is your favorite?"

**"Turkey sandwiches the next day."**  
Leah Clue Vanstone

**"Stuffing with gravy."**  
Sandy Eyster

**"All."**  
Doug Baker

**"Cranberry salad that I make."**  
Dawn Peters-Smith

**"Stuffing."**  
Katie Paulsen

**"Stuffing."**  
Tyler Isham

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# COMMUNITY



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R.P. Home & Harvest will host a free Santa Claus event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10. Area children are welcome to bring their wish list and tell Saint Nick why they should be on his "nice list" this year. This is a free event, and parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the magic. For more information, visit [www.homeandharvest.com](http://www.homeandharvest.com) or call your local store.

**THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU**

Nov. 24 – (Thursday) – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING  
Nov. 29 – (Tuesday) – Chicken Wraps with Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Ranch  
Dec. 4 – (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Oatmeal, Meat Skillet over Diced Potatoes

KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries  
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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

<b>Nov. 23</b> Seth House Kevin & Katie Sherburne (anniversary) Carolyn Bieck	<b>Nov. 24</b> Brenda Jones <b>Nov. 26</b> Carl Hansen	<b>Nov. 27</b> Makayla Ludwig <b>Nov. 29</b> Sam South
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**Call 815-561-2151 to submit names for birthdays and anniversaries**

**2022 From The Heart Calendar**

Oct. 28 - Laurie Haub, Rochelle, \$25

Oct. 29 - Nancy Adams, Rochelle, \$25

Oct. 30 - Village of Progress, \$50

Oct. 31 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$250

Nov. 1 - Josh Williams, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 2 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25

Nov. 3 - Matt Gerard, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 4 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25

Nov. 5 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 6 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50

Nov. 7 - Jacob Meyers, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 8 - Sharon Watkins, DeKalb, \$25

Nov. 9 - Rachel Huff, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 10 - Pastor Greg & Tina Hoffman, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 11 - Foundation for Focus House, Rochelle, \$250

Nov. 12 - Nancy Pfab, Lindenwood, \$25

Nov. 13 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50

Nov. 14 - Michael Shumack, Amboy, \$25

Nov. 15 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 16 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Nov. 17 - Patty Rudolphi, Dixon, \$25

Nov. 18 - Justin Hutchinson, Sterling, \$25

Nov. 19 - Adam Heal, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 20 - Dale Galland, Rochelle, \$50

Nov. 21 - Gary and Sharon Olszewski, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 22 - Colby Capes, Chicago, \$25

Nov. 23 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Venus, to Serena  
4 Sad  
8 Padlocked fastener  
12 E.T.'s craft  
13 Slithery  
14 New York canal  
15 Sobriquet  
17 Karate level  
18 Poolroom prop  
19 Livid  
20 Fury  
22 Coal source  
24 Loathe  
25 "The — Papers" (Dickens novel)  
29 Bird (Pref.)  
30 Hay bundles  
31 — chi  
32 Fined for speeding, e.g.  
34 Shopper's aid  
35 Geese formations  
36 Selects from a group  
37 Everglades wader  
40 Delhi dress  
41 Hip  
42 Popular playground game  
46 Corridor  
47 Adhesive  
48 Born abroad?

**DOWN**

1 Day light?  
2 "— Had a Hammer"  
3 Relating to Plato's teacher  
4 Dugout seating  
5 Plumbing woe  
6 Einstein's birthplace  
7 CBS logo  
8 Semitic language  
9 Region  
10 Sediment  
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16 Winslet of "Titanic"  
19 Pen fluids  
20 "Huh?"  
21 Sitarist Shankar  
22 Odometer reading  
23 On the rocks  
25 Cracker spread  
26 Natives of Rome  
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44 Zodiac cat  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: F equals T

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WJNZIS IY TJMOOM JIV FWAU  
UFMASSCZIS RZIJITZJCCE.  
Z IOOV J NYTJFZYI!

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**King Crossword**

**Answers**

Solution time: 26 mins.

**Answers**

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2 "— Had a Hammer"  
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Despite the prevalence of small businesses and the abundance of people willing to become entrepreneurs, 20 percent of

these firms fail within the first year, and only 55 percent survive five years or more, says Zippia. The COVID-19 pandemic was particularly harsh on small businesses. However, many of them survived through digitization that they plan to continue to utilize even when the pandemic is long gone.

Maintaining a small business through economic highs and lows and other issues often comes down to customer involvement. Consumers are the driving forces behind the success of small businesses. Here are some effective ways for consumers to help small businesses grow.

Shop local. The "Shop Local" movement has

been around for awhile but remains as relevant as ever. Shopping local means becoming repeat patrons at the independent businesses that comprise Main Street as opposed to the chain stores that dominate strip malls.

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# SPORTS



RTHS senior Garrett Gensler earned IHSECA All-State honors this season.

**See page 2 for more details**

# Rochelle earns first win

## Lady Hubs snap three-game losing streak as Forreston Tournament continues

**FORRESTON**—Fast-break offense was the primary method of scoring for both the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team and the defending IHSA 2A state runner-up Winnebago Indians during the fourth round of the Forreton Thanksgiving Tournament on Monday.

Rochelle battled throughout the first half, but conditioning became a factor for the Lady Hubs down the stretch, as Winnebago wore Rochelle down with its consistent full-court pressure on defense. Despite a valiant effort over the first two-and-a-half quarters, the Lady Hubs were unable to maintain pace with the Indians, who ultimately took down Rochelle 60-40.

"Any time we can compete with a program like that, it shows how tough our girls are," head coach Ryan McQuade said. "Our girls played really tough defense tonight and if we can continue to progress like we have throughout this tournament, we'll find ourselves in a lot of games this season. I think we have the talent and tonight, we showed tenacity and grit."

The Lady Hubs (1-4,

0-0 Interstate 8) leaned on their half-court defense early, forcing Winnebago into contested shots near the basket while the Indians struggled to knock down shots from the perimeter. Rochelle and Winnebago remained tied at 9-9 entering the second quarter, where the Lady Hubs had a tough time pushing the ball through Winnebago's full-court press, committing several turnovers that helped spark a 12-2 Indian run on mostly layups.

"I thought our half-court defense was stellar tonight, especially during the first half," McQuade said. "I thought we were gassed near the end of the game and our conditioning isn't where we need it to be right now. The score wasn't really indicative of how well we played tonight."

Looking for a scoring surge of their own, the Lady Hubs turned to junior Alivia Henkel, who utilized her speed and quick hands on defense to score three transition layups off steals for six of her team-high nine points on Monday.

The Henkel-led run allowed Rochelle to bring the Indians within six points at halftime with the score at 28-22. Winnebago opened

the second half with an 8-2

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Junior Kara Martinez drives to the basket during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball game against Winnebago on Monday. Rochelle defeated Stockton on Saturday for its first win of the season.**

run to retake control, once again capitalizing on turn-overs from the Lady Hubs

“Alivia’s talented

enough to go on a 10-0 run on her own and her scoring keeps us in a lot of games”

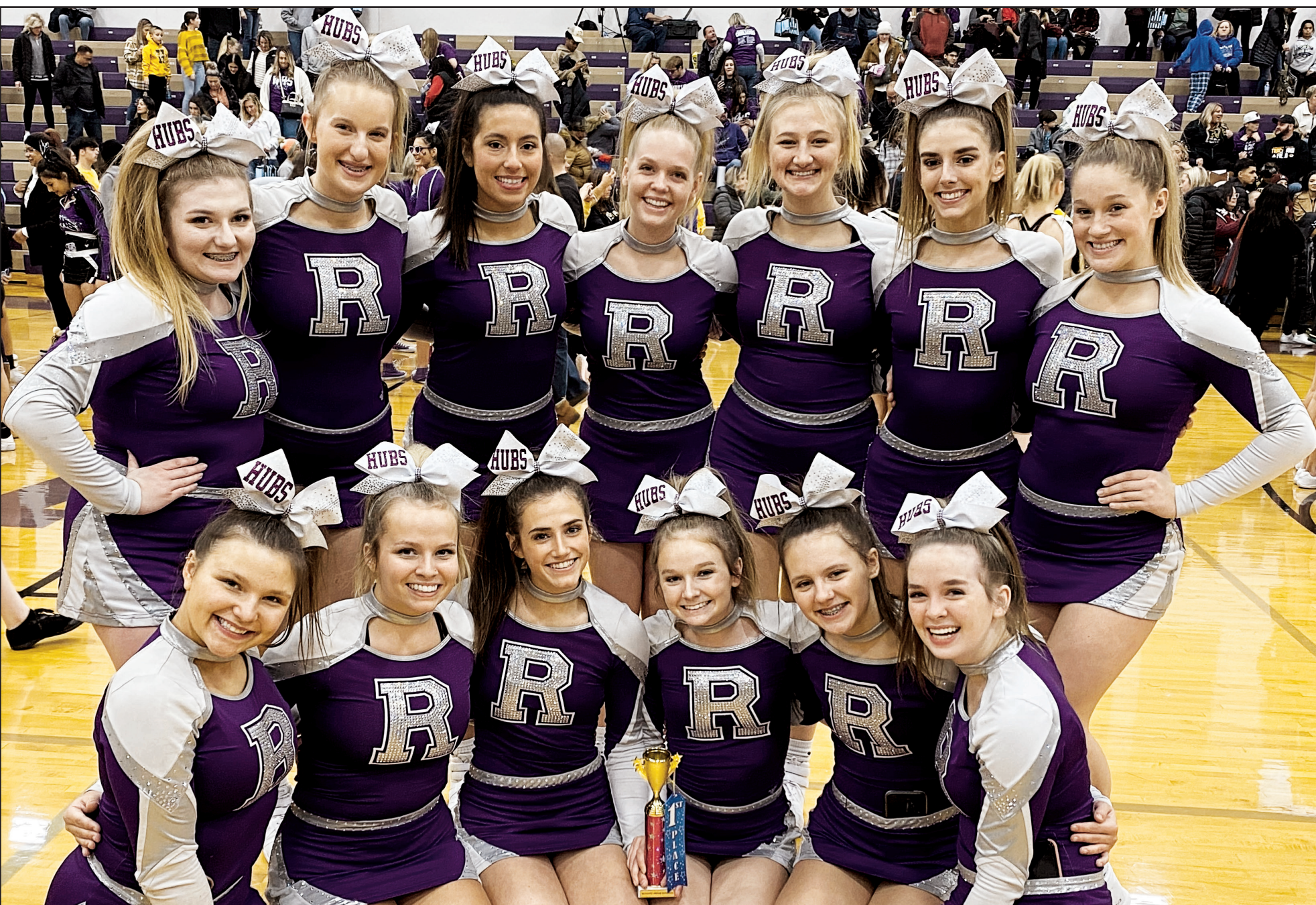
McQuade said. "Her impact

not only on the defensive side of the floor, but in the transition offense, will create a lot of opportunities for

our team to be successful this season.”

**See GIRLS page 5**

(COURTESY PHOTO)



## Varsity team finishes first in Medium Division at Wilmington Invitational on Sunday

The Rochelle Township High School varsity cheerleading team competed in the Wilmington Invitational on Sunday, finishing first out of six schools in the Medium Division. The team includes Ava Lynn, Baylie Sutton, Rylee Jackson, Rivers Estock, Ava Albers, McKenna Cook, Anna Harvey (back row left to right), Ayla Walker, Lauryn Akey, Morgan Smardo, Zoe White, Jasmynn Lipscomb and Riley White (front row left to right). The team is coached by Trish Rodeghero.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Rochelle senior Garrett Gensler was named an IHSFCA All-State honoree for the second consecutive season. Gensler holds two RTHS rushing touchdown records.

## Gensler earns IHSFCA All-State First Team honors

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Township High School senior Garrett Gensler was selected to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association All-State Team in Class 4A this season. It's the second consecutive season that Gensler has received IHSFCA All-State recognition.

"I'm extremely excited to be named a two-time All-State player, but I can't forget about the people around me that helped me including my teammates, my coaches and my family," Gensler said. "It's a great honor and I'm thankful for everyone from the Rochelle community that helped me make it to the position I'm in now. I thought I left everything on the field this season on offense and defense. I believed that I performed to the standard of Rochelle football."

Gensler led the Rochelle Hub varsity football team to a 9-3 record and a berth in the IHSA 4A Playoff Quarterfinals this season. The senior rushed for a team-high 1,727 yards and 29 touchdowns, which stands as a new single-season rushing touchdown record at RTHS. Gensler, who rushed for 968 yards and 22 touchdowns last season, will continue his career at NIU.

"It was special for me to set the touchdown records at Rochelle, but I'm most

thankful for the teammates who blocked for me and led the way during the season and in the past," Gensler said. "The football doesn't move without blockers and I'm happy that I had some really good ones throughout my time at Rochelle. I'm still looking to improve my skills as I move forward."

Gensler also holds the school record for career rushing touchdowns with 50. A starter at both running back and inside linebacker over the last two seasons, Gensler finished with 47 tackles after recording 38 tackles for the Hubs last season. The Huskie commit exceeded 300 rushing yards twice this season, running for a career-best 362 yards in a 60-35 win over Johnsburg. Gensler rushed for 316 yards when the Hubs defeated Marengo 48-27.

"What I enjoyed most about the Rochelle football program were the bonds that I created," Gensler said. "I grew close with players I may not have known very well before the season and I made friendships that will last longer than football. There were also life lessons I learned throughout my journey in football and I encourage anyone who wants to learn about football to play at Rochelle. I'll never forget my teammates or what we accomplished and I thank Rochelle football for everything. I'm going to miss being around the team and joking with the guys."

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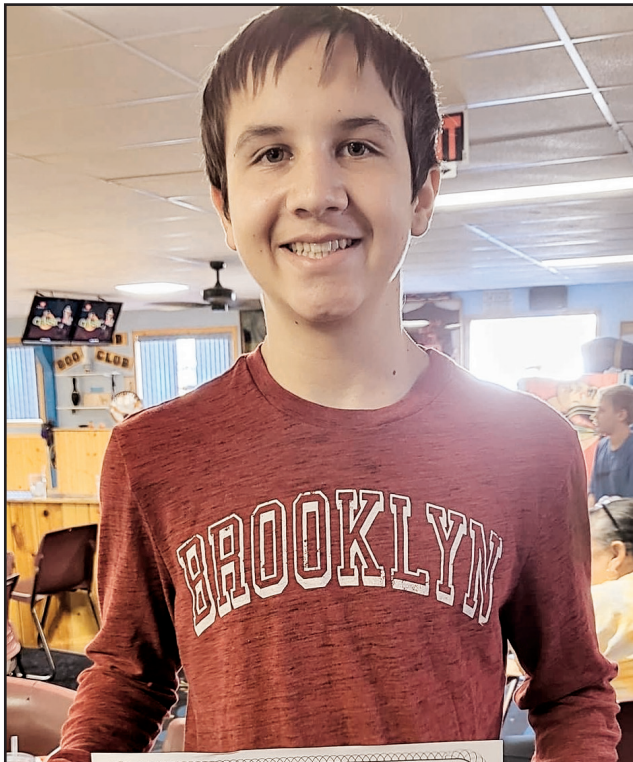
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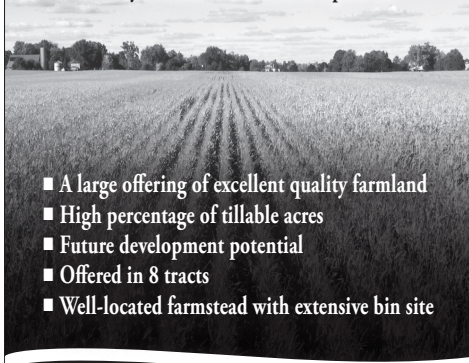
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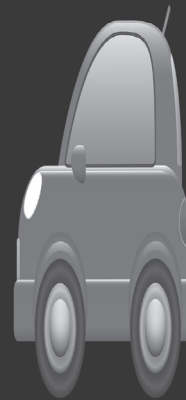
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## RTHS Cheerleading

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### Junior Varsity team finishes first in Medium Division at Wilmington Invitational on Sunday

The Rochelle Township High School junior varsity cheerleading team competed in the Wilmington Invitational on Sunday, finishing first in the Medium Division. The team includes Julia Livingston, Maycie Powell, Ryelee Bogle, Madigan Williams, Cambrey Rodeghero (back row left to right), Marianna Saldana, Ashley Dickey, Naleia Fonfara, Sophia Favela and Jocelyn Cervantes (front row left to right). Not pictured is Lydia Osborne. The team is coached by Mychaela Hurst.

## GIRLS: Lady Hubs take down Stockton on Saturday

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Despite a pair of third-quarter field goals from junior Kara Martinez, who finished with eight points, Winnebago surged ahead of the Lady Hubs, eventually entering the fourth quarter leading 45-31. Senior Torrin Nantz converted Rochelle's only 3-pointer of the eve-

ning, sinking a long ball early in the fourth quarter for three of her five points.

Sophomore Kendyl Darby scored four points and grabbed a team-high 15 rebounds for the Lady Hubs, who were outscored 32-18 in the second half. Junior Megan Seebach chipped in four points.

Rochelle will conclude

the tournament with a game against Stillman Valley.

### Stockton

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team secured its first victory of the 2022-23 season on Saturday, defeating Stockton 53-41 and ending a three-game winless streak.

Junior Alivia Henkel

shined for the Lady Hubs (1-3, 0-0 Interstate 8), scoring a team-leading 19 points while snatching nine steals and seven rebounds in the win. Senior Torrin Nantz followed with 16 points, sinking three 3-pointers for the second straight game. Junior Megan Seebach added six points for the Lady Hubs, while senior

Bailey Jackson and junior Sydney Tabor each chipped in four points.

### Forresteron

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team continued its Forresteron Thanksgiving Tournament run on Friday, falling 44-37 against Forresteron. Junior Alivia Henkel led the Lady

Hubs (0-3, 0-0 Interstate 8) with nine points, five rebounds and four steals.

Junior Kara Martinez added eight points, while senior Torrin Nantz scored nine points on three 3-pointers with three rebounds. Junior Sydney Tabor compiled four points, four rebounds and three steals for the Lady Hubs.

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# ASHTON NEWS



**Ashton-Franklin Center High School FFA Chapter attends Ag Career Exploration Fair**  
Fourteen members of the Ashton-Franklin Center High School FFA Chapter attended the Ag Career Exploration Fair Thursday, Nov. 17 in Oregon. They met with representatives of colleges and career areas.

## Lady Raider basketball team tips off season

**ASHTON** — The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team faced Pecatonica on Monday, Nov. 14. The Lady Raiders fell 52-34 despite 10 points from Taylor Jahn and Alexis Schwarz. Brianna Gonnerman added seven points for the Lady Raiders, who trailed 15-8 after the first quarter and entered the locker room down 32-20 at halftime. Mallory Coffman scored three points, while Cameryn Winterland and Reese Polk totaled two points each.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team battled Rockford Christian in the Oregon Tournament on Thursday, Nov. 17, falling 49-21 to move to 0-2 overall. Taylor Jahn and Mallory Coffman each scored six points for the Lady Raiders, while Reese Polk and Alexis Schwarz each totaled four points in the loss. AFC trailed 16-4 after the first quarter.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team secured its first win of the season on Friday, Nov. 18, defeating St. Edward 45-24 behind 21 points from Taylor Jahn and eight points from Alexis Schwarz. Audree Dorn scored six points for the Lady Raiders, who led the game 17-8 after the first quarter and 41-18 after three quarters of play to move to 1-2 overall.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity girls basketball team extended its winning streak to two games with a 49-12 victory over Mendota on Saturday, Nov. 19. The Lady Raiders, who are now 2-2 overall this season, received 19 points from Taylor Jahn and 10 points from Reese Polk. Brianna Gonnerman added six points and Alexis Schwarz totaled five points in the victory.



**AFCHS competes in Stateline Quiz Bowl**  
A few members of the Ashton-Franklin Center High School academic team traveled to Rockford to compete in the Stateline Quiz Bowl against Sterling Newman on Saturday. This was the first time that AFC participated in this televised tournament and their match will be aired on WTVO and FOX 39 on Sunday, Dec. 4. Team members involved were: Lauren S., Ethan V., Ayden W. and Zayne B. Loki G. and Colin S. joined as alternates. Mr. Waters is the academic bowl team advisor.

## Ashton Christmas Walk Dec. 3

**ASHTON** — On Saturday, Dec 3, Ashton's Christmas Walk will take place from 4-7 p.m. in the village featuring: DJ Doug Ball, Lion's Club Chili Supper, St. John's Preschool Cookie Walk, horse-drawn wagon rides, visit with Santa Claus, lighted Christmas parade, vendor fair at the AFC Junior High School Gym, take a stroll down Main Street and stop into local businesses for specials and treats. Watch out for the Grinch.

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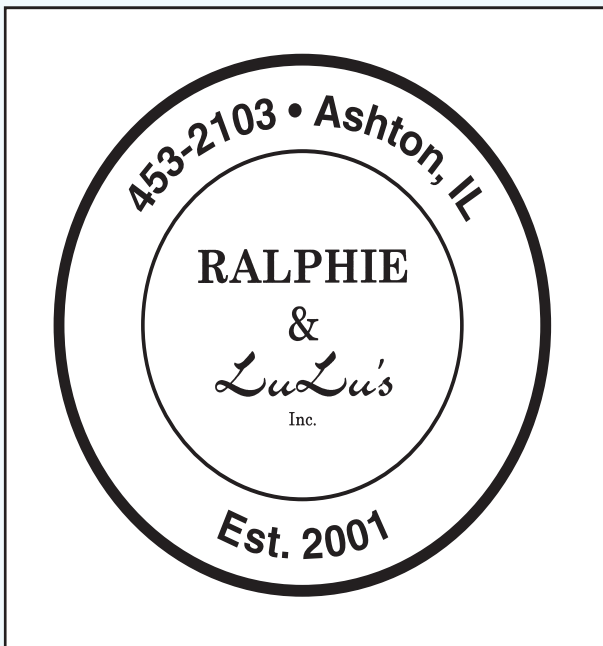
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