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From the farm to the table

Ashton's Pfeiffer Farms: 'Customers know it's local... it's fresh'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ASHTON — When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Ashton farmers Dennis and Edith Pfeiffer had trouble selling their cattle.

Meat processing plants were shut down or running at partial capacity. The plant the Pfeiffers use finally took their cattle in time, but the couple were forced to sell them at “a huge loss.”

Over the years, people in the area have asked Dennis if they could buy cattle from him directly. With the complications in the industry, the couple thought it would finally give that a try.

Enter Pfeiffer Farms Fresh Market. The newly-constructed store on the couple's property at 2511 Reynolds Road in Ashton opened in April sells locally-raised beef, pork, eggs, cheeses, fruits, vegetables and more.

“It's gone super so far,” Edith said. “Better than we ever imagined. We didn't really know what we were doing. I've met a lot of people that are in the



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The newly-constructed Pfeiffer Farms Fresh Market store on the property of Dennis and Edith Pfeiffer opened in April. The couple sells locally-raised beef, pork, eggs, cheeses, fruits, vegetables and more.

same boat. They lost their jobs due to COVID-19 and they've kind of started doing other things. So we're all learning together. What permits you have to get, how to market your product and how to network with

other people. It's gone very well. We can't keep meat in stock.”

Along with raising two feedlots of cattle, the Pfeiffers farm over 3,000 acres of corn and soybeans. Edith is an “overproducer” in the

garden, according to Dennis. The couple used to end up giving things like that away to neighbors to get rid of them. Now they're able to sell it all in their own shop.

Edith said the shop has

added to the Pfeiffer's workload. But it gives them more of a connection with their market. They're meeting people when the store is open and talking with them.

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Dr. Williams retires after 41 years

'I think the hardest part... is how much I'll miss the patients'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — When Dr. Nancy Williams came to practice in Rochelle in Aug. 1980, she moved four hours away from her family.

Williams retired last week after 41 years in town as a family doctor. Over that time she built a family of her own. On top of that, she built relationships with her patients and their families.

“I think the hardest part about retiring is how much I'll miss the patients,” Williams said. “People that I see frequently or even the ones I see every six months or once a year.

I have a relationship with them and I'm going to miss that. As I was thinking

about all of this, I thought, ‘Maybe doctors should move every 10 years so they don't develop such ties with patients.’ And then I thought, ‘Well what fun would that be?’”

Williams said it's been a blessing to have developed relationships with patients.

While growing up, her children called a lot of people in the Rochelle area grandma and grandpa.

“People have been very gracious in including us with their families and inviting us to weddings and picnics and all sorts of things,” Williams said. “It's been great.”

Williams was recruited to Rochelle during her third year of residency. She was “amazed” when she first came to see Rochelle Community Hospital and

everything it had to offer and how advanced it was considering its size.

Over the years she's seen much more advancement at RCH. She seen specialists start to come to the hospital to offer their services to local patients, such as cardiology and nephrology.

As a solo family practice doctor in a town of Rochelle's size, Williams said her role is to know a lot about a wide variety of health issues and to have the ability to direct patients to specialists.

“With technology and with the specialists we have readily available within 35 miles, it makes our job easier because we don't have to do everything,” Williams said. “We're able to be the gatekeeper and take care of what we can care for. What we do well, we do. And then see that the patient gets the care that they need elsewhere.”

The final two years of Williams' career came during the COVID-19 pandemic, which she called “extremely difficult and odd.” At times, a screening process was required to



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determine whether or not a patient could come into the office to be examined.

During the more dire parts of the pandemic,

only those with the greatest need were allowed into her office.

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LOCAL NEWS

Q&A: Ag in the Classroom coordinator Melinda Charbonneau

“The program offers hands on activities that all youth can get excited about”

BY BRAD JENNINGS
OGLE COUNTY LIFE EDITOR

OREGON — Talk about a perfect fit.

When the Ogle and Carroll County Farm Bureaus came together with U of I Extension to create the Ag in the Classroom coordinator position, Melinda Charbonneau was the perfect candidate. She had worked in Extension as a secretary and 4-H program coordinator, so she was familiar with Extension and its programs.

“The Ag in the Classroom position was a perfect fit for me,” Charbonneau said. “It combined two things that I love: agriculture and education. My degree is in secondary education, and I grew up on a farm where we raised dairy and beef cows, sheep, and chickens. We also grew crops including corn, soybeans, oats and hay.”

Charbonneau sat down to answer some questions about the Ag in the Classroom program.

Question: Can you explain what the Ag in the Classroom program is?

Answer: “The purpose of Ag in the Classroom is to educate youth where their food and fiber comes from. There are many careers in agriculture and fewer farm kids to fill those roles. We need young people that are excited

to go into agriculture fields. Getting youth excited to learn more about agriculture will hopefully make them better consumers. We also need our future government officials to understand the importance of agriculture and the impacts their regulations have on it.”

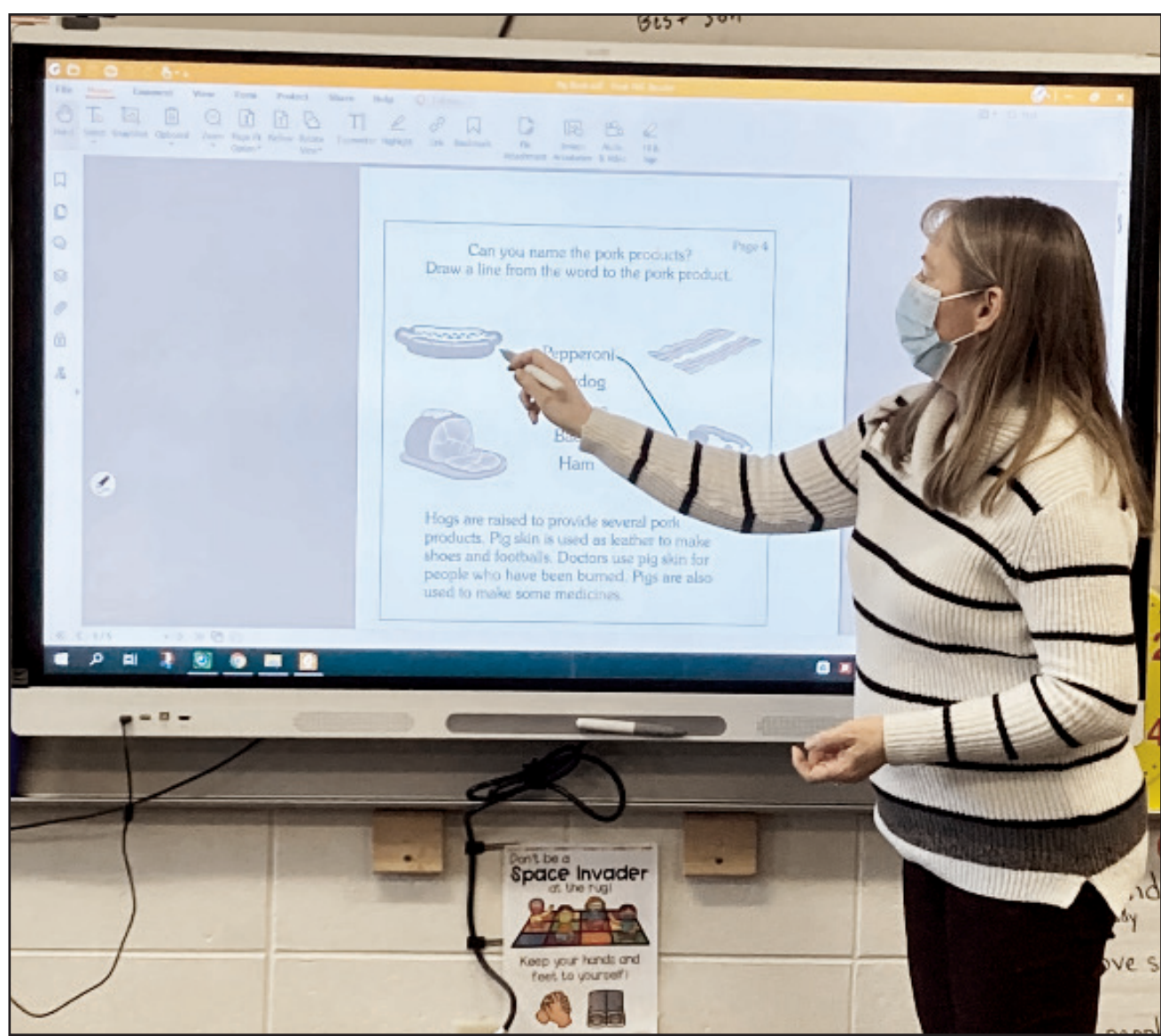
Q: What types of kids are attracted to the program?

A: “All types of students are interested in Ag in the Classroom. The program offers hands on activities that all youth can get excited about.”

Q: What is the content of the lessons? Is it all agriculture based?

A: “The content of all lessons tie back into agriculture. There are lessons about corn, soybeans, cows, pigs, etc... However, there are other lessons that correlate with standards or curriculum in the school that can be tied back into agriculture. For example, the environmental lessons talk about taking care of the Earth, soil conservation, protecting our water, etc... These lessons focus on a topic such as water and its importance. Then the discussion leads to what youth can do to take care of water and the role farmers play in protecting water.”

Q: What topics seem to be the most popular with the kids?



Melinda Charbonneau recently sat down with Ogle County Life editor Brad Jennings to answer some questions about the Ag in the Classroom program.

A: “The most popular topic with youth is when we are making food. Prior to COVID-19 we would make bread and tootsie rolls. Through these activities students discovered where the ingredients came

from, measuring skills, and got to experience the process of making an end product. We are still able to make butter because it is an individual activity as part of the lesson on dairy cows. Students really like

making a food product they can enjoy eating.”

Q: How important is a program like this in a farming area such as Ogle County?

A: “Even though we live in a rural area many

students are removed from the farm. The Ag in the Classroom program provides them a connection and better understanding of what they see happening in the farming community around them.”

What RTHS students have been up to at KEC

MALTA—About 100 Rochelle Township High School students leave campus daily for career tech classes at the Kishwaukee Education Consortium. Here is a glimpse at interesting things that have occurred in seven of the KEC labs this month.

Welding/Automotive Engineering Technology AET students have worked on Occupational Safety

and Hazards Administration (OSHA) training. This industry-recognized certification is an important part of KEC’s career-ready platform.

Sports Medicine students finished up the ankle unit and are now into the knee unit. They have practiced palpation sites and began assessing squat and jump landing techniques.

Criminal Justice stu-

dents are learning this semester that not only does it take a village to raise a child but it takes the entire community to secure itself.

Certified Nursing Assistant students were offered virtual, self-directed nursing assistant simulation scenarios thanks to the simulator students affectionately refer to as “Richard.”

Computer Information Systems - Plans for the spring semester are to take the fundamentals learned last to the next level where CIS students will learn the skills necessary to build user friendly applications like a calculator.

Medical Terminology

students are finishing up the Cardiovascular Unit. Students listened to heart sounds and had a review unit on taking vital signs.

The Early Childhood Education students have begun to understand the vital role that hands-on play has in learning.

They explored a variety of materials all the while thinking about how play supports children’s social, emotional, language, cognitive, physical and creative development.

The KEC curriculum is an option for eligible juniors and seniors.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Construction continues on Ritchie Road substation project near Nippon Sharyo building

On Friday, the control house and switchgear for the City of Rochelle and Rochelle Municipal Utilities' Ritchie Road substation project arrived. The city broke ground on the \$13.8 million project at 1600 Ritchie Court in May. The substation will be the city's third and will increase reliability for nearby industry and reduce reliance on the Caron Road substation. The site is next to the old Nippon-Sharyo building, which is planned to become the location of Project Jackpot in the future, a still-anonymous business that is said to be making a capital investment of over \$130 million and adding 150 jobs that pay an average of \$52,000 per year before benefits to the area.

RTHS speech team takes third at Jefferson Invitational

ROCHELLE — On Saturday, the Rochelle Township High School Speech Team finished third in the Rockford Jefferson Invitational. Finalist honors were awarded as follows:

Varsity division: Mikayla Preston and Paul Swartz first place dramatic duet acting, Bella Nauman and Swartz second place humorous duet acting, Layla Pelan second place prose reading.

Third place medals were earned by Preston in dramatic interpretation, Nauman in oratorical declamation and Jessica

Nguyen in informative speaking.

Finishing fourth: Dani Ward in informative speaking and Ranboo Hull in poetry reading. In fifth place were Karma Lidren in humorous interpretation and original comedy and Sierra Ramos in informative speaking. Sixth place: Pelan in oratory and Anna Harvey in special occasion speaking.

Novice division: Celebrated a trio of first place finishes by: Julia Livingston in extemporaneous speaking, Pigeon Burgholzer and Livingston in humorous duet acting and



Sienna Seebach in original comedy. In second place were Ashes Glover and Hull in humorous duet acting and Faith Lohse in radio speaking. Speakers of the week were Swartz and Nauman.

RTHS will host the regional speech competition Saturday.

Local students named to Rock Valley College honors lists

ROCKFORD—Local students have earned recognition on Rock Valley College's fall 2021 president's and dean's lists.

President's list: Elise M. Hayenga, Kings. Dean's

list: Rachel L. Cotrell, Rochelle.

Students must have taken at least 12 credit hours during the semester to qualify for the president's or dean's lists. Students

named to the president's list achieved a 4.0 semester grade point average. Students named to the dean's list achieved at least a 3.25 semester grade point average.

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Wanda F. Bresson

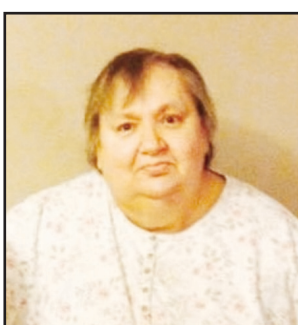
ROCHELLE — Wanda F. Bresson, 73, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at Rochelle Community Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Feb. 4 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Brooklyn. Rev. Randy Fronek will officiate, and burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in West Brooklyn. Visitation will be in St. Mary's Church from 10 a.m. until Mass. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Wanda was born June 6, 1948 in Sikeston, Missouri to Samuel D. and Imogen (Johnson)

Thomasson. She graduated Rochelle High School in 1966. Wanda married Donald Bresson on Oct. 5, 1968 in DeKalb. During her work career she was with Rochelle Printing Company, was a greeter at Walmart and took care of their home.

Wanda will be dearly missed by her husband Don of Ashton; three sons Michael (Heather) Bresson of Ashton, Joshua Bresson of Ashton and David (Jolene) Bresson of Rochelle; daughter Ann (Al) Acton of Jefferson City, Missouri; eight grandchildren Blaze, Amber, Storm, Jennelle, Tyler, Lizzy, Naomi and Esther and three great



grandchildren Leighenna, Moses and Daisy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Eugene Thomasson and Ronnie Thomasson and granddaughter Isabelle.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Robert Edward Felix Jr.

ASHTON — Robert Edward Felix, Jr., 73, of Ashton went to be with our Lord on Jan. 27, 2022. Bob, as he was known, was born on Sept. 9, 1948, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Robert Edward Felix, Sr., and Francis (Ashbrook) Felix. After graduation from high school, Bob spent six years as an airplane mechanic for the United States Marine Corps. Upon leaving the Marines, Bob returned to Memphis to work for Schlitz Brewery before relocating to Rochelle, where he worked for Del Monte Corporation. Later, he worked for and retired from the Nestle Company in Franklin Park. He spent several years doing custodial work for AFC Schools after his retirement from Nestle.

Bob was quick-witted and had an excellent sense of humor. He thoroughly enjoyed teasing those he loved, but he picked on himself as well. Considering himself a southern man through and through, Bob gave himself the nickname "Hillbilly" due to his southern drawl that he never lost and his deep southern roots. He also liked the moniker "Lightning" bestowed on him by a coworker, even though

Bob claimed he really had only two speeds: slow and stop. Bob liked telling stories and playing practical jokes on unsuspecting "victims." He often laughed the hardest at his own jokes; his eyes twinkled; his laugh echoed, and his entire body shook with delight at how funny he found himself. An avid outdoorsman, Bob enjoyed target shooting and hunting, often accompanied by friends and/or family. He spent a great deal of his spare time with his four-legged hunting companions; Bob's dogs were always a big part of his life, and he considered them to be part of his family. Bob's most cherished activity was talking to and bragging about his grandson Chase Brown or, as he called him, "Chase Brown the Rodeo Clown." They made many precious memories together.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Robert, Sr., and Francis. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Loretta (Harvey) Felix; his children Wayne Felix of Sanford, Florida, Samantha (David) Brown of Rochelle and Theresa Shaw of Hillcrest; his grandchildren Nicole and Megan Felix



of Sanford, Florida and Chase Brown of Rochelle, as well as his most faithful companion Lit'l Bit. Bob is also survived by his brother Jesse Felix of Ripley, Tennessee, and his sisters Ruth Hale of Madison, Wisconsin, and Mary of Mississippi.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the Ashton Rescue Squad and to the RNs and CNAs of the KSB Endoscopy Department.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022 from 4-8 p.m. at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 601 Richardson Ave., Ashton, IL 61006.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Ashton Cemetery in Ashton. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com.

Richard Dale Kessen

AVONDALE, Ariz. — I'm writing this to let you know that my dear, sweet Husband Richard Dale Kessen, passed away on January 27, 2022. He will be buried on Feb 9th in Avondale Arizona.

Dick was born January 2, 1941 in Southern Illinois at home to Mr. & Mrs. John Henry & Mary Elizabeth Kessen. He was the youngest of eight children. He attended Catholic grade school in Rochelle and Sycamore IL. He graduated from High School in Sycamore IL. He attended the University of Illinois; he broke his collar bone while playing Football and was on the team with Dick Butkus.

He joined the Army Corps of Engineering and was sent to Vietnam. While there he struck his head on a trip-wire. Dick built runways for

our United States Air Craft and did water purification in the jungles of Vietnam. During his years of service he was shot in the temple, had his teeth kicked out and breathed in poisonous chemicals in the jungles.

Dick met JoAnn Pesuit of DeKalb upon returning from Military service. We were married three months later. Dick worked at Barber Green in DeKalb, IL and attended Jr College in Aurora IL. We had a beautiful daughter, Julliann Nannette on February 9, 1968. She was killed in 1986.

Dick graduated with honors from Southern Illinois University where we lived at the time. From Aurora IL to Texas... we lived.

Dick work for Tampo Manufacturing in San Antonio TX. He then worked with the C-5

Aircraft in Civil Service for the US Air Force at San Antonio & Warner Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia until he retired after 26 years of making sure that the C-5 aircraft was fixed in the air & landed safely anywhere in the world. Dick received many awards from the US Air Force in recognition of his work. After Dick retired he & I moved to Phoenix AZ.

Dick coached football for 7th & 8th grade at St. Pius in San Antonio TX. He was President of the Appaloosa Horse Club in San Antonio TX, for many years. He loved Football, Sports and horses.

We loved each other for 55 1/2 years. He lies beside our daughter in Avondale AZ Holy Cross Cemetery looking up at the Arizona blue skies.

He is survived by his wife JoAnn Kessen, Sun City AZ. his Brother Robert Kessen, Sister-in-Law Caroline Kessen both of Rochelle, IL as well as many loving Nieces & Nephews.

With all my Love... JoAnn Pesuit Kessen.

George Washington Howe Jr.

ROCHELLE — George Washington Howe Jr., 86, of Rochelle passed away Thursday, Jan. 27 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford. The son of George W. Howe and Lillian Yochum married Julie Ann Horton on July 1, 1959. He was a veteran of the Navy and was a retired truck driver from Nestle. George liked to fish, loved talking to his children and grandchildren and spending time with his wife.

George is preceded in death by his parents as well as his sons Clyde, Daniel and George.

He is survived by his wife, Julie, his sister Ida Hall, his children Pete (Cathy) of Poplar Grove, Joseph (Tonia) Howe, Kevin (Lori) Miller and his daughter-in-law Darcy Howe all from Rochelle. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews



and his longtime family friends Mike and Becky Stombaugh.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Carolyn Marie Fleenor

HILLCREST — Carolyn Marie Fleenor, 75, of Hillcrest, passed away Sunday, Jan. 30, at Manor Court of Liberty Village in Rochelle. Carolyn was born Nov. 2, 1946 in Chicago, the daughter of Billie and Loretta (Blaszak) Nicholson. She married Harold Fleenor on May 2, 1972 in Chicago.

Along with her husband, Carolyn owned and operated Grubsteakers Restaurant for 20 years. Work and running the restaurant were very important to her but so was family. Her favorite job was being a grandma.

Carolyn is survived by her husband of almost 50

years, Harold Fleenor, of Hillcrest; three daughters, Denise (Jay) Miller of Rochelle, Sophie (Kevin) Conway of Georgia, and Patricia (William) Jaret of Tennessee; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Randy (Doris) Nicholson; and a sister, Linda (Gary) Green.

In addition to her parents, Bill and Loretta Nicholson, Carolyn is preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta Fleenor, and a grandson, Tony Waters.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle with Pastor



Duane Boehm officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Cremation care will be provided after the services. Contributions in Carolyn's memory may be directed to Unity Hospice. Please visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

WILLIAMS: Doctor reflects on 41-year career

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Williams said she did quite a bit of work over the phone with patients helping them to maintain problems and long-term issues they had and making sure they had the medications they needed.

Williams moved her practice recently from her Carrie Avenue location to the RCH Family Healthcare Clinic as a way of downsizing and backing off and making sure that her patients had a place to go once she retired. She also made a decision at that point to not admit patients to the hospital.

"I had the hospitalist do that if they needed to be," Williams said. "I was not involved in inpatient care of COVID-19 patients. I can't imagine how intense that was. I know how intense, but I did not experience it firsthand. And I have great respect for all of the nurses and the physicians who have taken care of those patients because it hasn't been easy."

During the pandemic, Williams spent time worrying about patients who may have been deferring care due to fear of COVID-19 infection.

"A lot of people have delayed procedures," Williams said. "Some not always because they wanted to, because they were forced to because hospitals could not provide them with the care. They were so heavily-involved in COVID-19 and worried about non-emergent patient exposure. It's been difficult all around."

When reflecting on the things she enjoyed most during her 41 years, Williams first mentioned obstetrics and delivering babies at RCH. She also talked about being involved with Focus House as its medical director and working with the residents there.

Williams recalled a near drowning at Spring Lake in 1984. The patient was kept alive by the Rochelle Fire Department and he was brought to RCH and later transferred to Rockford and released 12 days later.

"That same patient brought his mom in to see me for the last time recently," Williams said. "He wanted to see me and thank



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Dr. Nancy Williams plans to spend her retirement with family and pursuing projects that she hasn't had time for over the years.

me again for my participation in his episode. That was so wonderful to see that outcome. I've had some other tragic things happen to patients that have ended up turning out with relatively good outcomes and we talk about those things periodically when I see them. I don't know that there's any one thing I can bring to mind because there are so many. I'll have a lot of things to think about over the years."

Williams plans to spend her retirement with family and pursuing projects that she hasn't had time for over the years. She plans to continue living in Rochelle.

The physicians at RCH's Family Healthcare Clinic will be absorbing most of Williams' patients. RCH will be recruiting someone to take her place in the future, she said. Williams said seeing her patients for the final time was difficult to do.

"I had a few that made appointments just to come in and say goodbye," Williams said. "My very last patient was my first receptionist here. It was ironic. And she didn't really even plan it that way either. We started out together and we ended up ending here together."

Williams said running a solo family practice for a small town isn't for everyone, but it was for her. Some physicians don't want to go to the grocery store in town and run into 15 of their patients.

"I feel like because of the length of time, I've taken care of generations in the same families," Williams said. "I feel like I've become a part of their family and they've become a part of mine. I think it's nice to be able to walk down an aisle or into a store and be able to say hi to someone and call them by name."

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Dr. Nancy Williams

Oregon man arrested for cannabis, string of burglaries

OREGON — On Jan. 27, Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Lake LaDonna for a report of suspicious activity. While in the area deputies located a suspicious vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on a black Dodge Durango. As a result of the stop, deputies arrested Brandon Miller, 28, of Oregon for possession of cannabis.

Further investigation into Miller by deputies and detectives concluded that Miller was responsible for committing more than a dozen burglaries at Lake LaDonna and the Rock River Marina over the last month. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. The investigation into these burglaries is ongoing.



Brandon Miller

All suspects have a presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

Rochelle Police Department

Five arrests made on outstanding county warrants

ROCHELLE — On Jan. 28 at 7:52 p.m. Cristian Garcia, 28, of Rochelle was arrested on two outstanding Ogle County warrants and transferred.

On Jan. 28 at 10:19 p.m. Brandi M. Mendoza, 49, of Rochelle was arrested for battery. She was released on an I-Bond and given a March 4 Ogle County court date.

On Jan. 28 at 8:16 p.m. Jordan M. Miller, 26, of Rochelle was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. She was released on an I-Bond and given a March 18 Rochelle court date.

On Jan. 29 at 2:30 a.m. Stevie R. Bozarth, 31, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 40 m.p.h. in a 20-m.p.h. zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a March 18 Rochelle court date.

Rochelle court date.

On Jan. 29 at 1:40 p.m. Breyan R. Tucker, 21, of Rochelle was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He signed a promise to comply and was given a March 18 Rochelle court date.

On Jan. 29 at 3:16 p.m. April R. Walker, 44, of DeKalb was arrested on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant and transferred.

On Jan. 30 at 1:27 p.m. Kevin L. Staten, 32, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant and transferred.

On Jan. 30 at 4:09 p.m. Franky L. Martinez, 44, of Rochelle was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given a March 18 Rochelle court date.



On Jan. 31 at 10:35 a.m. Cady Ellen Haolland, 30, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Jan. 31 at 1:44 p.m. Brandi N. Fletcher, 28, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Jan. 31 at 2:12 p.m. Kate A. Litton, 39, of Rochelle was arrested for violation of bond conditions and transferred.

Tails PET OF THE WEEK
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Bama

Sweet home Alabama must've been written for me, My name is Bama and I'm waiting for my forever home! I'm having a harder time finding a home and I'm starting to get really lonely without a family. I've been on the search since August and I'm hoping my perfect match is just around the corner. Since I've been at Tails, I really have become a staff favorite. I mean I'm the most goodest boy! I would love to be your shadow and curl up on the couch with you. I can be a bit nervous at first, so a home without younger children would be ideal for me. I'm an absolute gentleman and I have such good looks! Give me a belly rub and we'll be the best of friends! I'm very gentle when it comes to taking treats, I'm just a gentle giant in general. I absolutely love toys, I'm not picky by any means! I'm very food motivated, so learning new tricks should be a breeze of fun! I'm housetrained, but will just need some time to decompress and learn my new families routine. The lucky person who adopts me will have a great friend for years to come. My adoption fee has been sponsored in loving memory of a special dog named Liberty.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Camp Grant and German prisoners

CAMP Grant was a military base located on the south side of Rockford. For some, the only knowledge they have of Camp Grant is that Colonel Sherman Potter once held the record for swallowing 22 goldfish (MASH season five, episode 17).

For the Rochelle area, Camp Grant provided labor for local farmers and industry. That labor came in the form of German prisoners. The camp opened in 1917 and served as a training base for World War I soldiers. The camp received notoriety in 1918 when the Spanish Flu ravaged the base. It is believed that 4,000 soldiers were infected and more than 1,000 perished. The event was so devastating that the camp commander, Colonel Hagadorn, committed suicide.

Camp Grant closed in 1923 and was later turned over to the Illinois National Guard. With the outbreak of World War II, the camp was re-activated in 1941. Camp records show that over 100,000 medical personnel were trained at Camp Grant. Camp Grant also housed 2,500 German prisoners of war.

The battle between Allied troops and Field Marshal Rommel’s “Deutsches Afrika Korps” at Tunis ended in surrender by the German troops. Many of these soldiers were sent to Camp Grant to be imprisoned for the duration of the war. I am sure that there is no such thing as a great place to be imprisoned, but for the Germans at Camp Grant, life was far from the terror faced by many American prisoners of war.

The Germans were allowed to work if they wanted to make money to purchase items at the camp’s PX (base store). Quaker Oats Company in Rockford was a union plant and the union voted to allow prisoners to work alongside its members. Sundstrand, Woodward Governor, Barber Colman and Greenlee Tool utilized German prisoners of war.

DeKalb, Belvidere, Sycamore, Hampshire, Shabbona, Kirkland and Lanark employed Camp Grant prisoners. In the Rochelle area, Del Monte was a major employer. You may wonder, why would American companies hire enemy soldiers? The answer is simple, American male workers were at war.

Food and supplies were urgently needed to support the war effort.

Women and children entered the work force but more workers were needed. The German prisoners helped to fill the gap and provide much needed labor.

This is not to say that there were not some cultural clashes. Germans like their bread dark and hard, Americans like their bread white and soft. Americans like sweet corn on the cob. The German prisoners considered corn on the cob to be hog feed. Corn on the cob they came to enjoy, white bread not so much.

One major source of pride for Camp Grant is that there was never a prisoner escape. I am here to debate this claim. There was an escape and it happened in the Rochelle area. Reminiscent of an episode of “Hogan’s Heroes” here is the tale of Camp Grants Great Escape.

It was May 1944, when Werner Friedrich and Herbert Zeh, two German prisoners of war, had been working with about 500 other prisoners harvesting the asparagus crop. Friedrich and Zeh both had been captured in North Africa as part of Rommel’s Afrika Korps.

The two crafty prisoners turned their shirts inside out hiding the PW lettering. When the overseers were not watching, Friedrich and Zeh made their break. Now the two Germans had not thought out the differences between the United States and Europe, they only had a minimal mastery of the English language and it is a long way across America to get to any country friendly to Germany.

As the sun set and the mosquitos began to bite, the two weary warriors saw the error of their ways. They tapped on a window at the John Behrends farmhouse just southwest of Rochelle and surrendered.

Mr. And Mrs. Behrends accepted the surrender and notified Sheriff William Hungerford. The Sheriff collected the wayward soldiers and by 10:30 that evening the boys were safely back at Camp Grant.

When the war ended, Camp Grant closed for good. Today portions of the camp are included in the property owned by Rockford Airport and the Seth Atwood Park. A small museum still exists and is worth the trip if you are in the area.

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



Tom McDermott

Letters get results

I mail letters to get results. This month, I noticed a leak under my kitchen counter and called a plumber. He told me how much it would cost and asked for payment in advance. Over the next week, plumbers visited our house multiple times but the project was never quite done.

My wife and I were sick of the continual visits without resolution. So, I went to the hardware store, bought some parts and finished the project myself.

I then sent a letter to the CEO of the Collinsville-based plumbing contractor relating our experience and asking to be reimbursed for the cost of the \$23 in parts I purchased. He did me one better and mailed a \$400 check compensating me for the inconvenience of the multiple visits and my own labor.

My dad taught me about the power of letters many years ago. When he was a young farmer in the 1960s, railroad workers would clean out boxcars near our field. Swarms of rats would leave the trains and devour rows of our crops.

Dad went to the Galesburg Public Library and looked up the name and address of the CEO for the Burlington Northern railroad. He typed a letter explaining the problem and asked for it to stop.

The crews quit cleaning out the railcars at that spot and the rats disappeared. Sometimes you just need to ask.

In July, I took my family on a trip. We arrived at the airport early but the person at the ticket counter was new and couldn’t quite figure out how to check our luggage. We stood at the counter for more than an hour and eventually missed our flight. We also were charged for 15 or 20 bags when we only had five.

We ended up driving from Springfield to O’Hare International Airport to catch an alternate flight. I wrote a letter to the CEO of United Airlines explaining the situation and was reimbursed \$3,000 for our trouble.

In 2020, our two Labrador retrievers became violently ill after eating dog food. They were vomiting blood. My wife, a veterinarian, thought they could die. They ended up spending two nights in an intensive care unit. We believe a toxin caused by mold was in the bag of dog food.

So, I sent a letter along with the vet bills to the CEO of a giant pet food company. They responded with a check for \$3,000.

These experiences happened in a little over a year and they illustrate the power of letter writing.

Here are my rules on how to write a letter that gets results:

Aim high. Write the letter to someone with the power to solve your problem – and that usually isn’t anyone in customer service. I start with the CEO or owner of the company and let them delegate.

Always write a letter – not an email, text message or social media post. Send an honest to goodness epistle in an envelope adorned with a stamp. When it comes through the U.S. Mail, it is taken more seriously and is less likely to be ignored.

Stick to the facts and present them in a reasonable, non-emotional manner.

Never threaten legal action. If you do, the letter will be shuffled off to the legal department where the jackals will use it to line their litter box.

Bolster your case with sup-

porting evidence and attach corroborating documents such as receipts and medical records.

Make sure the letter is typed and the grammar and spelling are excellent.

I’d also suggest that one not only write letters to help themselves but to help others. Back in 2019, I upgraded my hearing aids to ones that are compatible with my cell phone. I offered the old ones to anyone in need and ended up giving them to a woman suffering a 50 percent hearing loss who cleans houses for a living and cares for her elderly mother.

Unfortunately, the store where I bought them wanted to charge \$650 to reprogram them for her to use.

So, I sent a note to Bentonville, Ark., to one John Fumer, the CEO of Sam’s Club. I explained my predicament and my desire to help someone. The next morning, I received a call from his assistant informing me they would waive the \$650 fee and would provide a gift card to cover the cost of six months’ worth of batteries for the woman in need.

A well-placed, persuasive letter can benefit many people.

Also, I write letters to CEOs not just to complain but to praise when things go well. Last summer, a nurse at my doctor’s office really went out of her way to help my family through a predicament. I thanked her and sent a letter to Ed Curtis, CEO of Memorial Health System.

He contacted her and praised her for her conscientious effort. For that nurse, I’m sure that letter from the boss, carried more weight than anything I would have written.

Letters get results.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



Scott Reeder

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COMMUNITY



Snow sculpture occupies downtown gazebo

This snow sculpture of an angel has been occupying the downtown gazebo recently. It was made by local sculptor Fran Volz.

Car magnets available to benefit Most family

OREGON — Car magnets, measuring five inches wide by three inches tall, are for sale at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. 1st St in Oregon. All proceeds go to the Most family. The magnets cost \$10 each and were donated by Mel's Custom Graphics.

On Jan. 1st, 2022 Amber Most, wife of Ogle County Sheriff's Detective Kevin Most, suddenly became ill. Over the following two weeks, Amber underwent a series of tests and was ultimately diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic cancer. Amber, Kevin, and their seven-year-old daughter, Addi, have a long road ahead. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office is raising money to help cover medical costs and is also taking entries for a raffle with various prizes.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb. 2 Domingo Mancilla	Feb. 10 Gene & Judy Messer	Feb. 16 Larry Baker
Feb. 5 Hazel Nieves	Feb. 11 Darrell Bolhous	Feb. 18 Sam & Jessica South
Feb. 7 Lydia Sherburne	Feb. 12 Jennifer Curtis	Feb. 20 Christian Losoya
Feb. 8 Alex Bonilla	Feb. 13 Gabby Villalobos	Feb. 21 Kris Oleson
Kaiyah Hayward		Anna Sexton

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

Feb. 6 -(Sunday Brunch) -Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Meat and Cheese Omelet, Oatmeal


**All menus are subject to change.

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2022 From The Heart Calendar

Jan. 6 - Dwayne Rangel, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 7 - Paul J. O'Rorke Jr., Steward, \$25
Jan. 8 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
Jan. 9 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$50
Jan. 10 - Martha A. Reed, Steward, \$25
Jan. 11 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25
Jan. 12 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
Jan. 13 - Diane Wegener, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 14 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25
Jan. 15 - From the Heart, \$25
Jan. 16 - Kathy Windland, Rochelle, \$50
Jan. 17 - Karen Cech, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 18 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25
Jan. 19 - Kim Dewey, Davis Junction, \$25
Jan. 20 - Evan Tracy, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 21 - From the Heart, \$25
Jan. 22 - Shaun D. Schaefer, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 23 - Sherri Drew, Mt. Morris, \$50
Jan. 24 - Denny Arjes, Village of Progress, \$25
Jan. 25 - Natalie Campbell, Sandwich, \$25
Jan. 26 - Diane Sanders, Dixon, \$25
Jan. 27 - Tyler Post, Somonauk, \$25
Jan. 28 - Pam Payne, Amboy, \$25
Jan. 29 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
Jan. 30 - Amy Hayden, Rochelle, \$50
Jan. 31 - Michael Martinez, Cortland, \$25
Feb. 1 - James Jakymiwi, Rochelle, \$25
Feb. 2 - Susan Stover, Rochelle, \$25



Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Kitten's cry

4 Opera set in Egypt

8 Garden intruder

12 Eggs

13 Some deer

14 — -bitty

15 Containers for laundering

17 Appease

18 "So there!"

19 Pittsburgh pro

21 Emphasize

24 Droop

25 Chop

26 Pirate's potation

28 Yokels

32 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"

34 Pinnacle

36 "— come back now, hear?"

37 Trifled (with)

39 PC alternative

41 Roman 151

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44 NASA vehicle

46 Critic's essays

50 Part of DJIA

51 Send forth

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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: **C** equals **B**

QP GFWGU PTBB QX CGQVS
YGHdqFM EGHXGB CM CTSX CTVVM,
YG WQSYE CG YHDQVS H CHB
YHUG BHM.

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King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

have day;
he might be having a bad
heavily teased by Bugs Bunny;
If Elmer Fudd is being
answer
Cryptoquip

LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Local couple Dennis and Edith Pfeiffer called the community's support since opening "overwhelming." They had an open house last August and expected around 200 people to attend. Pfeiffer Farms Fresh Market is located at 2511 Reynolds Road in Ashton.

PFEIFFER: Fresh market open for business in Ashton

From page 1

She said it gives them a sense of satisfaction that they're actually doing something worthwhile and helping people.

Dennis said there aren't other businesses like Pfeiffer Farms Fresh Market in the area that he knows of. He read about similar businesses in central and southern Illinois that helped with a blueprint for the business. When the couple worked with the health department ahead of opening, Edith said it was tough to find another business to compare it to.

The Pfeiffers called the community's support since opening "overwhelming." They had an open house last August and expected around 200 people to attend.

"We must've had 700 people here," Dennis said. "We weren't prepared for that big of a turnout. I was kind of embarrassed a little bit that we weren't prepared. We offered food and stuff. We ran out of some things. We'll have the same event this year and this year, we'll be prepared."

Edith said customers have thanked her for having local products at a reasonable price and giving them an alternative to big box stores.

"Customers know it's local, plus they know it's

fresh," Dennis said. "It hasn't been in the cooler for a month or two. It's no more than 2-3 weeks old. When you go into those bigger stores, you don't know how old the meat is. You don't know where it came from or what it's really been fed."

Dennis believes the COVID-19 pandemic has likely changed the farming industry for good. He believes small butcher shops will be kept busier because people are more concerned about where their food comes from.

The Pfeiffers take their cattle to a butcher shop where they're processed and packaged and ready to come back. They sell individual cuts along with quarters, halves, wholes and meat bundles.

"We're cutting out quite a bunch of middle men that a store would have," Dennis said. "I take them to the butcher and bring them back myself in a truck and trailer. When you have the support you have, when people come in and you thank them for buying a quarter or half and they turn around and say, 'No, thank you for doing this.' That's kind of pleasing, too."

The Pfeiffers said they never saw themselves selling their own products to customers, especially at their age. But they always thought it would be neat.

Once they got into it, there was no turning back. They wouldn't want to go back to doing business the way they did before.

Edith said she's en-

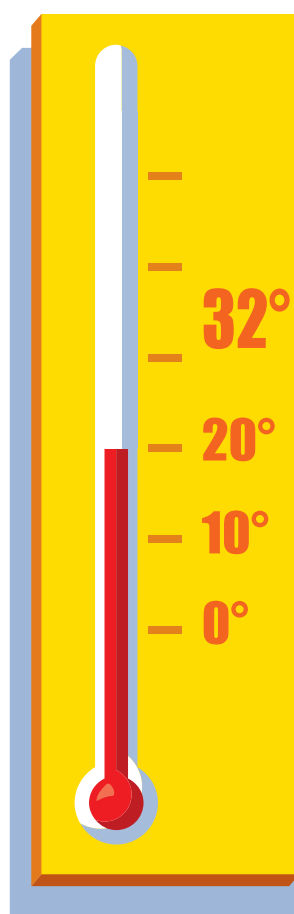
joyed helping other area producers by offering their products in the shop. They've had FFA students sell things like flower bouquets, sweet corn and

popcorn.

"We're trying to help those younger kids along and we have other area people that sell elderberry juice or honey," Edith said.

"We try to bring them in and give them a chance to sell their product too. We're trying to make it not just us, but other people to help them out as well."

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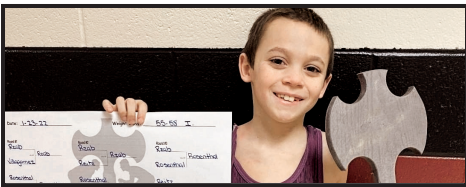
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SPORTS



BATTLE OF THE PLAINS

The Rochelle Wrestling Club competed in the 2022 Battle of the Plains recently.

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RTHS Boys Basketball

Hub shooters shine

Brown sinks seven 3-pointers as Rochelle wins Plano rematch 69-54

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Plano tried its hardest to slow down the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team during Monday’s Interstate 8 Conference rematch. But the Reapers were unable to keep pace with the Hubs, who caught fire from distance in the second half and cruised to a 69-54 victory.

With senior Ryan Simmons initiating most of the offense from the point guard position, seniors Adam Kemp and Noah Brown created havoc from 3-point range, with Brown draining four of his team-high seven triples in the second half to finish with a team-leading 23 points. Kemp, who scored 13 points on Monday, drilled one triple in each of the last three quarters for the Hubs, who saw their five-point lead in the third quarter balloon far into double digits down the stretch.

“When Ryan’s bringing the ball up the court and he’s getting downhill, I can get ready on the wings and knock down shots,” Kemp said. “I feel like it’s working out really well. It’s a huge confidence booster for us and it raises the

energy in the gym when we’re hitting shots. We see all of our fans going crazy and we know that and confidence is a big part of basketball. We have to stay locked in and continue having good practices so we can get ready for Ottawa on Friday.”

After falling 78-60 against Rochelle on Friday, Plano arrived for the rematch looking to slow the Hubs down, running several long offensive sets that took 30-plus seconds off the game clock. The Reapers successfully executed their strategy early, leading 8-7 after the first quarter. But Brown kicked-started the Hub offense in the second quarter, hitting two isolation 3-pointers and scoring on a stolen inbounds pass to give control of the Interstate 8 rematch back to Rochelle.

“We were locked in on defense and that was what kept us in the game during the first half,” Brown said. “Our defense has come together really well over the last few games and we’re learning how to correctly play weak-side defense. I think that’s been a huge adjustment for us.”

Leading 25-16 after the first half, Rochelle (15-9, 9-2 Interstate 8) overcame

Plano’s slow pace and cracked the game open from 3-point range, with four players including sophomore Eli Luxton and junior David Gerber hitting triples from different spots on the floor. Defensively, Rochelle’s aggressive man-to-man approach helped contain Plano’s Josh Padilla, who struggled to find driving lanes after creating problems for the Hubs in Friday’s matchup.

Despite a valiant effort from Reaper senior Mason Accidentale, who finished with a game-high 25 points including 15 points during the second half, Rochelle grew its lead to as many as 19 points during the fourth quarter, where Brown buried three long-range triples to cap off an excellent shooting performance. The Hubs are now 10-1 over their last 11 games in 2022.

“It’s a huge confidence booster when I’m knocking down those shots, but more importantly, it boosts the confidence of my teammates too,” Brown said. “The gym got loud and our tempo was really good tonight. Friday’s game against Ottawa will be one of our biggest games of the season and it’s going to be



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Senior Noah Brown tunes out the Plano bench and prepares a shot over defender Mason Accidentale during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game on Monday.

one of our toughest games of the season before the regional.”

Morris

Slam dunks have become a regular occurrence during Rochelle Hub varsity basketball games over

the last several games. Seniors Ryan Simmons and Tanner Lager each threw one down when the Hubs hosted an Interstate 8 matchup against Morris on Saturday.

Despite facing Plano on the road Friday eve-

ning, Rochelle showed no signs of fatigue Saturday afternoon, taking the court less than 24 hours after beating the Reapers and dominating the Redskins 67-39 at home.

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RTHS Cheerleading

(COURTESY PHOTO)

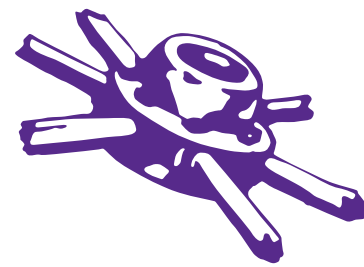


Lady Hubs conclude competitive season at IHSA Peoria Sectional meet

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity cheerleading team participated in the IHSA Peoria Sectional on Saturday, finishing 11th out of 18 teams in the Medium Division with a score of 75.93. The varsity team includes Liberty Hayes, Ava Lynn, Riley White, Morgan Smardo, Ellie Carmichael, Lauryn Akey, Megan Thompson (front row), Jasmynn Lipscomb, Baylie Sutton, Marisa Whaley, Ava Albers, Rivers Estock, Rylee Jackson, Abbey Jarvis and head coach Trish Rodeghero (back row).



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**Abbey
Jarvis**

*Year: Freshman
Sport: Cheerleading*

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

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?
A: Learning new skills and spending time with my friends.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?
A: Agriculture because I love my teacher.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?
A: Gabi Fuller because she really shows the hard work that goes into the sport.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?
A: Morgan Schabacker because

I watched her cheer all four years of high school and that's what I want to do. I look up to her.

Q: What is your dream job and why?
A: To be an NICU nurse or work in intensive care because I want to help people and I think it would be interesting.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?
A: The Bahamas so I could swim with the pigs.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?
A: Working with so many different people and the opportunities we have.



**Zoe
White**

*Year: Freshman
Sport: Cheerleading*

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

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?
A: The friendships I've made and the bond I have with the girls.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?
A: Math because it makes sense to me.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?
A: Gabi Fuller because she's really good at what she does.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?
A: My brother because he's

been through a lot and he always finds the good in everything.

Q: What is your dream job and why?
A: To be a lawyer because I'm pretty good at arguing.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?
A: Hawaii because it's so far away, it's so pretty and it's so different.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?
A: The teachers are really understanding and we're supporting our school while also having fun.

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SPORTS

Rochelle Wrestling Club

Junior Hubs compete at Battle of the Plains

Three Rochelle grapplers take home first-place individual awards

PLAINFIELD — The Rochelle Wrestling Club sent 12 competitors to the Battle of the Plains in Plainfield on Sunday, Jan. 23. Three Rochelle wrestlers brought home first-place awards in the tournament.

Elias Andronic took first in the 43-44 Tots Division bracket with a 3-0 record. Andronic scored an 11-10 decision against Wilmington's Jacob Deane before pinning Oak Forest's Michael Pell in the second round. Andronic faced Joliet's Karmelo Harris in the third round, winning by 6-4 decision to earn the championship.

Nehemiah Andronic placed first in the 57-58 Tots Division bracket with a 3-0 record. Andronic earned a 12-3 major decision against New Lenox's Cameron Gagan before pinning Wilmington's Zayden Palmer in the second round. Andronic then defeated Lombard's Thomas Jennings by 14-3

major decision for the title.

Braxton Rosenthal finished first in the 55-58 Intermediate Division bracket with a 3-0 record. Rosenthal outlasted Wheaton's Jordan Reitz by 6-4 sudden victory and beat Sandwich's Keira Villagomez by 13-3 major decision afterward. Rosenthal topped Oak Forest's Molly Rza by 6-5 decision in the third round.

Elliot Huff took second in the 52-53 Tots Division bracket with a 2-1 record. Huff took down Wilmington's Jenna Alsbury and Kankakee's Jayden Schrempf with pins before falling to New Lenox's Camden Fitzgerald.

Chase Marruffo placed second in the 59-60 Bantam Division bracket with a 2-1 record. Marruffo pinned Aurora's Landen Robertson in the first round before falling to Kankakee's Jaxton Zirkle in the second round. Marruffo finished

strong, defeating Plano's Aiden Hernandez with an 11-2 major decision in the third round.

Dominic Escatel finished second in the 64-66 Bantam Division bracket with a 2-1 record. Escatel scored back-to-back pins against New Lenox's Colvin Dimmick and Minooka's Caleb Weaver over the first two rounds of the tournament. Escatel came just short in a 5-2 decision loss against Sheridan's Austin Villarreal.

Garrett Miller took second in the 102-114 Intermediate Division with a 2-1 record. Miller fell against Joliet's Jeremiah McDonald before scoring pins against Lombard's Easton Stazak and Bartlett's Jerry Klein.

Samuel Navejas placed second in the 105-107 Novice Division bracket with a 3-1 record. Navejas lost by 12-3 major decision against Joliet's Jmoni Fleming-



(COURTESY PHOTO) Braxton Rosenthal shows off his bracket poster and first-place axe from the 2022 Battle of the Plains tournament in Plainfield on Jan. 23.

Plane before earning three consecutive victories over Wheaton's Vince LaFido, New Lenox's Declan Fennessy and Oswego's Leila

Irizarry.

Three Rochelle wrestlers finished fourth in their respective brackets including Zachary John-

son, Rowen Villalobos and Benjamin Navejas. Tony Milburn took fifth in the 96-97 Senior Division bracket.



Johnson, Navejas take home awards from Stillman Valley IKWF Preview event

Rochelle Wrestling Club competitors Samuel Navejas (left) and Zachary Johnson (right) participated in the 2022 IKWF State Series Preview tournament in Stillman Valley on Sunday. Navejas took third in the 104-pound Novice Division bracket, while Johnson finished second in the 100-pound Novice Division bracket.

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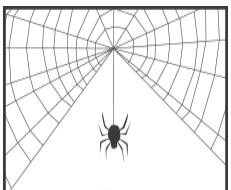
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ON THE FARM

Explaining precision agriculture

FEW, if any, aspects of life in the 21st century have not been touched by technology. Advancements in technology have affected everything from the way students learn in the classroom to how senior citizens connect with their grandchildren. Technological advancements also have left their mark on industry, including the agricultural sector. Modern agriculture bears some similarities to farming of past eras. Technology has affected the agricultural sector for centuries, and modern farmers know that's no different today. One of the more recent developments in the agricultural sector is the rise of precision agriculture, a farming management concept that can pay dividends for generations to come.

Precision agriculture (PA) is rooted in improving crop yields through the utilization of technology. PA is designed to help

the agricultural sector maximize resources and improve yields and the quality of crops. That's a critically important function as the world population continues to grow and the demand for food increases as a result.

Sensors are a prime example of PA technology that helps make farms more efficient and productive. Sensors serve various functions by helping farmers gather data on the availability of water in soil, the level of compaction in soil, leaf temperature, insect and disease infestation, and other areas.

Weather modeling is another component of PA that can help farms be more cost-effective and efficient. Whereas in years past many farms would need to manually assess certain variables to determine when to harvest, weather modeling technology has enabled some farmers to generate remote readings, saving



time and money.

Each situation is unique, but the principles of PA can help farmers access a wealth of information. It might have been possible to access such information

in the past, but PA has sped up the process and made it more hands-off, allowing farmers to save both time and money. PA technology can help farmers maintain accurate records of their

farms; inform their decisions; make it easier to detect and identify problems, sometimes before they escalate into larger issues; and avoid potentially costly mistakes.

Technology has left no industry untouched. The growth of precision agriculture is a testament to the influence that technology is having on a vital sector of the global economy.

Advancements in livestock technology

CONSUMER demand drives changes in industry, and the agricultural sector is no exception. Consumer demands for improved animal welfare have led to changes in the livestock sector, and various technologies have been developed and are in development to help this particular segment of the agricultural industry thrive.

According to the Animal AgTech Innovation Summit, various startups have developed technologies that can make the livestock industry more

sustainable and efficient.

The Israeli firm Armenta has developed a non-antibiotic treatment for bovine mastitis that utilizes acoustic pulse technology. The treatment has a 70 percent cure rate.

Another firm working to treat livestock is the United States-based General Probiotics. Animal AgTech reports that General Probiotics develops cellbots and antimicrobial probiotics that eliminate harmful pathogens in livestock. That can reduce dependency on antibiotics and make food production safer.

Faromatics, a firm based in Spain, has combined robotics, artificial intelligence and big data to improve animal welfare and farm productivity. One Faromatics product utilizes a robot suspended from a ceiling to monitor certain variables, including equipment function and health and welfare, that affect broiler chickens.

The American firm Swinotech utilizes voice recognition and computer vision technology in its SmartGuard product to prevent piglet deaths from crushing and starvation. The product also makes it possible to track and facilitate obstetrical assistance.

Based in Uganda, Jaguza Tech has developed a livestock management system that utilizes sensors, data science and machine learning to improve the efficiency, productivity and sustainability of modern farm operations. Farmers can utilize Jaguza to perform a host of functions, including monitoring their animals' health and identifying their livestock.

The Netherlands-based H2Oalert is a water control management system that checks the quality and quantity of cattle drinking water in real time. The management system also



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Livestock technology

continues to advance, and firms across the globe are developing new products and platforms to help

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SPORTS

Rochelle Wrestling Club

Junior Hubs scrap at Janesville tournament

Andronic, Miller earn bracket titles

JANESVILLE, Wisc.

— Eight members of the Rochelle Wrestling Club battled in the Parker Youth Tournament on Sunday. Two Rochelle wrestlers brought home first-place awards from the out-of-state event.

Elias Andronic finished first in the 43-45 Kindergarten bracket with a 4-0 record. Andronic won by fall over North Boone's Thorin Anderson and Orfordville's Rylee Huffman before scoring a 10-1 major decision against Johnsbury's George Vingan. Andronic beat Stockton's Brigson Decker by 10-4 decision for the title.

Garrett Miller placed first in the 112-113 3-4 Grade bracket with a 3-0 record. Miller received two forfeits in the tournament but scored a 13-0 major decision shutout victory against Fort Atkinson's Jackson Rockwood.

Chase Marruffo took third in the 59-60 1-2 Grade bracket with a 2-2 record. Marruffo opened the tournament with a fall over Brodhead's Quen-tin Lewis-Usher and a 15-0 technical fall against North Boone's Dennis Wold before losing against McFarland's Raine Voeck and Milton's Kaleb Wal-lisch.

Benjamin Morris placed third in the 119-128 5-6 Grade bracket with a 2-2 record. After falling against Janesville's Eli Demrow and Monroe's Patrick Harms, Morris



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Benjamin Morris shows off his medal from the Parker Youth Tournament in Janesville on Sunday.

bounced back with a victory by 6-0 decision over Evansville's Jonathon McCarthy and a fall victory against Delavan's Chase Nieuwenhuis.

Nehemiah Andronic finished fourth in the 53-57 1-2 Grade bracket, earning one fall victory over Machesney Park's Adam Larsen. Braxton Rosenthal

took fourth in the 51-56 3-4 Grade bracket, scoring one 15-0 technical fall against Polo's Nathaniel Heidenreich. Axel Alsop placed fourth in the 104-114 5-6 Grade bracket, recording one victory by 4-2 decision against Fort Atkinson's Lucas Mitchell. Silas Alsop finished fifth in the 59-62 1-2 Grade bracket.



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

Senior Forrester Gerber stares down Morris defender Ashton Yard during Saturday's Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Redskins.

HUBS: Rochelle takes down Morris

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The Hubs (14-9, 8-2 Interstate 8) shut Morris down in the first half, limiting the Redskins to only six second-quarter points while outrebounding Morris 52-28 for the game.

"We all locked in and we played collectively as a defense," Lager said. "We were communicating really well and we were sitting in good defensive positions. When we can do that, we're able to generate turnovers and force missed shots so we can run the ball down the court... When I'm able to dunk the ball, it gets my energy going quite a bit and I feel my whole game gets going."

Senior Noah Brown led the Hubs with 16 points and four 3-pointers made, while Lager turned in an all-around performance

including 12 points, seven assists and six rebounds. Rochelle capitalized on Morris mistakes throughout the game, outscoring the Redskins 15-2 in transition points. The Hubs shot nearly 53 percent from the field while assisting on 24 made shots.

"We just have to keep working hard during practice and we have to keep playing as a team on the court," Lager said. "We're passing the ball really well right now. We're creating a lot of open shots and we're hitting a lot of those open shots, which has been a confidence booster for us."

Simmons nearly recorded a triple-double for the Hubs, finishing the game with nine points, 10 rebounds and six assists. Senior Adam Kemp totaled seven points, five rebounds and three assists in the victory.

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