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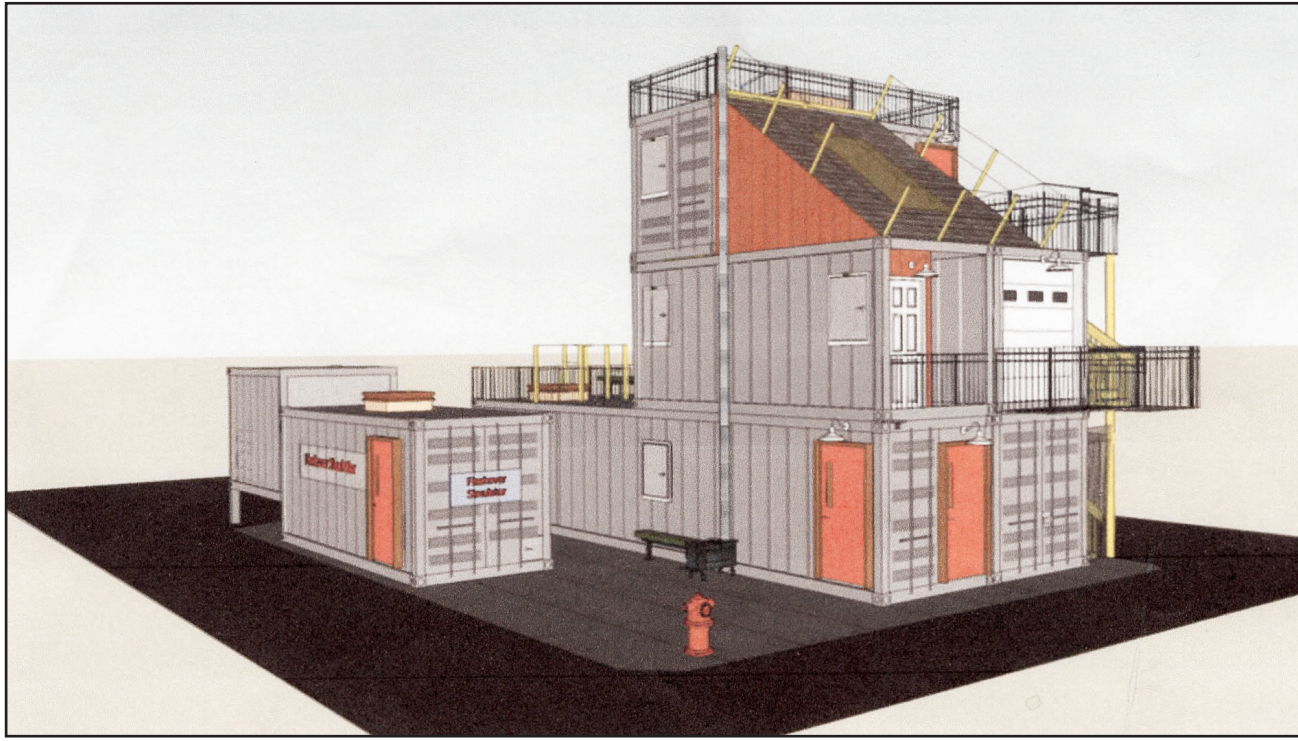
‘We’d like to see it utilized by as many entities as possible’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle City Council and Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District Board recently approved an intergovernmental agreement for the construction of a joint fire training facility in the future.

The facility is planned to be located at 920 S. Main St., a 12-acre property that was donated to the city in 2020. Under the agreement, Ogle-Lee will pay the city \$263,000, as the site was appraised in 2021 for \$580,000 and there will be dual ownership.

According to the agreement, the city will retain ownership of the property and the City Manager and Rochelle Fire Chief will have administrative authority of use and scheduling of the site and facility. The city and Ogle-Lee will split costs of future development of the site. Those fees will not necessarily be split 50/50, due to other potential uses of the facility like training for utility personnel and other city departments along with other entities possibly



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle City Council and Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District Board recently approved an intergovernmental agreement for the construction of a joint fire training facility in the future.

training there.

The city is discussing a partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority and the American Public Power Association to utilize the location for a midwestern pole climbing school and lineman training center.

“In the end, we’d like to see it utilized by as many entities as possible,”

Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville said. “Area fire departments, law enforcement and the railroads are some examples. If there’s a need for any kind of training, it’s in a great location. People have already reached out and said, ‘If you build it, we will come.’”

Sawlsville said discussions have been ongoing

about a potential training facility for a couple of years. He kept hearing from firefighters that they could do more meaningful training if they had somewhere to do it. Most training is currently done at the fire station and is limited due to fear of damaging the building.

Rochelle Fire trains at acquired training sites

when they become available, such as the vacant Hickory Grove or abandoned houses.

“But they don’t become available very often,” Sawlsville said. “When you have a facility that you can design and dedicate that’s available whenever you need it, that’s great.”

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## Nonprofit board assembled for daycare effort

Fundraising next to bring new facility to Rochelle

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said last week that work is ongoing to set up a 501c3 nonprofit and a board has been assembled in efforts to bring a daycare back to town after Kishwaukee Family YMCA Child Care Center at 1010 N. 15th St. closed last year.

The full board is ready to go and information is being submitted to the Secretary of State’s office to establish the 501c3. That board will be in charge of raising funds and making future decisions for a daycare. The City of Rochelle will have no more involvement with the project after leading the way in recent months to facilitate a daycare.

“The board is a broad swath of folks from the community,” Fiegenschuh said. “I know there’s a couple of city folks on there, but they’re not there as representatives of the city. They are because they have kids and they have an interest.”

The city recently re-

ceived a \$10,000 grant from the Rochelle Area Community Foundation to start the process of the daycare board and 501c3. A survey the city put out to residents came back with overwhelming results in favor of a daycare with 72 percent of respondents saying they’re in need of a daycare and 71 percent saying their children would be likely to attend a daycare if it opened in town.

Fiegenschuh said he’s unsure what kind of funds the 501c3 board would have to raise to open a daycare. His guess was at least \$1 million to get a building bought and the daycare off the ground and running.

“I’d tell you that if they do a fundraising campaign, I’ll be the first one there to help them do it because I believe in the project,” Fiegenschuh said. “I’ll help fundraise just as a private citizen. If people want a daycare center in town, when they start raising money, then they can start helping to fundraise and paying for it.”

As far as a building for a potential daycare, Fiegen-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said that a board has been assembled in efforts to bring a daycare back to town after Kishwaukee Family YMCA Child Care Center at 1010 N. 15th St. closed last year.

schuh said that will be up to the nonprofit daycare board. He did say he’s toured the former YMCA location and that it’s a great location, ideal and set up for a daycare and in “great shape.”

“When the YMCA closed that building, it was like they closed it on a Friday like it was going to be opened back up on a Monday,” Fiegenschuh

said. “We went in there, and nothing was touched. Everything is still in there. I think the building is in great shape, but I can’t speak to it. When the 501c3 board is established, that’s a decision that they’re going to have to make.”

The city manager and city staff and officials are happy to see the board assembled to take on the

project after working to facilitate a solution for a large part of this year.

“It’s a great project and once the board is set up, you’re going to start seeing more action,” Fiegenschuh said. “But it’s going to come from that board and you’ll see a group of really dedicated, hard-working people trying to get a daycare facility open.”

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff's Department

### Deputies respond to multiple vehicular accidents with injuries

**OREGON** — On Dec. 17 at approximately 6:43 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the intersection of North Freeport Road and West Grove Road for the report of a two-vehicle accident with injuries. After investigation, it was determined that a silver Mitsubishi Montero was traveling northbound on Freeport Road, crossed over the double solid center yellow line, and struck a red Hyundai Kona that was traveling southbound. After striking the Hyundai, the Mitsubishi continued into the southbound ditch, over-

turned, and struck a utility pole before coming to rest on its passenger side. The Hyundai continued southbound and lost control entering the southbound ditch. The driver of the Hyundai sustained no apparent injuries. The driver of the Mitsubishi, Angelica R. Cornwell, 26, of Clinton, Iowa, was transported to a nearby hospital with minor injuries. A male juvenile occupant of the Mitsubishi was also transported to a nearby hospital with minor injuries. Cornwell was cited for improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed

to avoid an accident.

On Dec. 18 at approximately 2:01 a.m. deputies located a single vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of West Illinois Route 64 and North Illinois Route 26. After investigation, it was determined that a blue Dodge Ram 1500 was traveling westbound on Illinois Route 64, disregarded the stop sign at the intersection of Illinois Route 26, and traveled off of the roadway. The Dodge continued for approximately 100 yards and struck an embankment causing totaling damage to

the truck. The driver of the truck, Dillon L. Berg, 30, of Freeport, sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. Berg was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and violation of the FOID card act. Berg was additionally cited for expired driver's license (less than one year), failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, operating uninsured motor vehicle and disobeying a stop sign. Berg was released on a \$3,000 or 10 percent individual bond.

## Rochelle Police Department



### Two arrested on outstanding warrants

**ROCHELLE** — On Dec. 17 at 8:22 p.m. Joshua W. Hoole, 37, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred. On Dec. 17 at 11:24 p.m. Ana R. Campos-Maya, 31, of Belvidere was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for speeding and no insurance. She was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Jan. 21. On Dec. 18 at 5:10 p.m. Kofi D. Mitchell, 41, of Rochelle was arrested for

violation of bond conditions and transferred. On Dec. 18 at 8:04 p.m. Joshua A. Marcoux, 18, of Rochelle, 18, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and paid \$476. On Dec. 19 at 2:11 a.m. Tyler R. Jennings, 24, of Rochelle was arrested for two counts of driving under the influence and cited for no insurance and disobeying a stop sign. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Jan. 21.



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ComEd recently presented a \$1,000 charitable contribution to the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation to use for the Ag in the Classroom program.

### ComEd donates to LCFB Foundation

**AMBOY** — ComEd recently presented a \$1,000 charitable contribution to the Lee County Farm Bu-

reau Foundation to use for the Ag in the Classroom program. Ag in the Classroom pro-

vides free educational ag based resources to teachers and students in Lee County. For more information on

Lee County Ag in the Classroom, contact Coordinator Katie Pratt at [aic.leecfb@comcast.net](mailto:aic.leecfb@comcast.net).

### Dec. 27 city council meeting canceled

**ROCHELLE** — The City of Rochelle has announced that the city council meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 27 has been

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# LOCAL NEWS

## IDPH: COVID-19 cases up in Rochelle's region

BY BRAD JENNINGS  
OGLE COUNTY LIFE EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The director of the Illinois Department of Public Health said Friday morning that while COVID-19 cases are up in the region, no new mandates are currently being considered by the state.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike said

during a virtual news conference that at this point, with the vaccine available for a year, the state thought it would be in a "different place" when it came to COVID-19 infections.

"We have been through that period of stay at home, closed facilities," she said.

And although COVID cases are on the rise in Region 1 — which includes

Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties — no new lockdown is in the plans.

But she did encourage people who are not vaccinated to get vaccinated, as it is the best weapon against COVID-19. She also said to continue to wear masks in public, as

currently mandated by the state, keep safe social distances and wash hands regularly.

She said that cases in this region are rising at an "alarming rate," and hospitals are filling up with people suffering the effects of COVID-19.

"This is setting up to be a very deadly COVID-19 Christmas and New Year,"

she said.

She urged the public to use walk-in clinics and to see their primary care providers in non-emergency cases to help ease the flood of people in area hospitals.

The rise in cases is not only affecting area hospitals and schools, but also the local economy.

"This virus is devastating the economic stability" of the region, Ezike said.

John Groh, director of the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, said COVID-19

has negatively impacted hospitality and arts in the region. He said even the Rockford IceHogs hockey team has seen attendance tumble due to COVID-19.

"Many individuals simply won't go out," he said.

Ezike said that is something that the public needs to realize — the spike in COVID-19 cases can severely harm the local economy. She said the best way to help stop that damage is to get the vaccine, the "strongest weapon" to rebuild economic stability in the region.

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Information about transmission pipelines operating in your community can be accessed online at [npms.phmsa.dot.gov](https://npms.phmsa.dot.gov), courtesy of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS).

### Water heater safety

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges all users to lower their water heaters to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Incomplete combustion of any fuel produces carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and has no odor, taste or color. Carbon monoxide detectors are helpful, but they are no substitute for using equipment safely. This includes having your appliances inspected once a year by a certified contractor.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Jeffrey Scott Stein

**ROCHELLE** — Jeffrey Scott Stein, 54, of Rochelle reached the end of a long and arduous journey on Dec. 20, 2021, after being diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 21. Jeff was born on June 23, 1967 in Rochelle to Duane and Linda (Ackland) Stein.

Jeff graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1985 and went on to study at Kishwaukee College and Southern Illinois University.

Jeff loved watching football, especially his beloved Miami Dolphins, listening to the Grateful Dead, but most of all he cherished the

time spent with his daughters, Cassidy and Caitlyn.

Survivors included daughters: Cassidy Calway-Stein of Seattle, Washington, and Caitlyn Calway-Stein of Las Cruces, New Mexico; parents, Duane and Linda Stein of Rochelle; sisters: Terri (Fred) Kruglick of Flagstaff, Arizona, Sue (Dave) Stenberg of Sycamore; nephews: Adam Kruglick of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Josh Kruglick of Phoenix, Arizona and Derek Stenberg of Norman, Oklahoma.

A heartfelt thank you to the Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center



and Serenity Hospice and Home for their diligent care.

Cremation care has been provided by Unger-Horner Funeral Home. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### William Henry Justice Jr.

**ROCHELLE** — William Henry Justice, Jr., 73, passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford. Bill was born on March 19, 1948 to William H. and Stella (Rowlett) Justice in Ewing, Virginia. On May 25, 1968, he married Patty Jo Russell in Rochelle. She preceded him in death on Feb. 12, 2011.

Bill worked in the electrical, heating and cooling industry for many years, with many customers in the Rochelle and surrounding areas. He was a lifelong member of the Rochelle V.F.W. Post 3878. Bill played the banjo, enjoyed fishing and cooking and especially spending time with his family and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, Patty, he was

predeceased by his sister, Pam Ritchie and half infant sister, Cecelia.

Bill is survived by four daughters: Tina (William) Cupp of Rochelle, Tracy (Rob Kingberg) Russom of Creston, Kelly (Rafael) Contreras and Kate (Randy) Litton both of Rochelle; six siblings: Elaine (Bill) Devault of Marble Hill, Missouri, Brenda (Donnie) Ming of Vienna, Illinois, Tim (Joyce) Justice of Franklin Grove, Sherry (Floyd) Smith of Rochelle, Chrylene (Jerry) Reynolds of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Tammy (Dwight) Jett of Hazard, Kentucky; half sister, Teresa Watson of Indiana; six grandchildren: Patrick and Justin Gaffket, Zachary, Isaac, and Benjamin Contreras and Sophia Castillo.



The visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Military graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29 at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle with military services provided by the Army and the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard. A memorial has been established. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Mary E. McCauley

**MENDOTA** — Mary E. McCauley, 88 of Mendota passed away Friday, Dec. 17, 2021. Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Cross Catholic Church. Rev. Peter Pilon will officiate, and burial will follow in Holy Cross cemetery. Visitation will take place in Wasmer Funeral Home on Monday, Dec. 20 from 4-7 p.m. with a 4 p.m. rosary.

Masks and social distancing guidelines are preferred. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist

the family. Mary was born Dec. 22, 1932, in Mendota to William and Anna (Schneider) Klein. She married Joseph Oscar McCauley on July 25, 1953, in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Peterstown.

During her work career Mary was at Conkey's and the Egg Factory for two years each. She was a waitress at Parkway Restaurant in Mendota for 27 years. While her children were in school, she was involved in the Holy Cross Parents Club and enjoyed



some women's card clubs through the years. She was a faithful member of Holy Cross Church.

Mary is survived by four sons: Larry (Judy) McCauley of Dunlap, John (Bev) McCauley of Mendota, Kevin McCauley of Ottawa and Mark (Kimberly) McCauley of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one daughter: Bonnie (Ken) Bernardin of Rochelle; 12 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; one brother: Harold "Mick" Klein of Spring Valley and one sister: Bertha Sondgeroth of Mendota.

She was preceded by her husband Oscar on May 29, 2014, one son Bruce McCauley on Aug. 28, 2017; six brothers: Ray, Gilbert, Joe, Leroy, Ed and Bill, and three sisters: Hilda Klein, Dorothy Weiman and Margaret Biers. Pallbearers will be grandchildren: Matt Schifeling, Nick McCauley, Josh Bernardin, Jordan Bernardin, Zach Bernardin and Ben McCauley. Honorary pallbearers will be Jacquelyn Warren, Amanda McCauley, Corey McCauley, Haley Engel, Aaron McCauley and Alex McCauley.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be left at [wasmerfuneralhome.com](http://wasmerfuneralhome.com).

### Angela "Angie" Lee Hansen

**ROCHELLE** — Angela "Angie" Lee Hansen, 55, of Rochelle, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 at UW Health Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. Angie was born on April 12, 1966, in Rochelle, the daughter of Arthur "Bud" and Verda Owdia (McClure) Brannon. She married Glenn Douglas Hansen on Aug. 23, 1986 in Creston. Angela is preceded in death by her father, Arthur Brannon, step-father, Paul Crum and her father-in-law, Donald J. Hansen.

She graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1984 and attended Kishwaukee Community College.

Angie had her own daycare business for many years and later worked at Rochelle Township High School. She had been working at Benny's gas station in Rochelle since their establishment.

Angie devoted her life to her family, children and especially her grandchildren. Angie would never miss the opportunities to

see their sporting events, school functions, playing board games with them and taking them to the movies. She enjoyed reading, cooking and absolutely loved to travel with her family and many friends and was always up for a road trip. Angie always had the biggest smile, warmest heart and a contagious laugh. She devoted her life to Christ and was a member of First Baptist of Rochelle.

Angie is survived by her husband, Glenn; three children: Ashley (Chad) Simms of Rochelle, Adam (Amy) Hansen of Winnebago and Nolan (Mya Latta) Hansen of Rochelle; two grandchildren: Aubry and Eve Simms and an expectant grandson to be born, Kamdyn Hansen; four step-grandchildren: Alexandria (Cody) Eschen, Bryan Lischka, Rylee Smith, and Preston Smith; mother, Verda Owdia Crum of Rochelle; sister, Jennifer (Brian) Elder of Rochelle, brother, Russell (Karen) Brannon of Billings, Montana; mother-in-law, Ar-



lene Hansen of Rochelle; step-sisters: Sherry (Tom) Balcer of Florida, Sheila Rojek of Tennessee; step-brothers: Mike (Bonita) Crum of Tennessee and Joe Crum of Tennessee. She also had many other brother and sisters-in-law, aunts and uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Visitation services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 22 from 5-7 p.m. at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle, with Pastor Doug Cowan officiating. Burial will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### L. Craig Cecil

**PEORIA** — L. Craig Cecil, died on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, after a short stay at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago.

He was born Sept. 22, 1961 in Aurora to Larry Cecil and Sheryl Young Busby.

Surviving are his mother of Peoria, his father of Canton, two daughters, Cassie (Chris Steder) Cecil of Monroe Center and Samantha (Ty) Cornmesser of Miami, Florida; one son, Andrew (Ashley) Cecil of Cortland; two grandchildren, Michael and Echo Cecil; one brother, Michael (Lynn) Cecil of Farmington; one sister, Kristy Cecil-Harris of Peoria; two nieces and one nephew also survive.

Craig worked as salesman for Royal Publishing for many years. He was an avid Cub and Bear fan as well, and could often be heard screaming at the TV on Sundays.

A funeral service will be on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 6 p.m. at Wright &



Salmon Mortuary, with Pastor Stephen Barch officiating.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until the time of service at 6 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded after the services. Memorials may be made to Peoria Rescue Ministries, 601 S.W. Adams, Peoria, IL 61602.

Friends and family may sign the online guestbook by logging onto [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com).

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# LOCAL NEWS



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The new fire training facility is planned to be located at 920 S. Main St., a 12-acre property donated to the City of Rochelle in 2020. Under the intergovernmental agreement, The Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District will pay the city \$263,000, as the site was appraised in 2021 for \$580,000 and there will be dual ownership.

## FIRE: Intergovernmental agreement approved

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“Back in the day, we just did what we could right here at the fire station using the best stuff we could. There are benefits to this new facility. It makes us better at our jobs, more efficient and safer.”

Another benefit of the planned facility is its potential to lower homeowner's insurance rates for area residents. The Insurance Service Organization rates fire departments and that plays into residents' insurance costs. Rochelle and Ogle-Lee having access to a fire training facility would give them a better rating.

Sawlsville said local training facilities are more common now compared to 10 years ago due to added benefits. He spends a lot of time traveling around the state and visiting other departments and he's seen more and more of them.

Rochelle and Ogle-Lee having both full-time and paid on-call staff makes the facility more necessary.

“You have to meet your paid on-call staff where they are,” Sawlsville said. “You have to train those guys when they're available. If you have something local and available, you can say you'll meet

them where they are and when they can make it. It's a benefit for all of our folks.”

Rochelle Fire and Ogle-Lee already have a contract in place. Rochelle goes to all Ogle-Lee's calls and Ogle-Lee responds to Rochelle's bigger calls. Sawlsville serves part-time as Ogle-Lee's chief. They train together and have the same radio frequency.

“We back each other up all the time,” Sawlsville said. “It only makes sense that we partner with them on the training facility. If we're going to count on them, we should train with them. Our relationship with Ogle-Lee has been just amazing. I haven't come across another relationship like it. We work together every day.”

The next steps of the project include engineering to lay out the facility. Grants will be pursued to help with project costs. Sawlsville said the work can be done in phases as money becomes available.

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said he's most excited by the facility's potential to provide training for all city departments, especially the utility side. There's a “real good chance” it could be home to a pole climbing

or line training school for national organizations.

When Rochelle Municipal Utilities employees go to pole climbing school, they go down to Tennessee. The Rochelle facility could be the only one or one of the few in the Midwest.

“I do think there's some really prime opportunities to have national or regional training when it comes to the electric side there,” Fiegenschuh said. “And it can be paid for by organizations coming from outside of our community using it.”

The city manager said there's no timeframe on the project. Funds have been budgeted for next year for engineering and design work. He guesses it will be another year or two before construction. He's unsure of what the potential investment could be, but is excited about the facility's potential.

“Our mayor and council have said that they want more collaboration with other units of government,” Fiegenschuh said. “Whether it's the state or federally or locally. The thing I like most is there are a lot of opportunities to make it more than just a fire training facility. Kind of a fire, public safety and utility training facility.”

## Swartz, Sanford siblings receive RTHS Critical Thinking Awards

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Township High School Renaissance Critical Thinking Award has been made possible by a generous donation from the RTHS Class of 1961 and the Rochelle Rotary club.

Critical thinking is all about taking the time to gather and evaluate information in order to reach the best possible decision. Unfortunately, good information isn't always at your fingertips. Sometimes you have to step outside your comfort zone to find answers.

English teacher Scott Swartz sets the bar in his classroom very high. Students are met with flexibility and understanding, knowing they are expected to learn the material to earn the grade.

Swartz's colleagues consider him a voice of reason; available to help, gracious about offering his opinion and unbothered if his input is disregarded.

Swartz allows the students and colleagues to

grow at their own rate. He helps others become better and stronger without advancing his own agenda.

He left teaching for a few years to hone his broadcasting skills. Swartz, known far and wide as the voice of RTHS, is first and always will be an educator. There is no doubt we are better and stronger with him on our team.

Our Critical Thinking Award program invites teachers to nominate students who exhibit strong CT skills. This month we recognize a pair of siblings who showed exceptionally strong skills in very different ways.

Samantha Sanford was nominated by English teacher David Welle. His nomination was based on how hard Samantha worked throughout the semester in expository writing. Samantha showed strong skills from the beginning, but what most impressed Welle was how she applied them. He said her ability to express herself while following the rigorous rules of expository writing was masterful. Samantha

collected a lot of information from a lot of sources, carefully evaluating before incorporating it into her work.

Zach Sanford is also being honored this month. Last summer Zach suffered an ACL injury. It benched him for the whole of the 2021 football season, but he managed to be a force anyway, employing exceptional problem-solving skills which he generously shared with teammates. Zach assisted players as well as the coaches. He mentored younger players and became a real team leader. He organized and promoted Superfan participation at home games. Zach is an excellent example of how to use positivity and flexibility to rebound from a setback.

For everything he contributed to the Hubs' success following an odd, abbreviated spring season (COVID-19), Zach was nominated by Hubs football coaching staff.

This month's recipients will receive a \$50 prize and the opportunity to designate an additional \$50 each to the charity of their choice.



Scott Swartz, Samantha Sanford and Zach Sanford

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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## Are electric cars worth it?

THE first electric car appeared in Des Moines, Iowa, around 1890, invented by William Morrison. Electric cars were developed but never manufactured in large quantities at that time. In recent years, there has been much discussion about electric cars, mostly claiming how great they are. Let's take a look at the validity of these claims.

It has been claimed that an electric car reduces your carbon footprint. This is true at your own home. However, the electricity to charge your car's batteries comes from a power plant mostly using fossil fuel (coal, natural gas, etc.) which increases the carbon footprint at that location. More energy is required to manufacture an electric vehicle than a comparable gasoline-powered vehicle mainly as a result of the usage of lithium batteries. Extraction of lithium for electric car batteries is expensive, energy intensive and results in toxic byproducts such as arsenic, antimony, radioactive uranium and sulfuric acid. Conventional new gasoline-powered vehicle pollution is very low. In some cities, the exhaust from a modern gasoline powered vehicle is cleaner than the air drawn in for combustion.

It has been claimed that the price of an electric car is competitive with that of a conventional gasoline-powered car. Electric cars are expensive, but with a \$7,500 nonrefundable tax credit, pricing comes in line with conventional gasoline-powered cars. However, insurance costs are about 20 percent higher for electric cars, since the insurance premium is based on the list price.

It is claimed that fuel cost is reduced with electric cars. You save on gasoline, but you do have to pay for the electricity. Fuel cost for the electric car is currently about half that of the conventional gasoline powered car. A quick charge takes about a half hour and gives you about a 90-mile range. For full range (about 450 miles), an eight-hour charge is typical. You must plan your trip around available charging stations. Typically, a charging

station will have to be installed in your home depending on the voltage required.

It is claimed that maintenance costs associated with an electric car are less than that of a conventional gasoline vehicle. That is true for the electric

motor when compared to the gasoline engine. However, the batteries have a finite life and must be replaced. Typically, batteries have to be replaced after eight years or 100,000 miles at a cost of \$1,000 to \$6,000. Since electric vehicles do not currently

pay road tax through the purchase of gasoline, it is not inconceivable that the government will switch to tracking your mileage and tax you accordingly.

A safety concern about electric cars is the possibility of being electrocuted. Battery voltages in electric vehicles range from 200 to 800 volts, which is enough to cause death by electrocution. One should never work on an electric car unless they know exactly what they are doing. Accidentally touching a high voltage component can end your life. If you suspect a problem, take it back to the dealer. If you are involved in an accident, stay away from any damage that results in exposed wiring.

If you live in cold climates, the battery capacity and vehicle range is reduced. If you get stuck in a traffic jam on a cold, snowy evening, keep an eye on how long you are using the electric heater, which can significantly drain the batteries, limiting your range. If the power goes out for a few days after a storm and you have not charged the batteries, you may be stranded.

Finally, it is not clear what is being planned to increase the capacity of power generation and the electrical grid to accommodate the predicted significant increase in electric vehicles. Without the needed infrastructure and with increased demand, the cost of electricity is likely to increase. There also appears to be a movement to close fossil plants and replace them with wind and solar power. Talk to people in Texas about how well this worked last year during the cold spell.



Chuck Roberts

## I have a Santa complex

OK, I'll admit it. I have Santa Claus issues.

It's not that I suffered some Santa trauma as a child. I believed until I was 4 and then I cross-examined my mother. She was sitting on the toilet and I demanded to know if Santa was real.

She tried to deflect my questions. But I would have none of it and somewhere between No. 1 and No. 2 the existence of Santa, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy was flushed from my life forever.

Or so I thought.

Flash forward a few decades and my wife, Joan, and I are new parents. I made the pronouncement to my wife that we would not lie to our child about the existence of some magical elf in a red suit.

Joan gave me a look that seemed to convey in one glance: "You're a moron."

So, what did my new bride do? She enlisted the support of my mother.

And suddenly, I'm hearing it in stereo: "A child needs to experience wonderment at Christmas and you are denying it."

The look of disgust from the woman who birthed me and the one who gave birth to my child was enough to make eggnog curdle.

I caved.

And our baby Gracie and her two future sisters were taught that Santa was real.

And, yes, they experienced wonderment at Christmas. And my wife and mother were pleased. And, no, none of our daughters

ever cross examined either of us about the existence of Santa. (That doesn't bode well for us having any future reporters in the family.)

But speaking of reporters and Santa, my issues with St. Nick have only grown during my 33 years in the news business.

Back when I was a young reporter at the Quad-City Times, I decided it would make for a fun feature story to write about what it's like to be Santa.

So, I dressed up in the red suit and cap, attached a beard with an elastic strap, and watched hundreds of kids line up to sit on my lap at the Davenport, Iowa, public library.

I was told the key to being a good Santa is being noncommittal, which, by the way, is also the secret to being a good politician.

Whenever a youngster wiggling on my knee reeled off their wish list, I would say something like, "Be good and I'll see what I can do."

And then, a little girl crawled on to my lap.

I asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

She looked me in the eye and replied, "I want a new dad. My old dad left, and my mom is really lonely."

I looked into her hopeful eyes and sputtered. I finally said, "There are just some things beyond Santa's power."

The next day the top editor of the paper wandered over to my desk and suggested I stick with the "hard news" stories and leave the human-interest features to others.

Several years after that was by far my most traumatic

tizing Santa experience. I was writing about homeless children for the Las Vegas Sun.

I quoted an 8-year-old boy saying, "I don't know if Santa will know where to go this year. We keep moving every week. I guess I've been good. I go to sleep on time every night."

Although I turned the story in several days in advance, the editor didn't get around to reading it until 45 minutes before deadline.

He wandered over to my desk, "Is this kid kind of slow? Eight seems awfully old to believe in Santa. Go find out if he thinks Santa is a real person or an idea."

Huh? Within 45 minutes?

I've been asked lots of questions, mostly good, by editors throughout the years. But this is without a doubt the dumbest.

I found myself racing across Las Vegas on deadline to a school that served the homeless. I talked the principal into calling the boy into the office.

When the perplexed youngster entered the office, I dropped down on my haunches and asked, "Richard, do you think Santa is a real person or just an idea?"

He gave me his answer and I found myself barking into a telephone receiver minutes before the presses began to roll, "He says, 'Santa is real!'"

Yes, Santa is real, not just in the hearts of all good people, but even in the mind of the most cynical journalist.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for the Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreeder@illinois-times.com.



Scott Reeder

### VOICE ON THE STREET

## Question:

"How long have you had your Christmas shopping done for? Or are you a last minute shopper?"

"Three months its just my boys and granddaughter."

Marilynn Bulthaus Roberson

"Done and wrapped for about a week or so."

Lori Helfrich Miller

"Normally done by the 15th. But not this year, gotta finish shopping next week."

Katie Marie

"Are we supposed to have started?"

Willie Watson

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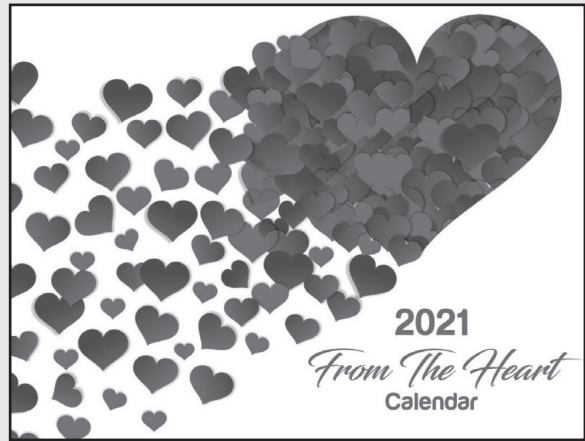
Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President Brian Duncan (left) presents an award for ag literacy and membership value to Lee County Farm Bureau President Adam Henkel (right).

## Lee County Farm Bureau honored during IFB annual meeting

**AMBOY** — The Lee County Farm Bureau (LCFB) was recently recognized during the 107th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau for their outstanding programming during 2019 and 2020. The LCFB was recognized for outstanding programming in the areas of ag literacy and membership value and was also recognized as a top county for non-farming member growth for counties in our membership group. The Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for recognition of outstanding achievement by individual members and county farm bureaus (CFBs). Counties compete for awards with other counties of similar membership size.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <b>Dec. 22</b><br>Deb Wooten      | <b>Dec. 25</b><br>Maribel Ortiz  | <b>Dec. 29</b><br>Kelsey Rogers       |
| <b>Dec. 23</b><br>Tristen McGuire | <b>Dec. 26</b><br>Annette Sulser | <b>Dec. 31</b><br>Jamey & Nicole King |
| <b>Dec. 24</b><br>Luke Gilliam    | <b>Dec. 28</b><br>Chris Prosser  | Ruth Allen                            |
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- Nov. 25 - Jon Long, Tomahawk, Wis., \$500
- Nov. 26 - Glen Hughes, Dixon, \$25
- Nov. 27 - Deanna Rosenbaum-Hall, Chicago, \$25
- Nov. 28 - Laurie B orowicz, Sycamore, \$50
- Nov. 29 - Sue Worley, Maplehurst Farms, \$25
- Nov. 30 - Mia Ramsey, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 1 - Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, \$25
- Dec. 2 - Martha Landa, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 3 - Deb Julifs, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 4 - Henry Hall, Sycamore, \$25
- Dec. 5 - Jodi Ziegler, Oregon, \$50
- Dec. 6 - Lois Hultgren, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 7 - Matt Thimjon - Rochelle Foods, \$25
- Dec. 8 - Amy Kerns, Creston, \$25
- Dec. 9 - Brandy Scarbrough, Creston, \$25
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- Dec. 12 - Steve Berg, Orlando, Fla., \$50
- Dec. 13 - Nancy Vogl, Oregon, \$25
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## Coffee Break

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5 Smack  
8 Blog entry  
12 Regrettably  
13 Fuss  
14 "May It Be" singer  
15 Dealer's foe  
16 Moving-day rental  
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18 Energetic person  
20 Galley supply  
22 Strikers' queue  
26 Manhandled  
29 Chemical suffix  
30 Hobbyist's abbr.  
31 Rue the run  
32 German conjunction  
33 Lavish party  
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35 Fuel stat  
36 Devil's domain  
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10 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)  
11 Eastern "way"  
19 Central  
21 Consumed  
23 Monarchs  
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26 Bygone days  
27 Exotic berry  
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# SPORTS



## LADY HUBS FACE G-K

The Lady Hub varsity basketball team faced Genoa-Kingston on Saturday.

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### RTHS Boys Basketball

# Hubs down Harvest Christian

## Six players reach double figures as Rochelle wins E.C. Nichols tourney opener

**MARENGO** — The Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team arrived for the opening round of the E.C. Nichols Holiday Classic on Monday with a renewed sense of confidence after scoring wins over Genoa-Kingston and Morris this past week. Rochelle showed no signs of backing down this week, with six players reaching double figures in a first-round rout against Harvest Christian.

Behind a dominant start to the third quarter in which the Hubs broke off an 18-1 run, Rochelle pushed the ball up and down the floor all evening, wearing out the Harvest Christian defense to the tune of an 85-57 victory. The Hubs (5-5, 2-1 Interstate 8) saw 10 players score at least two points in the win.

“We’re on a three-game winning streak and I thought we pushed the ball really well today,” senior Adam Kemp said. “Our confidence is definitely through the roof right now, but we have a tough game coming up in the next round. Our energy has been much better over the last week or so and we’re

having a lot more fun. When we’re pushing the pace, we play really well. I thought we were able to move the ball around and create a lot of open shots today.”

Kemp drilled a 3-pointer and finished through contact for an old-fashioned 3-point play to score all six of his points in the first quarter and help spark the Rochelle offense. Harvest Christian fell behind early, but the Lions received a significant scoring boost from guard Ben Lothrey, who converted several contested shots and led all players with 25 points in the game.

However, the Lions had no answers for Rochelle’s ball movement, which included long passes down the floor, cross-court passes and quick passes inside to junior forwards Raul Aguirre and Aidan Darby, who each finished with 11 points. Senior Noah Brown canned two second-quarter triples for the Hubs, who led 24-19 after the first quarter and 48-35 at halftime.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Adam Kemp works around Harvest Christian’s Ben Lothrey during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against the Lions on Monday.

### RTHS Wrestling

# Rochelle earns two wins at Oak Forest Mega Duals

## Hubs improve to 9-4 with victories over Bradley-Bourbonnais, Joliet Central

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**OAK FOREST** — The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team competed at the Oak Forest Mega Duals on Saturday, winning two matches and conceding two losses. The six-team dual meet featured Oak Forest, Joliet Central, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Naperville Central and Prospect. Rochelle fell 49-23 against Prospect and 42-36 against Oak Forest, but the Hubs took down Bradley-Bourbonnais 53-28 and Joliet Central 47-31. The Hubs are now 9-4 on the season.

### Prospect

The Knights scored 24 consecutive points to open the dual against the Hubs, with Nick Grassano, Nate Lopez, Connor Mitchell and Jacob Grzesiak each winning by fall across the 160-pound, 170-pound, 182-pound and 195-pound bouts. Freshman Kaiden Morris scored Rochelle’s first points of the dual, recording two takedowns and two near-falls before pinning Prospect’s Eric Hernandez in the second period to win the 220-pound bout.

Junior Jaden Cook followed with another pin for the Hubs, defeating Ola Sulaimon to win the 285-pound bout. Pros-

pect’s Joel Muehlenbeck scored a technical fall in the 106-pound bout, but freshman Xavier Villalobos brought the Hubs back with three takedowns, two near-falls and one reversal in a 13-3 major decision against Elijah Garza in the 113-pound bout. Freshman Joseph Nadig then faced James Mateos in the 120-pound bout, earning an 8-2 decision.

Prospect’s Tom Miller and Will Baysingar each pinned to win the 126-pound and 132-pound bouts to give the Knights a 41-19 lead over Rochelle. Lennon Steinkuehler then scored a technical fall in the 138-pound bout before Alex Bootz outlasted Hub freshman Grant Gensler for a 6-3 decision in the 145-pound bout. Senior Caleb Nadig scored the final points for the Hubs, totaling six takedowns in a 13-5 major decision over Connor Munn in the 152-pound bout.

### Oak Forest

Connor Nowicki opened the dual with an 18-2 technical fall to win the 145-pound bout for the Bengals. Rochelle senior Caleb Nadig scored a second-period pin over Ivan Corral in the 152-pound bout before Oak Forest’s Maxwell Corral recorded

a first-period pin to win the 160-pound bout. Joe Castaneda survived Rochelle sophomore Brock Metzger’s strong effort during the 170-pound bout, earning a third-period reversal to win the bout by 4-2 decision.

Oak Forest’s Gavin Brown and John Marusarz notched back-to-back pins in the 182-pound and 195-pound bout to put the Bengals ahead 26-6. Hub freshman Kaiden Morris received a forfeit in the 220-pound bout before junior Jaden Cook pinned Tim Marusarz in the second period to win the 285-pound bout. Sophomore Tommy Tourdot and freshman Xavier Villalobos then took forfeits in the 106-pound and 113-pound bouts to give the Hubs a 30-26 advantage.

Oak Forest tied the match after Tyler Evitts scored a 17-4 major decision to take the 120-pound bout. The Bengals pinned to win the 126-pound bout, but the Hubs earned a forfeit for junior Wesley Brown in the 132-pound bout, tying the score again at 36-36. The Bengals clinched the dual win in the 138-pound bout, with Hunter Hale scoring a second-period pin.

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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Junior Jaden Cook earned four wins for the Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team during the Oak Forest Mega Duals on Saturday.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



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The Rochelle Wrestling Club competed at the Stillman Valley Holiday Tournament on Sunday, with several athletes earning medals including Wells Millard (right).

## Junior Hubs battle at Stillman Valley Holiday Tournament

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**STILLMAN VALLEY**—The Rochelle Wrestling Club competed at the 2021 Stillman Valley Wrestling Club Holiday Tournament on Sunday. Thirteen Junior Hub wrestlers participated in the tournament over the weekend, with three wrestlers bringing home first-place finishes.

Nehemiah Andronic finished first in the 56-59 Tots Division bracket with a 3-0 record. Andronic scored back-to-back pins against Stillman Valley's Gunnar Hall and Gavin Provancher before facing Dixon's Carter Bilharz in the final round, winning the title with a 16-1 technical fall.

Gavin Smith took first in the 63-66 Bantam Division bracket with a 3-0 record. Smith scored a 14-5 major decision against Oregon's Owen Martin before defeating DeKalb's Jax Lovett by 12-6 decision. Smith topped Dixon's Carson Alba by 14-6 major decision for the championship.

Vaughn Manning placed first in the 65-69 Intermediate Division bracket with a 3-0 record. Manning opened the tournament with a 14-0 major decision over Stillman Valley's Grace Hamill before outlasting Huntley's Anthony Pharis with a 5-0 decision in the second round. Manning battled DeKalb's Christopher Rodriguez for the title, scoring a 45-second fall for the victory.

Elias Andronic finished second in the 43-45 Tots Division bracket with a 2-1 record. Andronic won by fall over Rock Falls' Owen Dorathy and Rowan Hunsberger to reach the championship match against Woodstock's Landon Menard, who edged Andronic out with a 6-2 decision.

Wells Millard took second in the 44-46

Tots Division bracket with a 2-1 record. Millard opened the tournament with a first-round pin against Rock Falls' Ryker Kuehl before falling to Stillman Valley's Benson Grugel. Millard scored a 15-3 major decision against Amboy's Gabriel Larson.

Felix Belmonte placed second in the 55-57 Bantam Division bracket with a 2-1 record. Belmonte recorded a 15-0 technical fall over Dixon's Rogyn Plock before conceding a 10-2 major decision to Rock Falls' Myles Goodell. Belmonte topped Sycamore's Grant Cole by 14-5 major decision.

Teddy Millard took second in the 61-64 Intermediate Division bracket with a 2-1 record. Millard won by fall over Oregon's Boe Bastian before coming up just short in a 4-0 decision to Orland Park's Jimmy Roach. Millard then grinded for a 5-3 decision against Byron's Darien Whitlock.

Benjamin Morris finished second in the 117-134 Intermediate Division with a 1-1 record. Morris won by fall over Stillman Valley's Justin Cheeseman before falling to Dixon's Levi Pretzsch.

Elliot Huff placed third in the 53-54 Bantam Division bracket with a 1-2 record, winning by fall over Stillman Valley's Eduardo Durand in the third round. Dominic Escatel took third in the 67-68 Bantam Division bracket with a 1-2 record, earning a 4-3 decision against DeKalb's Alban Becker in the second round. Quentin Ansteth finished third in the 87-90 Intermediate Division with a 1-2 record, scoring an 11-8 decision over Stillman Valley's Sergio Diaz in the third round.

Cole Albers placed fourth in the 64-68 Bantam Division bracket. Garrett Miller placed fifth in the 104-112 Intermediate Division bracket.

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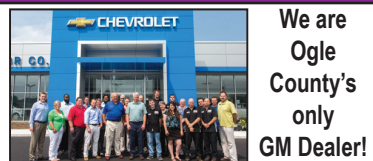
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## HUBS: Brown leads Rochelle to road win at Morris

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Brown and senior Ryan Simmons, who also swished a second-quarter triple, each scored 12 points.

While Rochelle's offense made plenty of noise in the first half, the team's full-court press and ball pressure on defense stifled the Harvest Christian offense, generating several steals and transition baskets including a pair of one-handed dunks from Simmons. The Hubs led by as many as 33 points and were on pace to score nearly 100 points after three quarters.

"We've been focused on using our length and our size on defense," Kemp said. "We're really long and we can get a lot of deflections and steals so we can get out and run. Our confidence is really high right now and we're going to use that to try and make a run in this tournament."

Senior Tanner Lager finished with 11 points in the win, while sophomore Eli Luxton totaled 10 points. Senior Forrest Gerber scored five fourth-quarter points to help seal the victory.

### Morris

Rochelle senior Noah Brown had been patiently waiting for a breakout shooting performance. That opportunity came during an Interstate 8 Conference matchup against Morris on Friday, when Brown scored a team-high 21 points while hitting five 3-pointers to lead the Hub varsity basketball team over the Redskins 68-63. Rochelle improved to 4-5 with the victory.



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

Senior Noah Brown drives around Morris defender Cameron Hatcher during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game Friday evening. Brown scored 21 points to lead the Hubs over the Redskins 68-63.

"I think we all realized that we have to come together as a team," Brown said. "We had to pass the ball and move the ball well. We came into practice last week with more energy and we've been able to figure things out really quickly. We moved the ball well against Morris and it was a big confidence booster

for me because Morris has always been a hard place to play."

With Brown leading the charge, Rochelle shot over 45 percent from the field and over 41 percent from 3-point range against the Redskins. The Hubs build a 19-15 lead after the first quarter before Morris inched closer during the

second quarter, bringing Rochelle within one point at halftime. Despite a strong offensive performance from Gage Phillips, who led the Redskins with 18 points, Morris struggled against Rochelle's ball pressure all evening long.

"We knew they had a good shooter and we pressured him as much as

we could," said Brown, who added six defensive rebounds and two steals in the victory. "They shot the ball well during the first quarter, but once we started pressuring their shooter, they shut down in the second half... We just have to keep working. Our conference has a lot of evenly matched teams."

Senior Adam Kemp finished with 13 points and five rebounds for the Hubs, while senior Ryan Simmons totaled 10 points, six rebounds, five assists, two steals and two blocks. Senior Cooper Hasz added nine points and three rebounds for the Hubs, who are now 2-1 in the Interstate 8.

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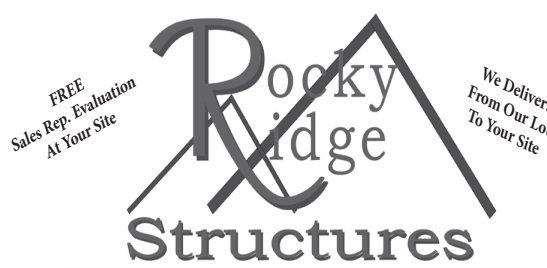
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## RTHS Girls Basketball



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team faced off against Genoa-Kingston on Saturday, falling 38-33. At left, senior forward Abby Luxton keeps the ball away from Genoa-Kingston defender Ally Poegel. At right, senior guard Zoey Tabor drives against Genoa-Kingston defender Avery Walters.

## Timely shots evade Lady Hubs against G-K

Tabor sinks three 3-pointers, scores 14 points in 38-33 loss to Cogs

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team continued playing tough defense on Saturday, limiting the Genoa-Kingston Cogs to three first-quarter points. But the Lady Hubs were unable to knock down enough key shots during the second half, with Genoa-Kingston eventually pulling away to defeat Rochelle 38-33. The Lady Hubs fell to 6-9 overall with the loss.

"The area where we have

to be better is hitting the big shots when we have the opportunities," head coach Ryan McQuade said. "We had a lot of opportunities to hit those shots this afternoon and we had a chance to tie the game near the end. We just have to calm down when we're in those situations. We're not going to win many basketball games when we're scoring 33 points."

Junior Torrin Nantz converted two shots under the basket in the first quarter for four of her six points to give the Lady Hubs an

early spark offensively. Leading 9-3 entering the second quarter, Rochelle saw freshman Kendyl Darby score on two aggressive drives to the basket, while senior Zoey Tabor canned the first of her three 3-pointers to keep the Lady Hubs moving.

"Our ball pressure has been what's really helped us bring our defense to the forefront of how we want to play," McQuade said. "Our guards are really bringing the pressure. It's about cleaning up the little things like getting

defensive rebounds and preventing second-chance points. Those are the things that will take us from a good defensive team to an elite defensive team."

Genoa-Kingston successfully regained the lead in the second quarter, rallying behind senior guard Emily Gilbert and freshman forward Ally Poegel, who combined for 27 points to lead the Cogs on Saturday. Genoa-Kingston led 18-15 at the half and the Cogs surged ahead by as many as eight points in the fourth quarter, but Tabor's

hot shooting continued in the second half, where she made two 3-pointers and multiple free throws. Tabor led Rochelle with 14 points.

"Zoey's our senior captain and she's been fantastic," McQuade said. "It was one of her better shooting performances and we've been waiting for that because she's such a good shooter. It was definitely nice to see her come through and shoot the ball well for us today."

The Lady Hubs fought back within two points of the Cogs, trailing 32-30

late in the fourth quarter. Genoa-Kingston struggled to make free throws in the final minutes, but Rochelle couldn't gather enough defensive rebounds to tie the game on the other end, eventually putting the Cogs into the double bonus while both Tabor and Darby, who scored eight points, fouled out.

### JV

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No. 1201 (Dec. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2021  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STEWARD, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM  
WHEREAS, the Village of Steward, Lee County, Illinois operates its public water supply/ waterworks system ("the System") in accordance with the provisions of 65 ILCS 5/11-139-1, et. seq., and the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 ILCS 350/1 (collectively, "the Act"), and  
WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Steward ("the Corporate Authorities") have determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of public health, safety and welfare to improve the System, including the following:  
Water system improvements entail the replacement and new construction of water main within various areas of the Village, with new larger-sized water main to address existing undersized and aging water main.  
together with any land or rights in land and all electrical, mechanical or other services necessary, useful or advisable to the construction and installation ("the Project"), all in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by consultants of the Village of Steward, which Project has a useful life of 30 years; and  
WHEREAS, the estimated cost to purchase and install the Project, including engineering, legal, financial, administrative and other related expenses is \$900,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay these costs; and  
WHEREAS, in accordance with the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program Title 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 662,

Section 662.210 Fixed Loan Rate, the Village meets the criteria for the Small Community Interest Rate thereby qualifying for a fixed interest loan rate equal to 75% of the Base 30 Year Rate; and  
WHEREAS, in accordance with the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program Title 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 662, the Village meets the Disadvantaged Community Principal Forgiveness and is eligible to have a percentage of the Project costs be forgiven by the State of Illinois pursuant to principal loan forgiveness provisions; and  
WHEREAS, the principal and interest payment shall be payable semi-annually, and the loan shall mature in up to 30 years, which is within the period of useful life of the Project; and  
WHEREAS, the costs are expected to be paid for with a loan to the Village of Steward from the Public Water Supply Loan Program through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the loan to be repaid from revenues of the System and the loan is authorized to be accepted at this time pursuant to the Act; and  
WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Village of Steward is authorized to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,300,000 to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project;  
WHEREAS, the loan to the Village of Steward shall be made pursuant to a Loan Agreement, including certain terms and conditions, between the Village of Steward and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;  
NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Steward, Lee County, Illinois, as follows:  
SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLES  
The Corporate Authorities hereby find that the recitals contained in the preambles are true and correct, and incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.  
SECTION 2. DETERMINATION TO BORROW FUNDS  
It is necessary and in the best interests of the Village of Steward to construct the Project for the public health, safety and welfare, in accordance with the plans and specifications, as described; that the System continues to be operated in accordance with the provision of the Act; and that for the purpose of constructing the Project, it is hereby authorized that funds be borrowed by the Village of Steward in an aggregate principal amount (which can include construction period interest financed over the term of the loan) not to exceed \$1,300,000.  
SECTION 3. PUBLICATION  
This Ordinance, together with a Notice in the statutory form (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), shall be published once within 10 days after passage in the Rochelle News-Leader, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the Village of Steward, and if no petition signed by electors numbering 10% or more of the registered voters in

the Village of Steward (i.e., 14) asking that the question of improving the System as provided in this Ordinance and entering into the Loan Agreement therefore be submitted to the electors of the Village of Steward, is filed with the Village of Steward Village Clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of this Ordinance and notice, then this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect. A petition form shall be provided by the Village Clerk to any individual requesting one.  
SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES  
If no petition meeting the requirements of the Act and other applicable laws is filed during the 30 day petition period, then the Corporate Authorities may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for entering into the Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, prescribing all the details of the Loan Agreement, and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the System, so long as the maximum amount of the Loan Agreement as set forth in this Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project or purposes described herein. Any additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with the Act or other applicable law. This Ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for entering into the Loan Agreement under applicable law.  
However, notwithstanding the above, the Village of Steward not adopt additional ordinances or amendments which provide for any substantive or material change in the scope and intent of this Ordinance, including but not limited to interest rate, preference, or priority of any other ordinance with this Ordinance, parity of any other ordinance with this Ordinance, or otherwise alter or impair the obligation of the Village of Steward to pay the principal and interest due to the Public Water Supply Loan Program without the written consent of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.  
SECTION 5. LOAN NOT INDEBTEDNESS OF THE VILLAGE OF STEWARD  
Repayment of the loan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by the Village of Steward pursuant to this Ordinance is to be solely from the revenue derived from revenues of the System, and the loan does not constitute an indebtedness of the Village of Steward within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation.  
SECTION 6. APPLICATION FOR LOAN  
The Village of Steward President is hereby authorized to make application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a loan through the Public Water Supply Loan Program, in accordance with the loan requirements set out in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 662.  
SECTION 7. ACCEPTANCE OF LOAN AGREEMENT  
The Corporate

Authorities hereby authorize acceptance of the offer of a loan through the Public Water Supply Loan Program, including all terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement as well as all special conditions contained therein and made a part thereof by reference. The Corporate Authorities further agree that the loan funds awarded shall be used solely for the purposes of the project as approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement.  
SECTION 8. RESERVE ACCOUNTS  
The Village of Steward does not contemplate establishing any reserve accounts because it does not have any revenue bonds outstanding that would be superior or senior to the debt obligation contemplated herein.  
9. AUTHORIZATION OF VILLAGE OF STEWARD, PRESIDENT, TO EXECUTE LOAN AGREEMENT  
The Village President is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The Corporate Authorities may authorize by resolution a person other than the President for the sole purpose of authorizing or executing any documents associated with payment requests or reimbursements from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in connection with this loan.  
SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY  
If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.  
SECTION 11. REPEALER  
All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.  
PASSED by the Village Board of the Village of Steward, Lee County, Illinois on December 13, 2021.  
Introduced: November 8, 2021  
Passed: December 13, 2021  
Approved: December 13, 2021  
Hugh McKiski  
ATTEST:  
Hugh McKiski, President  
Christina Smardo  
Christina Smardo, Village Clerk  
Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
PUBLISHED in the Rochelle News-Leader on December 22, 2021  
RECORDED in the Village of Steward on December 13, 2021.  
ATTEST:  
Christina Smardo  
Christina Smardo, Village Clerk  
Village of Steward, Lee County, Illinois  
CERTIFICATION  
CHRISTINASMARDO, certify that I am the Clerk of the Village of Steward. I do further certify that the above and foregoing, identified as Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_\_, is a true, complete and correct copy of an ordinance otherwise identified as "An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Steward, Lee County Illinois to Borrow Funds

from the Public Water Supply Loan Program" passed by the Village Board of the Village of Steward on December 13, 2021, and approved by the President and Village Board of the Village of Steward on the same said date, the original of which is part of the books and records within my control as Clerk of the Village of Steward.  
Dated this 13th day of December, 2021.  
Christina Smardo  
Christina Smardo, Village Clerk  
Exhibit "A"  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO BORROW FUNDS AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Ordinance Number 12-2021, adopted on December 13, 2021, the Village of Steward, Lee County, Illinois, (the "entity") intends to enter into a Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 and bearing annual interest at an amount not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of execution of the Loan Agreement, for the purpose of paying the cost of certain improvements to the public water supply system of the Village of Steward. A complete copy of the Ordinance accompanies this Notice.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that if a petition signed by 14 or more electors of the Village of Steward (being equal to 10% of the registered voters in the Village of Steward) requesting that the question of improving the public water supply system and entering into the Loan Agreement is submitted to the Village Clerk within 30 days after the publication of this Notice, the question of improving the public water supply system of the Village of Steward as provided in the Ordinance and Loan Agreement shall be submitted to the electors of the Village of Steward at the next election to be held under general election law on June 28, 2022. A petition form is available from the Office of the Village Clerk.  
Christina Smardo  
Christina Smardo, Village Clerk  
Village of Steward, Lee County, Illinois  
No. 1228 (Dec. 22)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on December 15, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Soto's Bargain, 100 S. Prairie/land CT, Rochelle, IL 61068.  
Dated: December 15, 2021  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 1229 (Dec. 22, 29, Jan. 5)

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT OF FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
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No. 1231 ((Dec. 22)

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# SPORTS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Freshman Kaiden Morris goes for a pin during the Oak Forest Mega Duals on Saturday. Morris recorded one pin and earned three forfeits in the meet.

## DUALS: Rochelle wrestlers earn two wins Saturday

From page 1

### Bradley-Bourbonnais

A.J. Mancilla earned a 16-4 major decision in the 170-pound bout for the first victory of the dual for the Boilermakers. Rochelle sophomore Leo Stoffel earned a forfeit in the 182-pound bout before Bradley-Bourbonnais took the lead back in the 195-pound bout, where Nick Slager scored a first-period pin. Freshman Kaiden Morris took a forfeit in the 220-pound bout and junior Jaden Cook also received a forfeit in the 285-pound bout to put Rochelle ahead 18-10.

Ethan Spacht pinned to win in the 106-pound bout for the Boilermakers, but the Hubs benefited from five consecutive forfeits across the 113-pound, 120-pound, 126-pound, 132-pound and 138-pound bouts for freshman Xavier Villalobos, sophomore Joseph Nadig, sophomore Riley Damask, junior Wesley Brown and

sophomore Alex Burke. Bradley-Bourbonnais' Tyler Starr pinned to win the 145-pound bout before senior Caleb Nadig dominated the 152-pound bout against Zach Anderson, compiling two takedowns and four near-falls in a 16-1 technical fall. The Boilermakers closed out the dual loss with a pin to take the 160-pound bout.

### Joliet Central

Senior Caleb Nadig opened Rochelle's dual against the Steelmen, notching two near-falls before earning a first-period pin over Rafael Gutierrez in the 152-pound bout. Joliet Central's Kameron Mitchell pinned to win the 160-pound bout before Hub sophomore Brock Metzger brought Rochelle back in the 170-pound bout, scoring a second-period pin over Ryan Ruiz.

Freshman Jack Pavlak took a forfeit in the 182-pound bout to give the Hubs an 18-6 lead. Mikai McIntosh stepped up for the Steelmen in the

195-pound bout, earning a first-period pin before Rochelle freshman Kaiden Morris received a forfeit in the 220-pound bout and junior Jaden Cook took down and pinned Ramiro Lopez in the first period to win the 285-pound bout.

Sophomore Tommy Tourdot and freshman Xavier Villalobos scored consecutive pins against Isaiah Kan and Antony Toledo to win the 106-pound and 113-pound bouts for Rochelle. With the Hubs leading 42-12, freshman Joseph Nadig controlled the 120-pound bout against Alexis Ortiz, recording four near-falls and one takedown for a 15-0 technical fall. Joliet Central pinned to win the 126-pound bout, while Eduardo Mendez took the 132-pound bout by 16-5 major decision.

The Steelmen won the final two bouts of the dual. Jorge Robles Jr. pinned to win the 138-pound bout before Camron Davis-Jones grinded out a 3-2 decision in the 145-pound bout.

### RTHS Boys Bowling

## Hubs fall against Streator

Patel medals at Freeport Sport Shot tourney

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**STREATOR** — The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team faced Streator in a nonconference road match Thursday evening, falling 3,069-2,654 and dropping to 2-10 on the season. Senior Luke Orlikowski led the Hubs with a 517 series, while senior Sergio Guevara followed with a 502 series.

Streator took the first game 922-888 behind 203 from Keith Scott and 180 from Brady Grabowski. Orlikowski and Guevara

led Rochelle in the first game, with Orlikowski firing 188 and Guevara rolling 182.

The Bulldogs pulled ahead with a 1,042-874 victory in the second game. Grabowski scored 227 and Anthony Dominic followed with 191 for Streator, while Guevara shot 176 and senior Devansh Patel recorded 163 for the Hubs.

Streator sealed the sweep with a 1,105-914 win in the third game. Grabowski shined for the Bulldogs, shooting 279 to finish with a match-best

686 series. Patel and Orlikowski led Rochelle with respective scores of 176 and 171. Freshman Logan Frye chipped in 167 during the third game.

### Freeport

#### Sport Shot

The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team competed in the Freeport Sport Shot tournament Saturday, finishing 16th out of 19 teams with 4,023 pins. Senior Devansh Patel earned the ninth-place medal for high individual score with 219.

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