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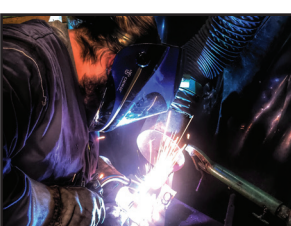
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Trailer fire



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

The Rochelle Fire Department was called to Interstate 39 Monday morning for a car hauler trailer on fire. The call was received at 8:45 a.m. Upon arrival on Interstate 39 south of Illinois Route 38 southbound, firefighters found both sets of the trailer's rear tires on fire along with two cars on the trailer. Smoke was blowing across both lanes, obstructing both lanes of traffic. Illinois State Police

closed all southbound traffic at Illinois Route 38 for firefighters and wrecker crews to work safely at the scene. According to Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville, the fire was extinguished within 15 to 20 minutes; however, traffic remained closed for another 45 to 60 minutes to allow for removal and cleanup. Ogle-Lee firefighters from Steward and Creston assisted at the scene.

New vaccine site planned for Aurora

State preparing to ramp up inoculations as Johnson & Johnson supply rollout

BY GRACE BARBIC

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS/GBARBIC@CAPITOLNEWSILLINOIS.COM

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker announced Tuesday the opening of a new mass vaccination site in Aurora that will be focused on equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to the Black community as supply increases.

Black Vax Aurora, a coalition of Black Churches, organizations, community advocates and elected officials, launched a community vaccination clinic Tuesday at the Cathedral of Grace St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Aurora.

“People of color disproportionately suffer from pre-existing conditions, which makes COVID-19 more dangerous for them,” Pritzker said at a news conference to announce the opening. “Black Vax Aurora recognizes this and is fully open to people of all ages... with pre-existing conditions. That’s important to address equity in vaccine administration.”

The new vaccination site will receive vaccine doses from the Kane and DuPage county health departments.

Cases and hospitalizations continue to decrease as the



Gov. JB Pritzker speaks at a vaccine distribution center in Aurora Tuesday. (Credit: Illinois.gov)

statewide seven-day rolling case positivity rate remained at 2.4 percent Tuesday for the fourth consecutive day. The Illinois Department of Public Health on Tuesday reported 1,577 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 of 56,181 test results reported, including 47 additional deaths.

As of Monday night, 1,231 COVID-19 patients were hospitalized. Of those, 281 patients were reported in intensive care unit beds and 148 were reported on ventilators. The hospital bed and ICU usage both represented the lowest points since the state began reporting the numbers in

April.

Meanwhile, the seven-day rolling average of vaccines administered reached its highest to date at 80,416 doses. On Monday, 61,061 doses were administered in Illinois. As of Monday night, a total of 2.8 million vaccine doses have been administered in the state, including 324,827 for long-term care facilities.

Pritzker said at Tuesday’s news conference that one in six Illinois residents have received the first dose of the vaccine. A total of 6.8 percent of the population has received both doses.

“With public commitments from the White House to send an average of at least 100,000 doses per day to Illinois by mid-March, we are getting closer and closer to widespread availability. That’s what we all want,” Pritzker said.

IDPH has reported a total of more than 1.18 million cases of COVID-19 of 18.2 million total test results reported, including 20,583 total deaths since the pandemic began.

IDPH said by Wednesday it expects to receive 83,000 doses of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which received Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration over the weekend.

“The new Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be distributed for use at mass vaccination sites across the state, so that we are maximizing their capacity and getting as many eligible Illinoisans vaccinated as possible so that we can win the race against the new virus variants and end this pandemic,” IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a news release.

More than 90 percent of the 83,000 doses of the new vaccine will be distributed to mass vaccination sites throughout the state, according to a news release.

The new doses are in addition to the approximately 288,000 doses the federal government allocated to the state this week. Chicago also receives its own allocation of COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government.

Officials also announced Tuesday that Illinois residents aged 65 or older can begin scheduling vaccination appointments at the United Center in Chicago starting Thursday. More than 100,000 appointments are available, according to a news release.

The United Center site will have the capacity to administer 6,000 doses per day from a direct federal supply of vaccines.

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Trustees waiving building permit fees

Safe Routes to School project expected to be complete this year

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

CRESTON — Creston trustees voted to waive building permit fees for residential construction amounting over \$15,000. Village trustees unanimously approved the resolution, which will extend through February 2022, during the monthly board

meeting Tuesday evening.

Village Trustee Mike Kerns proposed the resolution, which reflects a similar action taken by the Rochelle City Council during its second February meeting this past week. Kerns said waiving the building permit fees will encourage more building and construction projects in the village.

“I was impressed that Rochelle stepped up and did that,” Kerns said. “I think it’s a great thing for the city and I think we can incentivize people to move forward with more projects here... I think we should be motivating and trying to help people in that way.”

Safe Routes

Village Engineer Kevin

Bunge also updated the board on the Safe Routes to School project. Bunge said the Illinois Department of Transportation will be contributing an additional \$33,000 in funds for the project, which has been bid out at a cost of \$191,500. IDOT will provide \$189,000 in total state funding for the project, which is expected to be completed later this year.

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RCH makes donation to Kishwaukee College



Rochelle Community Hospital recently obtained a new portable x-ray unit. In turn, RCH donated their old portable x-ray unit to Kishwaukee College. This equipment will give radiology students access to hands-on learning with a portable unit which they did not currently have in the department. RCH has had a partnership with Kishwaukee College to clinically train radiology students for at least 40 years. Pictured left to right are Kishwaukee College staff Lori Damask, radiologic clinical facilitator; Amy Anthenat, radiologic clinical coordinator; Jerry Fox, director of radiography; and Joy Miller, RCH radiology manager.



Jodi Ziegler, RN
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To read Jodi's nomination,
go to the RCH Facebook page
or rochellehospital.com.

Registration open for Women in Agriculture conference

ROCK ISLAND — Farm women and all those involved in the agriculture industry should plan to attend the Women in Agriculture Conference, scheduled for Friday, March 26. This year's mini conference is being held exclusively online to help women become empowered in agriculture. The conference, in its ninth year, will feature

keynote speaker Jason Meadows, host of the popular Ag State of Mind podcast. He will present "MENTAL HEALTH: What it is, how it affects us in agriculture and what we can do to improve." Meadows was born and raised on his family's cow-calf operation outside of Cuba, Missouri. He grew up playing football and baseball as well as involved in his local 4-H. In 2002 he left the farm for St Louis College of Pharmacy. He graduated in 2008 with his Doctor in Pharmacy and returned home to work at a local hospital and continue the cow-calf operation he started in college. It was at that local hospital he met his future wife, Keri. Fast forward 12 years and they have four boys and have purchased another farm of their own. In 2019, Jason began his podcast Ag State Of Mind where he combined his medical background with his passion for agriculture

to help break the stigma surrounding mental health in agriculture. The conference will wrap up with Rita Frazier, director of network and audio services for the RFD Radio Network, and Adam Nielsen, director of national legislation and policy development in the governmental affairs and commodities division of the Illinois Farm Bureau, presenting "Advancing Farm Bureau's Issues in the 117th Congress." Together they will discuss how to effectively communicate agriculture's message with a new administration. There is no cost to attend and registration will open March 1. To register, contact any of the sponsoring County Farm Bureaus in Illinois, or register online at womeninagricultureconference.com. The Conference is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women in Agriculture Conference Committee and COUNTRY Financial.



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Ogle County COVID-19 Weekly Update As of Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Total Number Vaccinated: 10,249
Total FULLY VACCINATED: 5.73%
Vaccinating Phase 1b: Essential frontline workers and people ages 65+.

Availability: Priority of vaccine received is to finish second doses. No first dose appointments are being scheduled at this time until OCHD receives more vaccine. We look forward to scheduling more appointments as soon as possible. Thank you for understanding.

Pre-Register for the Vaccine: If you are age 65+ pre-register online at health.oglecounty.org or call these partners to pre-register by phone. These are not vaccination sites, pre-registration only.

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Flagg-Rochelle Public Library	815-562-3431
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Hispanic residents call LULAC	815-570-3111
Rock River Center	815-732-3252
Oregon Public Library District	815-732-2724
Univ. of IL Extension Office	815-732-2191
Mt. Morris Senior Center	815-734-6335
Polo Senior Center	815-238-8645
Polo Library	815-946-2713
Bertolet Memorial Library	815-738-2742

If you have already registered, you do not need to register again.

Ogle County COVID-19 Statistics*

Number of Positive Cases:	4,899
Recovered Cases:	4,746
Current Active Cases:	80
Deaths:	73
Positivity, 7 day rolling average:	3.5%

*Most current statistics available

LOCAL NEWS



Bryce Brazee (above) is a Rochelle Township High School senior. Every afternoon he is a welding student in Keith Nelson's class at KEC. Nelson shot this photo as Bryce perfected a T-joint weld.

KEC offering career track options

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School sophomores and juniors are advised to check out the offerings at KEC and consider them for the fall semester.

As a Kishwaukee College/KEC partner, RTHS students are offered occupational dual credit courses; courses that get students started on a career or technical pathway. After completion of a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree, many KEC students are ready to enter the workforce with an industry credential in their field of study.

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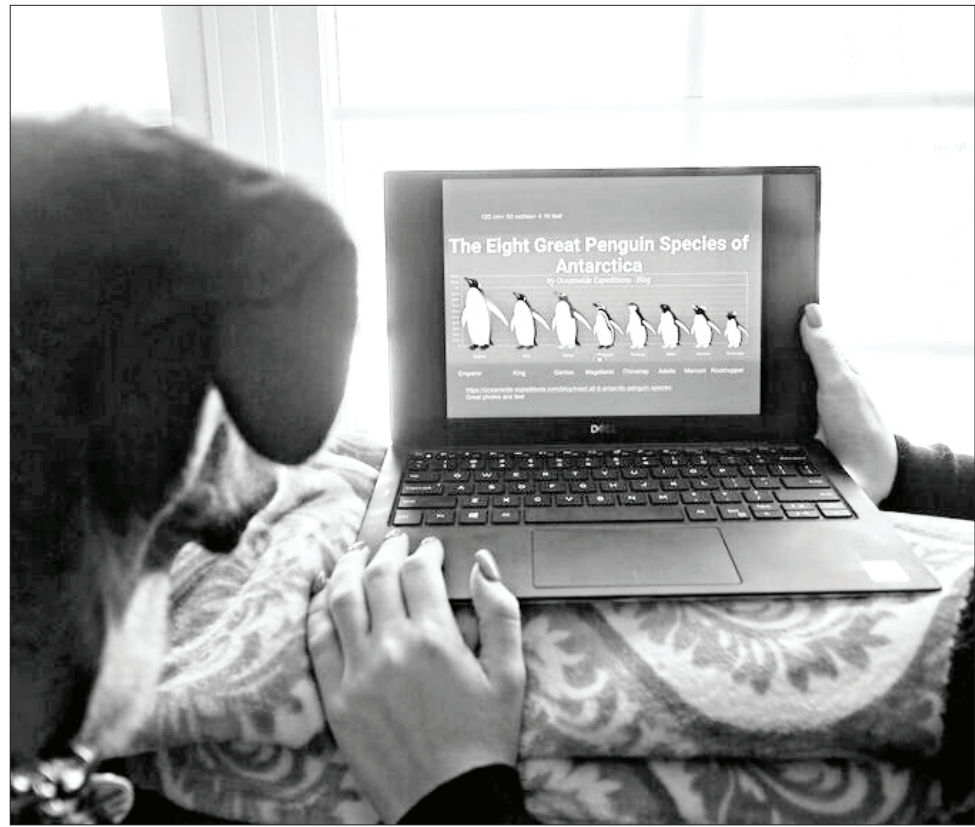
New online learning opportunities

Lifelong Learning Institute builds community

DEKALB — In the fall of 2021, NIU's Lifelong Learning Institute was one of the many programs that switched to an online meeting format to keep members safe during COVID. The LLI organizers were well aware of the risk the virus presented. They also knew that the chance to connect with peers and continue learning about a wide range of topics in an informal, non-competitive setting was too important to put on hold until the pandemic was over.

Now registration is open for the spring session. All are welcome, and the cost is \$25 to attend any and all discussion groups and lectures from March 16 through May 6. Register and get more information at niu.edu/p20/lifelong-learning-institute.

With six different study groups and lectures each week, the group Zoomed through the fall and winter terms, learning about topics such as election history and the adaptations that help animals survive in cold and snowy habitats.



While there was a bit of initial trepidation at the thought of transforming a successful in-person program to bring it online, the transition has been a resounding success.

"It's been wonderful to have LLI continue to be part of our lives at a time when we've had to give up other things," says LLI organizer and participant Elizabeth

Bass. "It's not only the intellectual stimulation but also being with friends, if only virtually. The transition to Zoom has been smoother than I expected, in part because of our efforts, via videos, written instructions and practice sessions, to educate our members and conveners. Last summer, we had purely social gatherings that allowed

members to practice their Zoom skills before our classes began."

In fact, the transition to Zoom has brought with it a number of unexpected benefits and has extended the group's geographical reach as folks participated from nine states ranging from the Atlantic to the Pacific — and one person even joined in from Portugal.

Harding named to Concordia Honors list

MEQUON, Wis. — Concordia University Wisconsin officials have released the Fall Honors List for the 2020-21 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA.

Allysa Harding, of

Rochelle, an Elementary Education major, was named to the list.

Founded in 1881, Concordia University Wisconsin, 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive, Mequon, offers over 70 undergraduate majors and is affiliated with The Lu-

theran Church-Missouri Synod. The school is located on 200 acres of

Lake Michigan shoreline, only 15 minutes north of downtown Milwaukee.

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February 25 – April 5, 2021
Monday thru Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED – Friday, April 2, 2021


Saturday, March 3, 2021
9:00 a.m. – Noon

Grace Period Registration & Voting
March 10 – April 6, 2021
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Linda Brass

ROCHELLE — Linda Louise Brass, 71, of Rochelle, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021, in Rochelle Community Hospital. She was born May 21, 1949, in Southampton, England, the daughter of Charles and Helen (Davis) Knight.

Linda was employed as a journalist writing for The Observer. She was a longtime member

of St. Edward's Catholic Church, a member of Scottish County Dancing Club, Daughters of the British Empire, Northern Illinois Newspaper Association and Northwest Quarterly. She loved The Beatles, writing, painting, dancing, and nature.



Survivors include daughter, Michelle (Kyle) Brass; son, Anthony Brass; lifelong friend, Sheila; many family and loved ones.

She was predeceased by her parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on

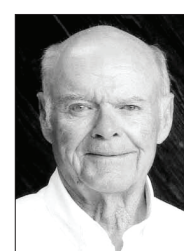
Thursday, March 4, in St. Edward's Catholic Church, 3026 11th St., Rockford. Burial will be in Arlington Memorial Park. Please send flowers or memorials to Catholic Charities or EWTN.

Arrangements were entrusted to Delehanty Funeral Home, Ltd., 401 River Lane, Loves Park.

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Lee Hutson

McFARLAND, Wis. — Lee Robert Hutson, 83, of McFarland, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 13, 1937, in Sparta, Wis., the son of Henry and Edna (Samuelson) Hutson.



Lee graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1955. He was united in marriage to Mary Gittleson on May 19, 1956, in Creston. Lee worked as a truck driver for Standard Oil and was proud of his achievement driving truck. He was a member of the Moose Club, Hope Rod and Gun Club and had a life membership with the NRA.

Lee loved trap and skeet shooting and working in his yard. He enjoyed NASCAR and went to many races. He liked to listen to country western music and performing with the band, The Swingaways, for 20 years. Lee especially loved spending time with his family and his loyal canine companions.

Lee is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; two sons, Jeff (Sharol) Hutson and Tim (Diane)

Hutson; two daughters, Jill (Jeff) Morris and Debra (Kevin) Kampmeier; eight grandchildren,

Amy Hutson, Co-ady (Cristi) Hutson, Tanner Hutson, Macy Kampmeier, Zach Hutson, Kalee Hutson, Abby Hutson and Austin Morris; brother, Richard (Kathleen) Hutson; two sisters, Kathy

(George) Bouska and Jane Allen; and brother-in-law, Dan Dummett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his infant daughter, Patricia Hutson; two sisters, Carol (Ron) Rand and Linda Dummett; brother-in-law, Dan Allen; and parents-in-law, Elmer and Alice "Doll" Gittleson.

A memorial gathering will be held at Gunderson East Funeral and Cremation Care, 5203 Monona Drive, Madison, on Saturday, March 6, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, only 40 people are allowed in the funeral home at one time. Social distancing and face masks are required.

Memorials may be gifted in Lee's name to A Grace HospiceCare.

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

Freeman Brown

AVA, Mo. — Freeman James Brown passed on to Heaven on Feb. 24, 2021. Born April 13, 1936 in Ava, Missouri.

He was the Beloved husband to Shirley June Brown for over 60 years. Together they raised three wonderful



children, James E. Brown of Riverview, Florida, Sherral A. (Brown) Grosi of Spring Hill, Florida,

and Ronald R. Gideon Jr., of Sycamore. They have enjoyed the blessing of

four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Freeman is survived by a brother, Don Brown, and sisters, Pansy Singleton, Rose Gentry and Lila Drexler.

Freeman proudly served in the United States Army stationed in Korea and worked 38 years at the Del Monte can plant in Rochelle as a mechanic.

He loved God and was passionate about teaching the Lord's Word

as well as worshipping with his guitar and gifted voice at church gatherings, nursing homes, the truck chapel, family gatherings and more. Freeman was known by many as soul reaching gospel preaching man of God. He spent most of his time serving at his home church, New Life Foursquare Church, for over 60 years as well as serving as a chaplain at Petro Truck stop for over 25 years and singing at local nursing homes.

Freeman and Shirley enjoyed traveling across the United States sightseeing and visiting family.

Freeman is preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Brown, and

mother Nellie Brown; brother, Vernon Brown; and sisters, Lilly Manning and Violet McCall.

A celebration of life will be held at New Life Foursquare Church, on 109 S. Washington St. in Rochelle. The visitation will be Wednesday, March 3 at noon and the funeral service will be held at 1 p.m.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Homes. Memorial gifts can be made to the family, New Life Foursquare Church or to Chaplain Jay LeRette of the Petro Truck Chapel.

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

Larry Mitchell

ROCHELLE — Larry D. Mitchell, 80, of Rochelle, passed away Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 at Northwoods Care Centre in Belvidere. Larry was born Jan. 10, 1941 in Atkins, Iowa, the eighth child of Andrew and Pearl (Abrahamson) Mitchell. He married Elizabeth Griffith on Dec. 18, 1971

at the First Presbyterian Church in Rochelle.

Larry grew up on the family farm near Atkins, Iowa. He was drafted into the Army in 1963 and served in Vietnam. In the late 1960s, he moved to Rochelle and met his future wife, Elizabeth, at the First Presbyterian Church. They married in

1971 and raised their two daughters in Rochelle. He started work with the Rochelle schools in 1974 as a custodian and retired in 1996. He helped many local farmers throughout the years in any capacity needed.

In what little free time he had, he enjoyed visiting family back in Iowa and building model cars.

Larry had a love for animals that started in his childhood, raising barn cats on the farm. He loved spending time with people, enjoying good conversation and holding court at McDonald's, which was just around the corner from his house. He was always in good humor and had a laugh you couldn't help but love.

Larry is survived by two daughters, Angie Mitchell of Rochelle and Carrie Mitchell of Belvidere; grandson, Zach Middaugh of Rochelle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Larry is preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth; seven sib-

lings, Irene Boxwell, Alice Duffy, Dale (Angie)

Mitchell, Alvin (Rose) Mitchell, John (Jean) Mitchell, Paul Mitchell, and a sibling who died in infancy; and three nieces, Pam Wachal, Sharon Chihak, and Deb



Mitchell. A celebration of life will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 4 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines should be followed.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 5 at First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle with Pastor Doug Forsberg officiating. The funeral service will be streamed live on the Unger-Horner Funeral Home Facebook page. Interment will follow in Trinity Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 1111 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61108.

Please visit www.ungershorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Wilma Terry

CRESTON — Wilma Terry, 79, of Creston, passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at her home with her loving family at her side.

Arrangements are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 North Sixth Street, Rochelle.

Visit www.UngerHorner.com for the online guest book.

Roland Terry

CRESTON — Roland Terry, 83, of Creston, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Arrangements are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 North Sixth Street, Rochelle.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Miriam Young

DES PLAINES — Miriam L. Young, 77, tightwad, baker supreme, perfectionist, pet lover, the youngest of five siblings, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 at the home of her daughter in Des Plaines.



Miriam was born on Aug. 25, 1943 to Richard (Jack) Pearce and Alice Pearl (Larson) in Rochelle. She never sat still for a childhood picture. After high school, she was a Navy wife and homemaker and later a bartender. Robert and Miriam purchased Vallahalla on Grindstone, later called Waterfront, and operated the bar and pizza shop for 10 years. On each visit by her daughters they were put to work either bartending or making pizzas pulling weeds in the garden, or splitting wood. They threw many parties to dress up the seasons, outdoor Christmas tree decorating, winter golf tournaments on Grindstone, Bears game buffets, and they all involved alcohol. When they sold the business in 1993, they bought a house in the woods and stayed.

Miriam is survived by two daughters, Michelle (Tariq) Zunnurain of Des Plaines and Janelle Cote of Springfield; her sister, Martha Venos in Tucson, Arizona; and two grandchildren, Zishan of Des Plaines, and Zoe of Perth, Western Australia, in addition to many nieces and nephews she spoke of often.

She liked Frank Sinatra, Elvis and CCR and listened loud and often especially after last call. If she started a sentence with "I have a wonderful awful idea..." watch out. She was a one woman tornado, hurricane, and earthquake all rolled into one.

In addition to her parents, Miriam was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Young, who she always thought would outlive her; two brothers, Eugene Pearce and Kenneth (Sam) Pearce; and a sister, Beverly Conour.

Cremation care has been provided by the G. L. Hills Funeral Home in Des Plaines. Memorials may be made in Miriam's memory to the Northwoods Humane Society, Hayward, Wisconsin.

Visit www.glhillsfuneralhome.com to sign the online guest book.

State police make arrests

On March 1 at approximately 10:03 p.m., an Illinois State Police Trooper stopped a vehicle on Interstate 39 southbound at milepost 104, Ogle County, for an equipment violation. During the traffic stop investigation, the ISP Trooper learned the driver, Shakill O. Easterling, 29, of Mendenhall, Mississippi, had a suspended driver's license. Easterling was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and issued a written warning for improper lighting.

Easterling was released on a recognizance bond.

On March 1 at approximately 11:27 p.m., an Illinois State Police Trooper stopped a vehicle on Interstate 39 northbound at milepost 11, Ogle County. During the traffic stop investigation, the driver, Noel Sena, 37, of Rockford, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and wanted on warrant reference two outstanding Ogle County warrants. Sena was transported and lodged at Ogle County jail.

ISP release February activity report

STERLING — Illinois State Police District 1 Commander, Captain Matthew Hodgdon, has announced District 1 enforcement figures and activity for February.

Illinois State Police District 1 Troopers issued 324 citations, 362 written warnings, and made 15 criminal arrests during the month of February. Speeding accounted for 136 citations, 17 citations were issued for occupant restraint violations and

13 citations were issued for distracted driving violations.

Troopers investigated 38 traffic crashes, assisted 217 motorists, and conducted 148 commercial vehicle inspections, 20 of which were placed out-of-service for safety reasons. There were nine arrests for driving under the influence.

District 1, which encompasses Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties, investigated no fatal traffic crashes in February.

Report policy

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

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

County deputies arrest man for driving on suspended license

On Feb. 24 at approximately 5:31 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Milledgeville Road and Goose Road. After further investigation, David Verbout, 37, of Milledgeville, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Verbout was released on an Individual Bond.

On Feb. 24 at 9:10 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Fourth Street at Franklin Street in Oregon for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Jacobi Obryant, 25, of Sterling, was arrested for no valid driver's license and an out of

state warrant. Obryant was released on a signature I-bond for no valid driver's license, and transported to the Ogle County Jail for the out of state warrant.

Feb. 25

On Feb. 25 at approximately 7:52 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64. After further investigation, Carlos De Los Reyes, 21, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for felony possession of cannabis 100 to 500 grams, no valid driver's license and obstructing identification. De Los Reyes was transported to the Ogle

County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 26

On Feb. 26 at approximately 4:15 p.m., Ogle County deputies responded to the Ogle County Probation Department. After an investigation it was learned that Alyssa M. Trotter, 28, of Polo, had defrauded a drug screening test. Trotter was placed under arrest for defrauding a drug and alcohol screening test and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 26 at 12:02 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of South Il-

linois Route 251 in rural Rochelle on a blue Ford Taurus for an equipment violation. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Amaya Watters, 20, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Watters was released on a notice to appear with a court date of March 24.

March 1

On March 1 at approximately 2:38 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After an investigation, Carlos Andres, 21, of Rockford, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Andres was released on an I-Bond and given a future court date.

VACCINE: Next phase of 1B-plus eligible scheduling begins March 7

From page 1

Senior citizens are given priority for scheduling until March 7 when the remaining Phase 1B-plus eligible residents can start scheduling their appointments as well. The site

will open on March 10.

Those eligible under Phase 1B-plus include non-health care essential frontline workers, inmates and those 16 years or older with underlying conditions.

Eligible residents can schedule

an appointment online or register by phone at 312-746-4835. More information about vaccination site location and how to schedule an appointment in a specific area can be found at <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>.

County roads posted with temporary weight restrictions

OGLE COUNTY — Roads throughout Ogle County are being posted this week with Spring road limit weight restrictions going into effect beginning Monday, March 8.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Ogle County

Highway Department, will be enforcing these restrictions.

Weight limits include two-axle, single rear tires — 7,000 pounds; two-axes, dual rear tires (and axle load 11,000 pounds) — 18,000 pounds; three or more axles, dual rear tires (and axle load

11,000 pounds) — 33,000 pounds.

Penalties for not meeting compliance include \$250 for 2,001 pounds to 5,000 pounds over; \$350 for 5,001 pounds to 7,000 pounds over; and \$500 for over 7,001 pounds.

All vehicles on Ogle County maintained as-

phalt or bituminous roads are temporarily restricted to the weight limit restrictions effective Monday, March 8.

The temporary restrictions are being put in place due to the winter thaw in order to protect the structural integrity of county highways.

The Kitchen Table menu

March 4 (Thursday) — Sausage links with potatoes, cabbage, carrots over rice
March 7 (Sunday brunch) — Sausage gravy and biscuits, meat skillet that include bacon, sausage, eggs, cheese over hash browns, pancakes
March 9 (Tuesday) — Spaghetti with meatballs, salad, garlic bread
March 11 (Thursday) — Chicken bacon ranch pasta, corn, garlic bread and salad
March 16 (Tuesday) — Brisket over mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, dinner rolls

*The Kitchen Table is located at 7034 S. Klondike Road, Rochelle. The suggested donation is \$5 unless otherwise stated. A kid's menu is available each serving date and includes peanut butter and jelly, corn dog with chips or chicken nuggets. Please note that all menus are subject to change. Serving is from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Sunday brunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu is always available on the answering machine by calling 815-561-9074 or visit www.KitchenTableRochelle.org.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

The life of a veterinarian and a reporter

FOLKS often ask me, “What’s it like to be married to a veterinarian?”

My response: “Well, not all that different from being the son of one.”

You see, I’ve been blessed with two veterinarians – my father and my wife.

I was reflecting on this familiar anomaly as I watched the new PBS series “All Creatures Great and Small” this past week. For those who don’t know, it’s about a British veterinarian practicing in the 1930s in the rural Yorkshire.

PBS just announced there will be a second season this year.

Oddly enough, I’ve yet to meet a veterinarian who enjoys watching the program – or any of the other of a half dozen or so shows about animal doctors.

Journalists are just the opposite. We love to watch movies about our profession. “All the President’s Men,” “Spotlight,” “The Frontpage” and “His Girl Friday” are all shows that just about every reporter I know has seen.

My wife, Joan, a Springfield small-animal veterinarian heckles the TV screen when a veterinary procedure is depicted. She feels the need to share with everyone within earshot what the person on TV is doing wrong.

One time, while watching “The Incredible Dr. Pol” my wife cast a jaundiced eye toward the television and hollered, “Why isn’t that dog intubated?”

On the other hand, reporters will sit in awe as Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman depict Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein – even if it’s the twentieth time we’ve seen the movie.

In his later years, I tried to get my Dad to watch “Dr. Pol” with me. After all, like Pol, he treated livestock and

pets. But after a few minutes of viewing Dad would growl, “I guess someone who knows nothing about veterinary medicine might find this interesting.”

I love to watch that show.

After all, growing up, I was always “Doc Reeder’s boy.”

Together we would ride from farm to farm across Knox and Warren counties. I observed and helped with countless surgeries and procedures.

Sometimes it was as simple as, “Hold the flashlight, Scotty.”

Later, as a teenager, I was gripping the edges of a uterus incision as my father pulled a calf into the world during a Caesarean section.

I remember when I was in kindergarten, sitting cross legged in a barnyard answering my Dad’s questions.

“How many stomachs does a cow have, Scotty?”

“Four, Dad.”

“Well let’s take a look at them, Scotty.”

He then proceeded to perform a post mortem, explaining the purpose of each organ in language a 5-year-old could understand.

I suspect my three daughters will have animal recollections of their own. My wife has turned our home into a menagerie. Under our roof there are eight dogs, seven birds, five guinea pigs, three sugar gliders (flying squirrels), two ferrets, one cat and one rabbit.

When I asked my wife for her hand in marriage, I made her promise: no animals would be added to our family -- unless we both agreed.

She hasn’t exactly respected this wedding vow. Or maybe she has just worn me down. (We are still not in agreement on that rabbit.)

I suspect the only reason I asked for the

promise was because of childhood memories.

When I was 8, my dad came home with a billy goat. Dad was vaccinating cattle at a sale barn and as a joke bid \$5 on a lonely goat that had no ears.

We ended up owning the beast that devoured newspapers, cigarette butts and just about anything else. The ruminant had no respect for fences or screen doors.

No sooner had the goat been put in the pasture than it jumped the fence, ran across our yard, peered through the screen door and baaed loudly. Apparently, it had once been a house goat.

My mother took to chasing Billy off the porch with a broom — until he ate the broom.

Veterinarians can also be pretty resourceful.

I remember falling off my bicycle in the second grade and

walking home with an injured arm. My father took a look at it and said, “It’s either a fracture or a really bad sprain.”

His next step was to take me to the veterinary clinic for an x-ray.

I still remember him striding into Cottage Hospital’s emergency room with me by his side. He hollered, “He doesn’t need to go to radiology, I’ve got an x-ray film right here.”

My wife, on the other hand, would take sneak in utero peeks of our three daughters with her practice’s ultrasound machine.

Speaking of pregnancy, a couple of years after we wed, my wife was more than eight months pregnant with our first daughter and she came home with a kitten that was born without eyes.

Between sobs, Joan said, “They wanted me to put it to sleep just because it was born this way. I couldn’t do it,

Scott. What happens if our child is born without any eyes?” As my pregnant wife stroked the blind kitten she added, “It’s just a foster cat. It will stay with us just until we find someone who will give it a home permanently.”

The “foster cat” lived with us for another 13 years. It had the floor plan of the house memorized, avoided the kids’ toys on the floor with an eerie sixth sense and lounged on the window sill like a prince on a throne.

Maybe its time to write a screenplay of my own about my life with veterinarians.

But rest assured, I know at least one person ready to heckle all the way through the show.

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COMMUNITY

Foundation for Focus House offering scholarships

ROCHELLE — The Foundation for Focus House Scholarship Program is offering scholarships on behalf of the LaVerne and Margaret Franklin Adams Scholarship Fund and the F. Lawrence Lenz Scholarship Fund and the Foundation for Focus House and Community Programming Scholarship.

The LaVerne and Margaret Franklin Adams Scholarship Fund was established in May of 2002 following Mr. Adam's death. A longtime resident of Ogle County, Mr. Adams sat on the Ogle County Board from 1972 until 2002. At the time Focus House was established in 1975, Mr. Adams was appointed and served as the chairperson of the county committee that oversaw the operation of the program.

Mrs. Franklin Adams was also very dedicated to the community and the youth at Focus House. Their family added to the scholarship in LaVerne's name when Margaret passed away in 2020, to honor the bequest she left. They both had a great commitment to the youth of Ogle County and the Focus House program.

The F. Lawrence Lenz Scholarship Fund was established in April of 2003 by his family following his death. As an Ogle County Circuit Judge, Judge Lenz elected to be the juvenile court judge. In this capacity

he was one of the instrumental supporters of the opening of Focus House in 1975. From the bench he believed in the value of having community based programs and was an advocate of Focus House until his death.

The Foundation for Focus House and Community Programming, established in 2005, exists to receive and administer contributions, gifts, memorials and bequests for the exclusive purpose of enhancing programming at Focus House and offering community programs that enhance, enrich and supplement individuals involved in court services.

Award Components

A total of four scholarships will be awarded. Two scholarships honoring LaVerne and Margaret Franklin Adams and Judge Lenz in the amount of \$500 each and two Foundation for Focus House general scholarships in the amount of \$500. Each will be awarded to recipients selected by the Foundation for Focus House Scholarship Committee.

Criteria

Applicant must be an Ogle County resident.

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or already enrolled or in a post-secondary institution in the year of the award.

All vocational programs will be considered.

Applicant must demonstrate a positive change they have caused in themselves or their community.

Priority is given to past Focus House residents, former probationary clients, youth that have had police contact and youth that are studying criminal justice.

Applicant must submit the following items:

Completed application form. You must type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.

Include two letters of recommendations from your choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or other individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.

Questions about the application may be emailed to Jeni Hardin at jhardin@oglecounty.org.

Deadline for the application is April 15. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail to: Foundation for Focus House Scholarship Program, Attn: Jeni Hardin, PO Box 491 Rochelle, IL 61068

You may also send the application and other materials via email to jhardin@oglecounty.org

E-mailed applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on April 15.



FROM THE HEART DAILY CASH WINNERS

Feb. 9 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Feb. 10 - Denise Hoffman-Clark, Sycamore, \$25

Feb. 11 - Tiffeny Meyers, Rochelle, \$25

Feb. 12 - Christopher Norkus, Creston, \$25

Feb. 13 - Roger & Susie Ahlendorf, Kingston, \$25

Feb. 14 - Judith Faaborg, Rochelle, \$250

Feb. 15 - Cindy Stumph, Sycamore, \$25

Feb. 16 - Tom Hartnett, Rochelle, \$25

Feb. 17 - Jordan Bernardin, Oregon, \$25

Feb. 18 - Jeff Hayenga, Kings, \$25

Feb. 19 - Laura Irk, Glenview, \$25

Feb. 20 - Michelle Glen, Rochelle, \$25

Feb. 21 - John Farris, DeKalb, \$50

Feb. 22 - Tom Hartnett, Rochelle, \$25

Feb. 23 - Rochelle Rotary, \$25

Feb. 24 - David C. Bills, Port Byron, \$25

Feb. 25 - Katie Fredericks, Dixon, \$25

Feb. 26 - Berkeley Thompson, Rochelle, \$25

Feb. 27 - Steu Znaniecki, \$25

Feb. 28 - Lucas Miles, Bloomington, \$50

March 1 - Rochelle Foods (Matt Thimjon), \$25

March 2 - PDG Scott and Adriane Shore, Granville, \$25

March 3 - Kim Montgomery, Rochelle, \$25

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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March 8
Chaz Conant
March 9
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March 12
Troy Komadina
March 13
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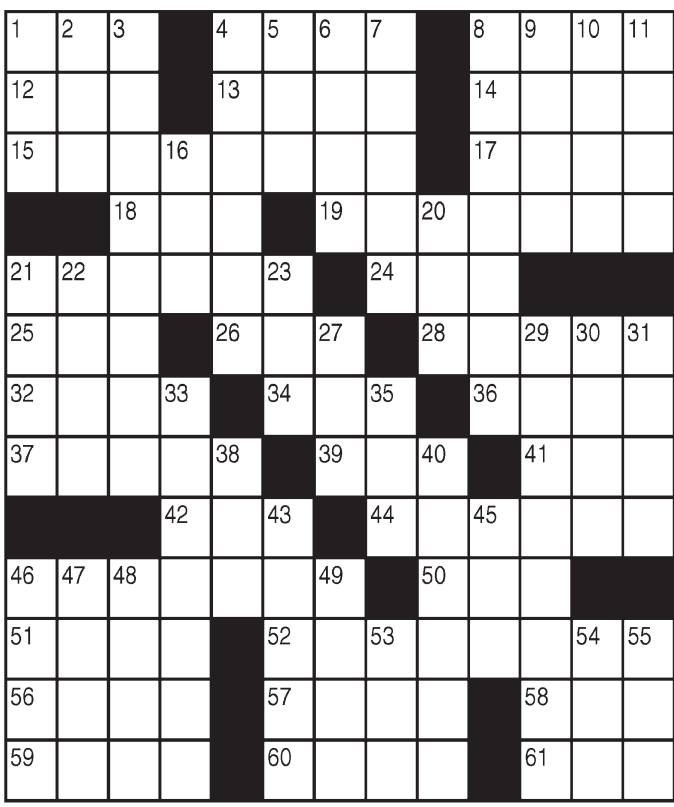
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Coffee Break

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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
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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: L equals O

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Powerhouse keynote conversation planned between aviation attorney and 3-star admirals

DEKALB — Internationally renowned aviation attorney Kenneth Quinn (FINA '82) will serve as the keynote presenter for the NIU College of Business BELIEF Week Spring 2021.

Quinn is currently Principal at International Aviation Law PLLC, which specializes in aviation, aerospace, transportation and unmanned aircraft systems. He has been instrumental in shaping the regulations on aviation and flight safety and has counseled aviation leaders before, during and after crises: from building internal cultures that manage risk to developing relationships with key players.

During the March 10 BELIEF Week keynote, Quinn will moderate a panel conversation with two United States Admirals: United States Navy Admiral Cutler Dawson, former CEO of Navy Federal Credit Union, and United States Coast Guard Admiral Sandy Stosz, former Superintendent of the US Coast Guard Academy. Their conversation will focus on ethics, leadership, and crisis management. This Zoom webcast runs from 5 to 6 p.m. CST on Wednesday, March 10 and can be joined with the following link: go.niu.edu/BeliefWeekKeynote.

"We are grateful that this esteemed panel is joining us to share ethical lessons based on their decades of service to our country," says Balaji Rajagopalan, Dean, NIU College of Business. "We know their insights will be incredibly valuable to our students and we sincerely appreciate their supporting our educational mission in this way."

Since its founding in the early 2000s, BELIEF Week has served as the main event, among a series throughout the year, by which the college celebrates

and promotes ethical decision making in industry and in the curriculum. This year's keynote conversation brings three remarkable individuals together with wide-ranging experience across several areas—military, community service, political to professional.

"Keynote presenter Kenneth Quinn embodies what it means to be a Huskie. He dives in, rising from modest beginnings to ultimately reach the pinnacle of success in his field," says Neil Doughty, Director of the BELIEF program. "We are grateful to Mr. Quinn for joining us to share his extensive expertise and for bringing in Admirals Dawson and Stosz for what is certain to be an amazing keynote conversation."

As an alumnus, Quinn was the last in a long line of successful siblings to attend NIU. The Quinn family relationship with the university produced one journalist, two special education teachers, two tech industry executives and an internationally recognized aviation attorney.

BELIEF is the ethics education program at the NIU College of Business. Its goals are to help students identify when they might be in an ethically compromised situation and give them a decision-making framework to help them determine how to address that situation professionally and ethically. BELIEF promotes ethics education throughout the College of Business course curricula.

Along with this keynote panel conversation, BELIEF Week also provides an earlier, separate panel discussion with experts in the finance field. Their Zoom webcast on Ethics in Investing runs from 5 to 6 p.m. CST on Tuesday, March 9 and can be joined at this link: go.niu.edu/BeliefWeekPanel.



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LARA SIGNS WITH KISH

Hub senior Kyler Lara will play baseball at Kishwaukee College next year.

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RTHS Dance

Chellettes returning to state

Rochelle dance team qualifies in fifth during virtual sectional

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Rather than taking the floor and performing for a large audience inside a crowded gymnasium or auditorium, the Rochelle Chellettes found themselves dancing for a video camera in an empty gym with zero fans only themselves and their coaches.

The change was one of many adjustments the Chellettes needed to make during the 2020-21 competitive dance season as they prepared for the IHSA 1A Sycamore Sectional, which was conducted entirely through a virtual format this past weekend. While the circumstances were quite different, Rochelle still managed to perform at a high level, scoring 75.17 points and finishing fifth in the sectional competition to qualify for the IHSA State Championships.

“We weren’t really sure if we would make it because we had some very good teams in our sectional,” senior Jessica Vagle said. “We had a lot of energy during our sectional performance and I thought our presentation was really good. We’ve

worked on our technique a lot and we focused on cleaning up some of our smaller mistakes for the state performance.”

It’s the third consecutive season the Chellettes have reached the state meet. Like the sectional finals, the state finals will also be held virtually, with all routines airing live on Saturday, March 6. Qualifying teams were required to submit their routines by Tuesday, March 2 and adhere to specific guidelines including face coverings and 6 feet of distance between dancers at all times. Contact skills including lifts, stunts and partner stunts were not allowed this season.

“We were really relieved and excited,” senior Makaila Crump said. “It’s been a very tough season because it’s been so short. The virtual format has been both a positive and a negative for us because we don’t have as much adrenaline as we would when performing in front of an audience, but we can record our routine multiple times and submit our best recording. We can’t do as much as we did last season, but we’re all trying to do the best we can.”

Unlike the traditional



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle dance team finished fifth in the virtual IHSA 1A Sycamore Sectional this past weekend to earn a spot in the IHSA State Championships. Rochelle took second in the Interstate 8 Conference Championship meet earlier this season. The team includes Jasmine Sarabia, Macy Ramos, Jessica Vagle, Makaila Crump, Kayden Kannheiser, Miranda Dubek, Taylor Ponto, Kayla Keilman, Alexis Huerta and Kayla Ortega.

school year, where the Chellettes have the summer, fall and most of the winter months to prepare for the post season, the dance team was primarily limited to only January and February due to COVID-19 restrictions on athletic activities. The lyrical jazz style fueled Rochelle’s success last season, when the Chellettes placed sixth in the state fi-

nals, and the girls performed a similar style this season, dancing to “Control” by pop artist Zoe Wees.

“It’s been so different, but we had a lot of fun and it was emotional because it was one of our last times performing together,” senior Kayla Keilman said. “Our routine last season was much more difficult, but I thought our routine this

year was a good fit for what our skills are. The virtual format hurt us a little bit because we couldn’t touch each other or do any of our duet movements, but even though it was a very different experience, it was a fun experience overall. We focused a lot on our turns, which are something my teammates and I love to do.”

Rochelle’s state finals

routine will air at 1:32 p.m. on Saturday, with 1A and 2A awards coming between 2:08 and 2:42 p.m. The virtual state finals can be seen at www.nfhsnetwork.com. Prior to finishing fifth in the Sycamore sectional meet, Rochelle competed in the Interstate 8 Conference virtual meet earlier this season, finishing second overall with 79.9 points.

RTHS Varsity Girls Basketball

Aggressive LaSalle-Peru squad defeats Rochelle

Lady Hubs drop Friday road contest against Sycamore

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — LaSalle-Peru point guard Brooklyn Ficek converted three triples during the third quarter of the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball game against the Cavaliers on Monday. Ficek was one of three LaSalle-Peru players to reach double figures, leading the Cavaliers with 16 points in their 54-40 win over the Lady Hubs. Rochelle fell to 2-6 overall with the loss. The Lady Hubs will continue conference play at Kaneland on the road Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

The Lady Hubs held LaSalle-Peru’s athletic guards at bay in the opening quarter, rallying behind senior forward Alexis Sanford, who patrolled the paint offensively with five points on a pair of low-post baskets and a free throw. Cavalier senior Lauren Klein found her rhythm in the second quarter, breaking a 12-12 tie with a 3-pointer and scoring eight of her 15 points in the period.

“Alexis comes into practice with a positive attitude every day and she’s

always ready to work,” head coach Tony Rowan said. “She’s only gotten better over the past few years with us.”

Leading 25-19 at half-time, LaSalle-Peru broke the game open in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Hubs 21-12 behind Ficek’s aggressive 3-point barrage. Senior guard Sofia Lenkaitis did her best to keep Rochelle within striking distance, knocking down two corner triples and adding a pair of baseline mid-range shots for 10 of her team-high 16 points in the Interstate 8 battle.

“They were being the aggressors tonight,” Rowan said. “They looked to create turnovers and I felt we were a bit more relaxed. We needed to do a better job of coming out and being ready to attack. I thought Sofia did a great job of moving without the basketball and that’s a key for her. She’s our point guard and she’s a leader in that way, but if she can get some misdirection and relocate before releasing her shot, she’ll find her spots like she did for us tonight.”

Cavalier guard Lauren Phillips scored all eight of the fourth-quarter points for LaSalle-Peru,

sinking two 3-pointers to preserve the Cavalier lead. Junior Adriannah Davis-Carter finished with one of her best offensive performances of the season for Rochelle, scoring eight points including four in the fourth quarter on a free-throw line jumper and a pair of free throws. The Lady Hubs were without junior starter Zoey Tabor, who was sidelined due to a hand injury.

Sycamore

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team faced Sycamore for an Interstate 8 Conference rematch Friday evening. The Spartans controlled their first contest against Rochelle and the second matchup resulted in a similar outcome, with Sycamore defeating the Lady Hubs 56-30. Senior Afi Gati and junior Jordin Dickey each scored six points for the Lady Hubs, who were without junior starter Josie Lundquist once again due to a foot injury.

“I thought we took a step forward in that game,” head coach Tony Rowan said.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Lucy Bunker battles with LaSalle-Peru’s Jenisis Greening during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball game against the Cavaliers on Monday.



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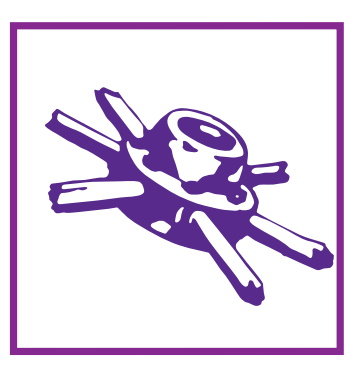
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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Rochelle senior Kyler Lara has signed to continue his academics and his baseball career at Kishwaukee College next year. Lara said he's considering studying business.

Hub senior Lara signs with Kishwaukee College

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE senior Kyler Lara will have one more season with the Hub baseball team, but the right-handed third baseman and pitcher has already made a decision about his future.

Lara recently signed to continue his academics and his baseball career with Kishwaukee College next year. Lara, who said he's considering studying business, will be entering his fourth season with the Rochelle baseball program when the Hubs take the field this spring.

"I really like the coaches and I thought it was a really good opportunity for me to play at the collegiate level," Lara said. "It was a better fit for me so I can stay closer to home. I'm looking forward to the level of talent and experience I will be playing with and against. . . I feel most comfortable playing third base and pitching, but I'm willing to play wherever the team needs me and I'm just very grateful for the

opportunity to play baseball at the next level."

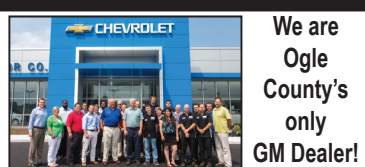
Lara will be one of several seniors looking to step up for the Hubs this spring. Despite losing his junior season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lara spent his first two high school seasons with the sophomore team, playing up as a freshman. Both his bat and his arm will be counted on as the Hubs swing for their third consecutive winning season at the varsity level.

"I've learned a lot throughout my time at RTHS," Lara said. "Coach [Jarrod] Reynolds has helped me a lot with throwing drills and arm care and he's helped me a lot with making this decision. I expect to pitch well this season, but I'd like to increase my stamina and go longer into games. I'd also like to improve more at the plate and in the field."

"I'm happy for Kyler," Reynolds added. "It's always exciting to see one of our players move on and have an opportunity to play at the next level. I'm looking forward to watching Kyler at Kishwaukee College in upcoming seasons."

"I'm willing to play wherever the team needs me and I'm just very grateful for the opportunity to play baseball at the next level."

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GIRLS: JV Lady Hubs fall to LaSalle-Peru, Sycamore

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"It was a tight game in the first quarter and there were a few minute-long stretches where they took advantage of our mistakes. We played well as a team, but they run phenomenal offense and

they have multiple girls who can knock down different kinds of shots. We're getting there."

Sycamore led 32-19 at halftime before dominating the third quarter, outscoring Rochelle 18-4 and putting the game out of reach for the

Lady Hubs. The Spartans limited Rochelle to roughly 20 percent shooting from the field and forced 17 Lady Hub turnovers. Gati grabbed a team-high six rebounds for Rochelle, while senior Alexis Sanford added five rebounds in the loss.

"We handled their pressure while handling the ball and I was very proud of that," Rowan said. "We moved around and relocated for each other on offense. We communicated through our switches on defense and we did our best to make

their jobs as difficult as we could."

JV

The Rochelle Lady Hub JV basketball team faced LaSalle-Peru on Monday, falling 46-38 and moving to 1-6 on the season. Fresh-

man Alivia Henkel led the Lady Hubs with 18 points on nine made field goals, while sophomores Torrin Nantz and Grace Luxton each added five points.

The JV team battled Sycamore on the road this past Friday, losing 38-20.

RTHS Boys Bowling

Holland fires team-high series against Sycamore

Hub senior rolls season-best 657

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Hub senior Keith Holland led all bowlers with an impressive 657 series score when the Rochelle varsity bowling team hosted Sycamore at T-Byrd Lanes on Tuesday.

Holland threw seven strikes in his opening game, finishing with 235 before following with 168 and a season-best 254 in the final game to throw Rochelle's high series in a 3,223-3,070 loss against the Spartans. Jeffery Gasso led Sycamore with a 615 series and 246 high game.

Holland was the only bowler to break 200 in the first game, which Sycamore won 1,058-947. Tommy Reboletti fired 196 for the Spartans, while Riley Wittenberg and Jackson Lang each rolled 186. Sycamore extended its lead in the second game, winning 1,144-925 behind 235 from Wittenberg and 207 from Christian Lanan. Junior Devansh Patel shot 185 for the Hubs.

Rochelle avoided the sweep with a big third game, outscoring the Spartans 1,198-1,021 to score two conference points. Holland's 254 fueled the Hub victory, while

Patel (197), junior Sergio Guevara (194) and sophomore Evin Odle



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Keith Holland led Rochelle with a 657 series during the Hub varsity bowling match on Tuesday.

(190) each stepped up for Rochelle. Seniors Reese Kirk and Hayden Smith added respective scores of 188 and 175 in the fi-

nal game. The Hubs will return with a home match against LaSalle-Peru on Wednesday, March 3 at 4 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
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CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)
OF THE)No.
ESTATE)2021
OF:)P 13
DONALD)
CRAIG)
HOLDER,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of
the death of DONALD
CRAIG HOLDER
who died on MAY 14,
2018, a resident of
LINDENWOOD, Illinois.
The representative
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J. HOLDER, 218 W.

MILNER, DEKALB, IL
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Ullrich, 1590 E. Lincoln
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Deborah L. Ullrich
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No. 0220 (Feb. 17, 24,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
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Rochelle Municipal
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Adam Lanning
Date: February 24,
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No. 0232 (Feb. 24, 28,
Mar. 3, 7, 10, 14)

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Dated: February 25,
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Laura J. Cook, Ogle
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No. 0305 (Mar. 3, 10,
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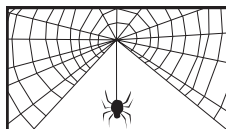
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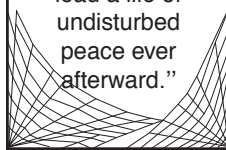
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ON THE FARM



Maplehurst Farms welcomes Day as new general manager

SCOTT Day grew up on a cow-calf and hard red winter wheat operation in Oklahoma. He attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University where he studied agriculture.

He has been in the agriculture industry for 40 years. He started his career in the boot pit and kept moving upward. Day held positions in several sectors of the agriculture industry including feed, grain and agronomy. In most of these sectors he has held several management positions including upper management. For the last 13 years, he has resided in Texas. Day continues to serve on the Country Elevator Committee of the National Grain and Feed Association.

"Don't be bound by geography," Day said.

At first when Day was approached with the general manager position, he did have reservations about moving to Illinois, but after researching and visiting the area he gained interest in Maplehurst Farms.

With Maplehurst's strong community bonds, strong foundation and with the support of his wife, Day took the leap to Illinois and accepted the position as Maplehurst Farm's new general manager.

Joining him is his wife, Amanda. Amanda also had a career in the agriculture industry holding both administrative and operation positions. The couple met at an agriculture business

event in Texas. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Day's goal is to fulfill the board's needs for Maplehurst. His plans to meet those goals are through strengthening structure and building communication which works hand-in-hand. He wants Maplehurst Farms to be as successful as they have in the past, continue to grow and most importantly, strive to be customer's first choice.

Day officially joined the Maplehurst team in early December and began his position by visiting locations and meeting employees.

Maplehurst Farms is happy to welcome Scott Day and his many years of agricultural industry experience to the team.

Always one to lend a hand

BY BRAD JENNINGS
EDITOR, OGLE COUNTY LIFE

OREGON—To say that farming and agriculture in Ogle County mattered to Harlan Holm is a severe understatement.

Holm, a life-long Oregon resident, farmed the area for much of his life and also served as Ogle County Fair Board Chairman for a decade. Holm died on Aug. 25, 2020 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

"Harlan was as rock solid an individual as one could ever meet," said Ron Kern, manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau. "Always there to lend a hand and never shied away from hard work, always giving his best effort."

Holm was born on May 17, 1955 in Chicago, the son of John F. and Mariel (Gieselmann) Holm.

He married to Patricia Bott March 3, 1984 in Clinton, Iowa. He graduated from Oregon High School in 1973 and then from Kishwaukee College in May 1975 with a degree in Agriculture Mechanics. He farmed with his parents and worked at Polo Motors for six years before returning to the family farm full time in 1979.

"Harlan's love of the land and dedication to conservation has contributed to his farming success," said Longtime friend Stan Eden, who also worked with Holm volunteering at the Ogle County Fair. "His will-

ingness to adapt new technology has helped make his grain farming operation go well over the years. His dedication to the care of the beef herd has been very important to him and his family."

Holm was a very familiar face at the fair and gave countless hours of his time to make sure the fair was a success every year.

"Harlan cared a lot about youth, 4-H kids and family," Eden said. "He would never say no to anything that might benefit youth, the community, or the 4-Hers at the County Fair. Harlan always had a great smile no matter what the task and he was an inspiring and great leader of the Ogle County Fair activities for many years."

Kern agreed. "Under his leadership and guidance, the Ogle County Fair prospered and managed to get on solid ground through tough times," he said. "He was a tireless volunteer and promoter of the fair. His love for the kids and their efforts was remarkable."

"He was a good friend and will be missed."

Being a good friend was something that seemed to be common with Holm. People said he was a hardworker and always there to lend a hand.

"It was always great to have Harlan as a friend who was kind, generous, hardworking and loved his family," Eden said.

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BLOOMINGTON — Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be 15 scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

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