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Liquor license fees waived

City council provides relief for businesses impacted by COVID-19

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle City Council members voted to waive all liquor license renewal fees for the 2021 calendar year during their monthly meeting at Rochelle City Hall on Monday.

While all current liquor licenses must be renewed by Dec. 31, 2020, council members voted to waive fees to provide financial relief for businesses who have lost revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Rochelle will lose about \$40,000 in revenues for the 2021 fiscal year.

"This is something I think we should be very proud of as a community," Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows said. "There have been other communities that have done this, but only waived one-third or one-half of liquor license fees. We're waiving 100 percent of those fees."

"I'd like to compliment city management and staff for finding more ways to keep small businesses alive," councilman Tom McDermott followed.

"This COVID-19 pandemic has been a nightmare in my book, but the city has come up with many things I wouldn't have thought of. As a council member, I truly appreciate the efforts city management and staff have put in."

Licenses

Council members voted to approve a Class S liquor license for Kwik Trip, which has been purchasing convenience stores from Rockford Stop N Go including the store located at 1000 S. 7th St. in Rochelle. Stop N Go will surrender its Class S license upon completion of the sales transaction, which has been scheduled to be finalized the week of Dec. 7, 2020.

Council members also voted to delete a Class U liquor license for The Artists' Garden and create a Class R-3 liquor license for Acres Bistro (407 Lincoln Highway in Rochelle). The Class R-3 license allows for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages by restaurants, with a bar, for consumption on the premises. There are now eight



The City of Rochelle recognized Bea Chaplin as the Remarkable Resident and Sgt. Chet Smith with the Good News Award during Monday's Rochelle City Council meeting. Above are Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh (far right) with Sgt. Smith (center) and Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby. At right, Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows presents Chaplin with her framed certificate.

(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)



Class R-3 liquor licenses in Rochelle.

Council members approved a resolution authorizing negotiations for a

two-year project with Tyler Technologies, Data Transfer Solutions and Baecore Group for enterprise software and consulting. The

project cost is not to exceed \$881,567 with subsequent annual costs of \$94,548.

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COVID-19 case confirmed at Central School

Fourth-graders going remote

ROCHELLE — Students in the fourth-grade classrooms at Central School have transitioned to remote learning after Rochelle School District 231 became aware of a symptomatic COVID-19 positive individual in the fourth-grade in-person classrooms at Central School. The district released a joint statement alongside the Ogle County Health Department on Monday, Nov. 9.

"Out of an abundance of caution, all students in both first-grade classrooms will be moved to remote learning for a required 14-day quarantine," the statement wrote. "Quarantined students will return on Thursday, Nov. 19. The school district has communicated this situation to parents involved. Additionally, the Ogle County Health Department



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ment will be calling the households of close contacts. All areas of the building and/or classrooms potentially impacted are being cleaned and disinfected in accordance with recommendations from the CDC and IDPH. For all other students attending Central School and other Rochelle schools, there is no indication of a larger spread of COVID-19. The district continues to work with the Ogle County Health Department to determine the best course of action for all students."

Ogle County sees record voter turnout

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The 2020 General Election saw over 145 million registered voters cast ballots for federal, state and local races across the United States. In Ogle County, voters participated in record numbers this fall, with 82.65 percent of registered voters taking part.

Nearly 32,000 votes in Ogle County cast ballots in the 2020 election, with roughly 5,500 voters registered in Flagg (Rochelle) precincts participating this year. Rochelle's feeder communities also heavily exercised their voting rights this fall, with 87 percent of registered Dement (Creston) precinct voters and 84 percent of White Rock (Kings) precinct voters casting ballots.

Ogle County Clerk and Recorder Laura J. Cook said she was excited to see the high voter turnout in the county. Cook said that several factors, including early voting, mail-in voting and the secure ballot drop-off box at the Ogle County Courthouse, led to a higher turnout this fall.

"The Nov. 3, 2020 General Election turnout was astounding in Ogle County. I was very glad to see the turnout was high with people participating in voting with the various options they had to choose from. It showed us that the people want to have their voices heard from during this 'new normal' due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Cook said. "We saw many first-time vot-

ers during early voting at the courthouse and in Rochelle. I believe the turnout was high due to how easy it was to vote early or obtain a vote-by-mail ballot. The ballot drop-off box at the courthouse worked out well for the voters who chose to deposit their ballots in a secure location. I hope voters will continue to participate in elections as much as they did in November."

President Donald Trump received the majority of the support from Ogle County voters, with over 61 percent casting ballots for the Republican Party nominee while about 35 percent selected Democratic Party candidate Joe Biden.

Ogle County voters also showed overwhelming disapproval of the constitutional amendment proposal, also known as the Fair Tax amendment. Over 18,000 Ogle County voters (nearly 71 percent) sided against the proposed amendment. Illinois voters chose not to adopt the constitutional amendment, with 54.5 percent (2,846,380) voting against and 45.5 percent (2,372,219) voting for the proposal after 99 percent of precincts reported.

Nationally, Biden holds a 290-214 electoral vote lead over Trump in the presidential election according to AP, with Biden carrying 50.8 percent of the vote and Trump maintaining 47.5 percent. Final results won't be expected for a while, as Trump has challenged results in several battleground states.

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LOCAL NEWS

Discovery process ongoing in fatal fire case

BY BRAD JENNINGS
OGLE COUNTY LIFE EDITOR

OREGON — The attorney representing the Byron man accused of killing his wife and son in 2016 said the process of going

through the discovery proves was “ongoing” at a court hearing on Nov. 2.

Christopher Derango said that the defense has received 800 new pages of discovery in the case of Duane Meyer. Meyer again

appeared on a video screen in the courtroom from the Ogle County Jail.

Derango said there are still some items outstanding, but State’s Attorney Eric Morrow told Judge John Roe that he believes

all of the materials have been provided. He said the problem could be in the way some items are labeled.

Meyer is accused of setting the Oct. 19, 2016 fire in Byron that killed

his ex-wife Maggie Meyer and 3-year-old son, Amos Meyer.

He was charged on Oct. 9, 2019 with four counts of first-degree homicide, two counts of aggravated arson and one count of conceal-

ment of a homicidal death. He is currently being held in the Ogle County Jail on a \$10 million bond.

Judge John Roe set the next pre-trial status hearing for 10 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Ogle County Courthouse.

Local distillery, bakery receive state recognition

ROCHELLE — The Illinois Office of Tourism has announced 31 new small businesses, or ‘makers,’ have been recognized by the Illinois Made program — one from Rochelle and one from Oregon making the list.

Illinois Made inspires locals and visitors to discover hidden gems offering unique products, stories and experiences all around the state. From locally sourced honey producers, to a tattoo art gallery, candlemakers, and jewelry creators - each of the small businesses recognized provide one-of-a-kind experiences across Illinois.

“I’m very proud that both the Village Bakery in Oregon and Kennay Farms Distilling in Rochelle have been honored with the Illinois Made designation,” said Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Diane Bausman. “This is a big honor and recognizes the hard work, dedication and versatility both businesses have shown during these

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Launched in 2016, Illinois Made spotlights the people, products and experiences authentic to Illinois and inspires residents and visitors to explore these iconic destinations when traveling the state, or in their own backyard. The program, which currently features more than 175 makers, helps drive foot traffic into local businesses around the state.

The Illinois Office of Tourism promotes Illinois Made makers through inclusion in trip itineraries, events, seasonal campaigns and the annual Illinois Made Holiday Gift Guide—encouraging consumers to support small businesses throughout the holiday shopping season—to be announced later this month.

“Our small businesses are the backbone of Illinois’ economy, which is why it’s now more important than ever that we celebrate their role given the challenges faced during COVID-19,” said Erin B. Guthrie, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), which includes the Illinois Office of Tourism. “On behalf of the Pritzker administration, I am thrilled to welcome the newest makers into the Illinois Made program, and to recognize them for their vital contributions in communities across the state.”

Kennay Farms Distilling is located in downtown Rochelle at 416 Lincoln Highway. The Village Bakery is located at 101 N. 3rd St. in Oregon.



Jonathan Hansen and Jessica Nguyen

Hansen, Nguyen representing RTHS at music educator festival

ROCHELLE — The coronavirus has posed challenges for performing arts programs across the state: marching band rehearsals under the parking lot lights with sheet music clothes-pinned to music stands, virtual voice lessons for choir students, and creative rehearsal strategies for daily band and choir. Plus, all schools have postponed in-person performances, festivals and competitions for the year. In spite of these challenges, some Rochelle Township High School music students still seek to maximize their musical involvement.

The Illinois Music Educator Association has offered virtual masterclasses for all district qualifiers in lieu of in-person concerts for the 2020-21 school year. These masterclasses offer amazing musical value and mitigate Coronavirus concerns according to RTHS band director Shaun Schaefer and choral director Andrew Evangelista.

Representing RTHS are Jonathan Hansen and Jessica Nguyen. Hansen qualified for District 8 Choir (Tenor II) as a sophomore last year and a junior this year. Nguyen, a freshman, qualified for District 8 Band (Bb Clarinet).

Both spent several months preparing difficult music excerpts and have undoubtedly improved as musicians along the way.

Evangelista explained that both students recorded their auditions at home. Home recordings have become a major source of growth this year for the vocal program.

“We focus on a single performance concept every week,” Evangelista said. “Students practice that concept throughout the week and submit video recordings of their final products on that Thursday. I choose four of those submissions randomly, study them, and present them to the choral program. I describe three aspects in which each student excelled. Then, I describe one area in which each student can improve - and how.”

All choral students study Evangelista’s presentation and choose which of the areas of improvement to incorporate into their videos for the next week.

Evangelista said students must first overcome the nerves of solo performance.

“You could tell they were very, very nervous about recording themselves singing alone. They usually sing with their friends in choir,” he said. “Those that get past the nerves now spot

their own ways to improve and even ask if they can remake their videos. The recordings, presentations, and concepts we cover help students learn about their gifts and continue their music education.”

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Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows issues a series of proclamations during the Rochelle City Council meeting Monday evening. Bearrows proclaimed Nov. 11 as Veterans Day, Nov. 12-18 as Community Foundation Week and November 2020 as American Indian Heritage Month in the City of Rochelle. Bearrows is pictured at left presenting the Veterans Day proclamation to John Gruben and above presenting the American Indian Heritage Month proclamation to Rochelle Chapter DAR members Lydia Roberts and Mary Lou Kador.

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows is pictured at right with City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh (right) who accepted the Community Foundation Week proclamation during Monday's Rochelle City Council meeting.



COUNCIL: Members approve 2020 tax levy

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Council members also approved a contract operator services agreement between the City of Rochelle and Burlington Junction Railway. The current contract will expire on Dec. 31, 2020. Council members approved a bid from Dis-Tran amounting \$578,749, with a 10 per-

cent contingency, for the equipment purchase of breakers, switches, steel, CCVT and insulation as part of the Prologis Park Substation project. Council members also approved the preliminary and final plat for a subdivision at 1320 N. Illinois Route 251. The property will be made into two lots instead of one. One lot will be used for indoor storage and Tire

Tracks is currently located on the other lot.

Levy

Council members also approved the 2020 property tax levy, which will result in the city collecting \$2,737,794 in property taxes, a 4.95 percent increase from last year. The levy will fund both police and fire pension funds.

Creating a legacy and leading with inspiration

NIU College of Business hosting a conversation with Congresswoman Robin Kelly

DEKALB—A famous woman once said, if your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader. Join the next NIU College of Business Wednesday Night Wisdom online speaker event featuring Congresswoman Robin Kelly, who serves the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois. All are welcome to register for free (go.niu.edu/wnw). The event is Nov. 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The guest speaker is an NIU alumna and an inspiration in many ways.

Robin Kelly, Political Science, Ph.D. '04, Congresswoman Robin Kelly has dedicated her career to public service as an advocate for Illinois families. Since being elected to serve the 2nd Congressional District in 2013, she has worked to expand economic opportunity, community wellness and public safety across the state, championing numerous initiatives to generate job growth, reduce health disparities, and end gun violence.

She is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee (the main policy-writing body of the House) and serves on the Health, Energy, and Consumer Protection and Commerce subcom-

mittees. Her Energy and Commerce work is focused on expanding access to healthcare, consumer protection for American families and economic development.

Learn Kelly's guidelines for leading through thoughtful listening and inspiring others.

The Northern Illinois University College of Business in June launched an online speaker series, Wednesday Night Wisdom, to keep students, alumni and friends learning and connected in this unprecedented time.

When the rapid spread of the coronavirus sent NIU students home in the middle of the spring semester, the College of Business quickly pivoted to remote teaching and learning strategies for in-class learning, and virtual activities for supplemental, out-of-class learning through the Business Passport Program.

"We were very pleased at our business students' willingness to engage virtually in the spring," said Amy Buhrow, senior director of strategy, student success and accreditation. "Connectivity is the core of the college experience. We launched the Wednesday Night Wisdom series to keep our students, alumni and friends connected to one another and to learning, wherever they may be."

Each year, the College of Business hosts nearly 500

alumni and business professional visits. With limits on face-to-face interactions, the Wednesday Night Wisdom online speaker series taps our valued alumni and friends virtually to share knowledge in a safe, interactive way.

"The NIU College of Business has an expansive and highly informed base of alumni and faculty — any one of whom could be described as an expert in any number of fields," said Cassandra Young, College of Business director of alumni relations. "Time and time again, they have proven the value of their knowledge as consultants through publications, to students and to other alumni. We are proud and delighted to feature their expertise and perspectives in the Wednesday Night Wisdom series."

"We launched the series slowly in June and have completed a few events each month," said Rachel Schmit, senior event coordinator for NIU's College of Business. "The live event is recorded and then edited for a downloadable future podcast."

College of Business Dean Balaji Rajagopalan said he's grateful to alumni for sharing their knowledge on topics, such as tapping into networks during this challenging time, managing finances through retirement and leadership through a crisis.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Virginia Lawson

CHANA — Virginia Lee Lawson, 86, of Chana, passed away on Nov. 7, 2020 at Pinecrest Manor. Virginia was born on Nov. 15, 1933 to Albert and Bertha (Green) Lawson.



Virginia retired from Unimin in 1998. In her retirement, she enjoyed working in her yard and it was always picture perfect. She also enjoyed babysitting her great-great nephews, Kurtis Schultheis, Jimmy and Ben Bramel.

Virginia is preceded

in death by her parents and her siblings, George, Mary, Edward, Freida and Eula.

Virginia is survived by many nieces and nephews, including her niece, Mary (Dan) Schultheis, she raised as her daughter.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 704 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Homes. Visit www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com.

Larry Bennett

CHANA — Larry Paul Bennett, 75, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford.

He was born July 8, 1945 in Rochelle, the son of Paul and Mildred (Shrock) Bennett. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1963.

Larry served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam from 1965 to 1967. He was a proud veteran.

He married Joyce Saam on Feb. 24, 1968 in Byron.

Larry was a hard worker and was a lineman for NG Gilbert, and drove truck for Briggs Transportation, Lyle Hayes Trucking, and the last 25 years for Maplehurst Farms.

Larry was a member of the Elim

Reformed Church where he served as a past deacon. He was also a former member of the Byron American Legion prior to their closure.

He was an avid Case Tractor restorer and collector. He was a member of the J. I. Collectors Club and often would write for the Case Old Abe's News. He loved to go to auctions. He was an avid Cubs, Bears and country music fan, card player, and loved to bowl.

Larry made the White Rock Taxy Wagon that was often seen in local parades. He donated it to the Oregon VFW Post 8739.

He was predeceased by his parents; an infant son, Ricky Bennett; two brothers, John and Steven Bennett; and his parents-in-law, Delbert and Lola Saam.

He is survived by his loving wife,

Joyce, of Chana; his three daughters whom he cherished, Susan "Sue" (James) Calveard of Venus, Texas, Patricia "Patty" (Dr. Jason) Crane of Palatine, and Sandra "Sandy" (Ryan) Wild of Westfield, Indiana; four grandchildren, Olivia and Anton Crane and Grace and Bailey Wild; brother, Lyle (Corinne) Bennett of Caledonia; two sisters, Jean (Henry) Johnson of Mascoutah, and Cindy Bennett of Elmwood Park, and sister-in-law, Sara Bennett of Rockford.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a private graveside service will be held at the Byron Cemetery with the Rev. Cary Winn pastor of the Elim Reformed Church at Kings officiating.

A memorial may be made to the organization of the donor's choice in memory of Larry P. Bennett.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Bessie Caroline May (Danielson) Morrison, 96, died Nov. 6, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

On May 24, 1924 Bessie was born in the bedroom of the family farm, the last of 14 children born into her family. She was christened at home with the county game warden serving as the witness. She attended District 66 school for lower grades and high school in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, from which she graduated in 1942.

Bess took a train to California to join her fiancé, Clifford Morrison, and she worked in a Boeing aircraft plant installing wiring in the rear "stinger" of B-17 bombers, because she was small enough to get into the places necessary. One of those jobs was wiring up the "heated

suit" necessary for the rear tail gunner.

She and Clifford were married in October 1942 and moved back to Minnesota when he was drafted. They lived briefly in an apartment in Denver, Colorado, while Clifford was stationed at Lowry Air



base. She returned to Minnesota when Clifford continued his military training at Officer Candidate School in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1944 Brad was born back in Fergus Falls in the old Wright Memorial Hospital, the same hospital Clifford had been born in 25 years earlier.

In the summer of 1948 she, Brad and Clifford moved to Rochelle so that Clifford could do vacation fill-in duty at the Standard Oil Bulk Plant terminal. While there they

lived at the Charnock Trailer Park on the north edge of town (now occupied by a Shell Service Station). At the end of summer, they returned to their house in Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

The next year they returned to Rochelle, this time "forever."

Philip Morrison was born in September 1949. A short time later in the summer of 1950 they moved into the house on Ninth Street where they would live for 28 years before moving to the house on Knoll Drive in 1978.

For most of her life Bess was a wife and mother staying at home to care for her family. When Philip was in second grade (1956) she became a secretary at Tilton Grade School. She worked there about five years, then she moved over to the new junior high school on the east side of town. She was there until shortly after Clifford retired from Standard Oil.

Cliff died in 1993,

and Bess stayed in the Knoll Drive house until the summer of 2005. In 2011 she became the first person to move into a two-bedroom unit at San Gabriel Assisted Living. Five years later she moved to Magnolia Springs Senior Living in Carmel, Indiana, about 10 minutes from Phil and his family.

Bessie is survived by her sons, Bradford (Brenda) of Castle Rock, Colorado, and Philip (Nancy) of Noblesville, Indiana; grandson Brock Morrison; granddaughters, Melinda Fitzgerald, Ashley Carollo and Devon Smiddy; 11 great-grandchildren; and hundreds of friends in Illinois and Minnesota.

Due to COVID restrictions, there will be a private family burial service at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle on Nov. 11. A Celebration of Life service will be scheduled for a later date.

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LOCAL NEWS

VOTE: County turnout exceeds 82 percent

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Democrats are expected to maintain control over the U.S. House of Representatives, while the fight for the U.S. Senate will likely be decided in Georgia, where two seats are expected to be chosen through run-off elections in January. Republicans, who currently control the U.S. Senate, are projected to win 50 seats in the 2020 election, while Democrats are projected for 48 seats. A 50-50 split in the U.S. Senate would mean the vice president casts any tiebreaking votes.

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows shared his thoughts about the results and what it might mean for citizens.

"The results didn't surprise me a whole bunch, but the decision has been made and we'll need to adjust accordingly," Bearrows said. "I'm of the belief that there are always two sides we can

address, with one being the income side and the other being the expense side. It seems that a lot of what has been done in government throughout the years has been through creating new revenue streams. But we have to remember as good stewards of the funds we're responsible for that there's an expense side and we have to pay attention and make sure we do what we can to curb those expenses and stay responsible with the public's money."

Longtime city councilman Bil Hayes was pleased with the number of voters who turned out to participate.

"Democracy is such an important thing and our right to vote is extremely important and something I think everybody should exercise," Hayes added. "I was very impressed with the turnout from the country and all of the counties in the United States."

Dixon man arrested on county warrant

On Nov. 5, Darrius Garcia, 41, of Dixon, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for driving under the influence of an intoxicating compound. Garcia was unable to post the \$5,000/10 percent bond and was scheduled to appear in court Nov. 9.

On Nov. 6, Gerad Rogde, 32, of Oregon, was arrested for a driving while license suspended warrant. Rogde has a bond of \$3,000/10 percent and was scheduled to appear in court Nov. 6.

On Nov. 7 at approximately 3 p.m., Ogle County deputies along with Oregon Fire/EMS responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Pines Road and Angus Road. After conducting an investigation it was learned John Hawkins, 76, of Oregon, was on his motorcycle when a Subaru traveling in front of

him slowed down to avoid an animal in the roadway. Hawkins didn't see the vehicle slowing until after the crest of the hill rear ending the Subaru causing him to be thrown from the motorcycle. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. Hawkins was transported to Javon Bae Hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

On Nov. 10 at approximately 6:54 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to a single vehicle rollover accident just east of Interstate 39 at Illinois Route 64 with no injuries. After investigation, Gemma Alvarez-Cervantes, 20, of Rockford, was issued a citation for no driver's license—never issued. Alvarez-Cervantes was released on an I-bond to appear in court.

Obituaries

Curtis Clegg

SYCAMORE—Curtis William Clegg, 54, of Sycamore, passed away Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at home with his wife and children.

He was born March 17, 1966, in Rockford, the son of Carol Jean (Clarke) Clegg and Charles Lee Clegg. Curtis was a 1984

graduate of Rochelle High School. He studied briefly at Kishwaukee College before accepting an internship on The Hill in Washington, D.C. Curtis served on staff of Congressman Tom Campbell from 1989-93; Senator Jon Kyle from 1993-95; Congressman Tom Campbell from 1995-2001; Senate Foreign Relations Committee, starting in 2001 in Washington, D.C., before returning to Illinois after

the Sept. 11 attack on our country.

Curtis pursued his life-long passion of photography when he returned to Illinois. His photos were often seen in local newspapers and in the sports section.

Not only did he enjoy photographing sporting events, he loved taking pictures of competitive shooting and still photography on movie sets. Curtis has several films to his credit. He was rarely without a camera.

Curtis married his wife Sally Stanbery Oct. 11, 2008, at Hopkins Park, DeKalb. He became an instant father to Liam and Aaron. He raised the two boys with kindness, love and integrity. He will be truly missed.



Survivors include his wife, Sally Clegg; two sons, Liam and Aaron Stone; brother, Cary and his wife Tynisha; niece, Makayla Clegg; nephews, Chad Martin and Chase Clegg. Curtis is also survived by his uncle and aunt, Bill and Sandy Clarke, along with their children, Jennifer, Bill and Shawn. Other survivors include his wife's parents, Robert and Dorothy Stanbery; brother-in-law, Steve (Kathleen) and children, Mathew and Jessica; brother-in-law, Dannie (Tancy) Stanbery and children, Scott, Dannie and Ashley; and sister-in-law, Sherry (Wayne) Branson and children, Brian (Rachel), Andy and Mike.

Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, Carol Jean Clegg and Charles Lee Clegg; along

with his maternal grandparents, Margaret and Leslie Clarke; and paternal grandparents, LaVern, Virginia and Dorothy.

Walk-through visitation will be 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at Quiram Sycamore Chapel, 1245 Somonauk St., followed by a Graveside Service at 3:30 p.m. at Greenview Cemetery, Esmond, with Pastor Dave Rogula of Esmond United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials can be made to the family for a fund to be established at a later date.

Please visit www.olsonfh.com for COVID-19 limitations or to express a condolence.

Arrangements by Olson Funeral & Cremation Services, Quiram Sycamore Chapel, Sycamore, 815-895-6589.

Raymond Rose

ROCHELLE—Raymond Lewis Rose passed away peacefully on Nov. 7, 2020. He was born on Dec. 14, 1945 in Belvidere, the son of Claude and Catherine (Hemmens) Rose.



He attended Belvidere High School and proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He moved to Rochelle where he met his future wife, Janice Calhoun-Brown. They were married on Oct. 25, 1968. Ray retired from Owens Corning after 30 years of dedicated employment. He was very active in his local VFW Post 3878 and served and volunteered with a smile. Ray was also a professional sawdust maker and spent many hours with his good buddy Dave Lutgens working on their many creations.

He is loved and missed

by his children, Dale Brown of Hephizbah, Georgia, Kristina (John)

Oleson, of Lindenwood, Timothy (Sandy) Brown, of Rockford, Teresa (Larry) Baker, of Rochelle, and Robert (Chris) Rose, of Rochelle. Ray had 10 grandchildren, Jeremy, Raymond and Courtney Brown, Derek Oleson, Angel Weyhrauch, Adam Baker, Rose Whitley, Krystal Lang, Miranda and Jacob Rose; and eight great-grandchildren, Ianna, Alexie, Everyeil, Briella, Samantha, Gianna, James and Thea.

He will also be missed by his sisters, Marie Shook, Margaret (Joe) Morris, Harriet Rands (Doug Skilling) as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He will also be greatly missed by his special friend and companion, Karen Court and her

daughter, Becky Court.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice; son, Jeffery Brown; grandson, Nicholas Oleson; great-granddaughter, Rosie Quantanilla; brother, Ralph Rose; sister, Jeanette Rolling-Saunders;

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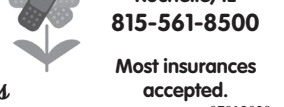
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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

How government works - or doesn't

LAST week, my 15-year-old daughter graduated from civics lessons to reality.

While the lofty words of James Madison and Alexander Hamilton may still echo in her head, with her first visit to an Illinois Secretary of State's driver's service facility she learned how government works — or doesn't.

When I picked Grace up after school, she came armed with her paperwork signed by her driver's education teacher, which clears the way for her to get her learner's permit.

"My teacher says I only have to do a vision test — so this shouldn't take long," she said.

I smirked.

When we arrived at the Springfield facility on Dirksen Parkway at 2:45 p.m., there was a line stretching out the door. I had warned my daughter to bring a book and to expect a wait.

Instead, we were met by a Secretary of State police officer who told us we couldn't stand in line. I asked why and he said it was too close to closing time.

I was flummoxed. We arrived two hours and forty-five minutes before closing.

"Next time, you need to get here earlier," he said as he motioned us away. I responded, "This is really poor customer service." The SOS cop shrugged and said, "It's not my fault."

Hellishly long waits are what Illinoisans have come to expect when it comes time to renew a driver's license.

This isn't the case everywhere. According to the New York Times, 39 state departments of motor vehicles are now open only for folks who have appointments.

But you guessed it, Illinois is one of the 11 states that doesn't take appointments.

Henry Haupt, a spokesman for the Secretary of State, said of-

ficials within his office also are contemplating a switch to reservations only.

Right now, if someone shows up at one of our facilities, they usually can get what they need done the same day. If we switch to a reservation system, people will have to wait to have their needs met."

Haupt assures me my daughter's experience of being turned away hours from closing time is an anomaly.

"For whatever reason, that was an unusually busy day. We don't want to have a situation where someone waits in line for hours and then is turned away," he said. "After all, our employees have to get home to their families too."

The day after being turned away, I picked my daughter up at school again. I called the Klein Street facility in Springfield to see how long their line was. The phone rang more than 20 times and no one answered.

I called Taylorville and asked how long the wait was and an employee responded, "How should I know?" I asked, "Well, is the line going outside?" Her response: "It's always going outside."

I then called Jacksonville and was told, "Come on over, we have only a few people in line."

The already black sky thundered.

"Daddy, it's going to rain," my daughter said with a bit of trepidation.

"That's good, Dear. Nobody wants to wait in the rain and the line will be shorter."

Sure enough, Klein Street's queue had withered down to a few folks anxiously eyeing the sky. And she got her permit within 45 minutes.

Did we feel like valued customers while we waited? Not really. It's a

tough job.

While in college, I spent a summer working at Galesburg's driver's facility. After nearly 40 years in the workforce, I can tell you those three months as a secretary of state clerk were rough.

I got hollered at by customers on a near daily basis. I operated

the camera. And believe me, no one likes their driver's license photo. I can't imagine working there year after year.

Still there is a difference between customer service in government and business. One competes for you. The other exists for you.

For example, this past week, I stopped by Cafe Moxo in Springfield to

get some takeout. An employee asked if I was still planning on coming in on Thursday mornings with some friends. I told him we were.

He said that's good because they are erecting a large tent with heaters in front of the restaurant. He said they are discontinuing their "everything biscuits," which I always have for

breakfast. But he added that they would bake one just for me if my friends and I promised to come.

I left the restaurant thinking, "Why can't government operate more like this?"

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Question:

In honor of Veterans Day, do you know someone or have a family member who has served in the military? If so, in what branch, when did they serve and what is their name and rank?

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Local award-winning nurse, author unearths methods to end suffering from migraines

OREGON — On Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., author and nurse Elizabeth Priller will reveal the book cover and share excerpts from her upcoming book, *The Migraine Method*, and invites you to join her virtually via Zoom for a one-night event.

The North-west Illinois native developed a revolutionary approach to managing migraines. Her book is one of the first of its kind; a marriage of ev-

idence-based Western medical science and Eastern medicine mind-body practices addressing migraines. Priller designed the book to be a step-by-step method to help the reader train the brain to avoid the violent migraine cascade, decrease migraine occurrence, and fine-tune quality of life.

"After 20 years of suffering from 20 to 25 migraine days per month, I pioneered a method that resulted in me experiencing less than three migraines in

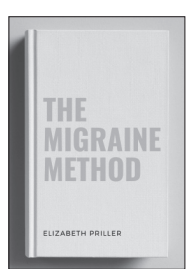
18 months without medication," Priller said. "I can look back now and see that the purpose of my suffering has led to my inquiry for healing; and that inquiry led to the discovery of methods that will transform the migraine experience for others."

The event is limited to the first 100 guests and will feature a live question and answer with the author. Register by Nov. 16 for the free event here: <https://www.elizabethpriller.com/the-migraine-method>. The book will be available in print in early



Priller

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- Nov. 5 - Brett & Rachel Jellen, Los Angeles, Calif., \$25
- Nov. 6 - Dan Daub, Oregon, \$25
- Nov. 7 - Carmen Herrada, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 8 - Alfano's, Rochelle, \$50
- Nov. 9 - Joe Shrader, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 10 - Ralph Dauphin, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 11 - Chelsea Bird, Davis Junction, \$250

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

The Kitchen Table menu

- Nov. 12 (Thursday) – Chicken sandwich or chicken tenders with honey mustard dipping sauce, French fries, potato salad, baked beans
- Nov. 17 (Tuesday) – Thanksgiving Dinner: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce
- Nov. 19 (Thursday) – Thanksgiving Dinner : Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce
- Nov. 24 (Tuesday) – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
- Nov. 26 – (Thursday) – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
- Dec. 6 (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage gravy and biscuits,

sausage links, breakfast burritos

*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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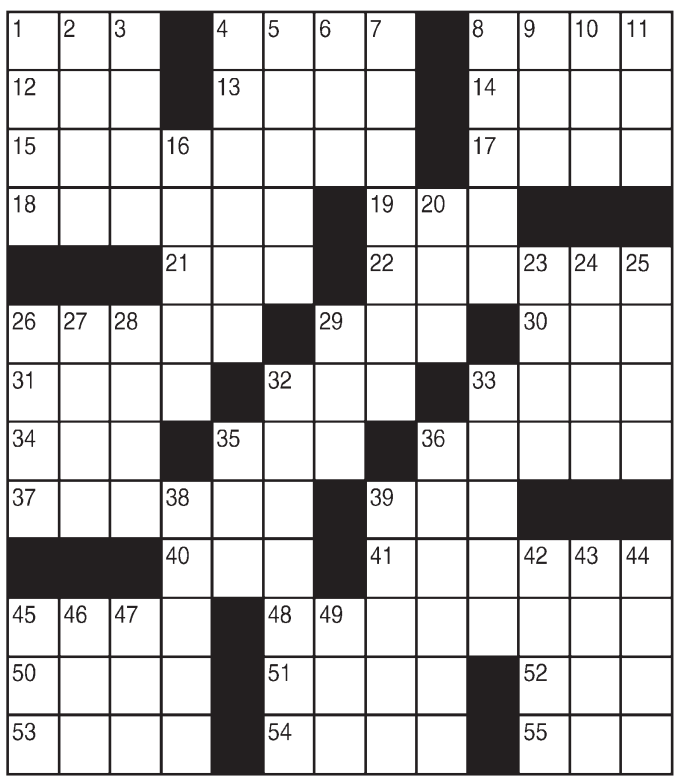


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- 17 Black gem
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- 19 Kanga's kid
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- 22 Cavort
- 26 Wander off
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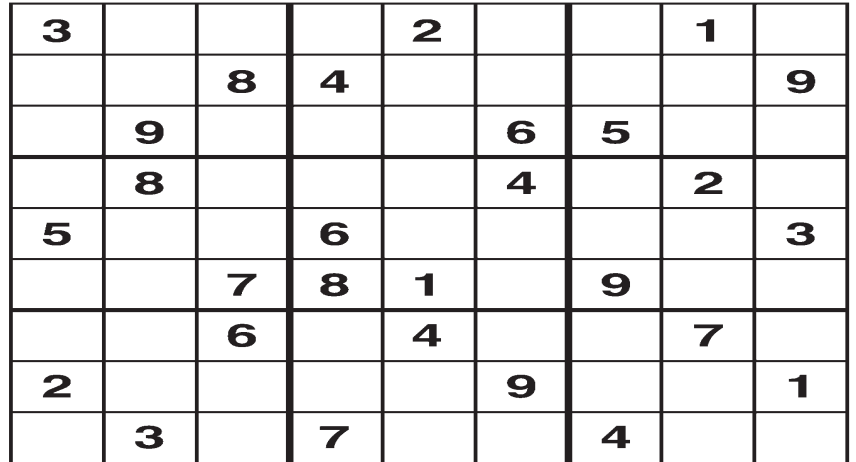
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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.

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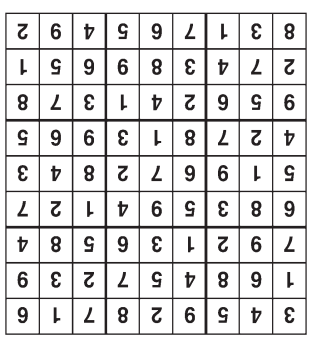
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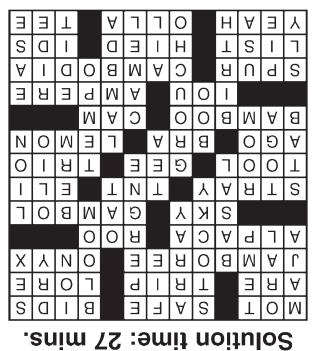
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STATE NEWS

Justice Carter set to join Illinois Supreme Court

SPRINGFIELD — Justice Robert L. Carter of the 3rd District Appellate Court has been selected to join the Illinois Supreme Court next month, pending the Illinois State Board of Elections proclaiming the results of the Nov. 3 election.

The appointment of Justice Carter is effective Dec. 8 and terminates Dec. 5, 2022, when the seat will be filled by the November 2022 General Election. The Supreme Court has constitutional authority to fill all judicial vacancies.

“Justice Carter’s appointment came via a unanimous 6-0 vote,” Chief Justice Anne M. Burke said.

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride, whose vacancy Carter is scheduled to fill, did not participate in the vote.

“I am humbled by the confidence and trust the Court has placed in me as it is the honor and privilege of a lifetime to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court,” Justice Carter said. “It is a place where I first started my career as a law clerk to Justice Howard Ryan and it is where I will retire after this two-year appointment as I won’t seek to run for this seat in 2022.”

Justice Carter, 74, of Ottawa, has been a judge since 1979 and was assigned to the 3rd District Appellate Court on September 1, 2006. He was elected Circuit Judge in 1988 and became Chief Judge in 1993. In December 2002, Justice Carter was elected Chair of the Conference of Chief Judges and re-elected in 2003 and 2005. He holds A.B. (1968) and J.D. (1974) degrees from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and a Master of Arts (1974) in Administration from Sangamon State University. He completed a one-week course in mediation at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, in the summer of 2001.

In 1969-70, Justice Carter served in the Unit-



Justice Carter

ed States Army in Vietnam and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He was a law clerk to Justice Howard C. Ryan of the Illinois Supreme Court in 1974-1975 and engaged in the general private practice of law from 1975-1979.

Since 1980, Justice Carter has been a frequent lecturer at judicial education programs for Illinois judges on such topic areas as jury trials, evidence, contempt, and domestic relations. In 2005, he taught and chaired a seminar on Judicial Administration and Management. In 1998, Justice Carter served on the Judicial Mentor Training Committee to assist in the implementation of the Illinois Supreme Court’s mentoring program for new judges.

Justice Carter, a lifelong resident of Illinois, is past president of the Illinois Judges Association and was a member of its Board of Directors. He was Chairman of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee on Family Violence issues. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute, a member of and past post commander of the American Legion, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the Illinois and LaSalle County Bar Associations.

Justice Carter is married to Nancy Rink Carter, a retired attorney, and they have two children, Mary, a consultant, and Matthew, an attorney.

Kane County restaurant loses appeal over COVID-19 restrictions

FoxFire Restaurant will appeal decision to state Supreme Court

BY SARAH MANSUR
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SPRINGFIELD — An appeals court has handed down a favorable ruling to Gov. JB Pritzker in a legal challenge to his administration’s restrictions on bars and restaurants to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The 2nd District Appellate Court overruled a Kane County judge’s decision to temporarily block Pritzker’s indoor dining ban from taking effect at the FoxFire Restaurant in Geneva.

The state court on Friday decided that Pritzker has the power under state law to issue successive disaster proclamations.

In an email, Kevin Nelson, one of FoxFire’s attorneys, said his client plans to appeal the ruling to the Illinois Supreme Court, which could accept or decline to hear the case.

“It is obvious to say that FoxFire is disappointed with the appellate court’s decision. Unfortunately, the 2nd District has decided to play politics rather than applying the statute. This case is about separation of powers, which the appellate court has missed completely. Instead, the justice authoring the opinion misstates law and fact,” Nelson wrote in an email. “Needless to say, FoxFire will file their appeal to the Supreme Court of Illinois where they hope justice will be served — against the governor’s overreach and for the ability of a local restaurant to continue to pursue its calling, safely.”

A spokesperson for the Illinois Attorney General’s Office, which represents Pritzker and the state Department of Public Health, said they are pleased with the decision.

“As the first appellate court to rule on the governor’s authority, the 2nd

District agreed that the law clearly gives the governor the authority to issue multiple and successive 30-day disaster proclamations and executive orders, and the governor’s authority to respond to the pandemic with executive orders is not limited by the Public Health Act’s quarantine and business closure provisions,” the spokesperson said in an email.

However, the appellate court’s order was issued under Supreme Court Rule 23 — which means the order cannot be cited as precedent in other cases, with limited exceptions, and applies only to this case.

The court dissolved the temporary restraining order and sent the case back to Kane County for “further proceedings consistent with this decision.”

FoxFire filed a lawsuit in response to restrictions imposed last month in Region 8, which includes Kane and DuPage counties. Those restrictions, referred to as Tier 1 mitigations, include banning indoor service at bars and restaurants, and limiting capacity of gatherings to the lesser of 25 people or 25 percent of maximum occupancy.

Overruled

Kane County Judge Kevin Busch’s now overruled Oct. 26 decision to grant a temporary restraining order allowed the FoxFire Restaurant to ignore those restrictions.

On Monday, Pritzker announced that Region 8 will face Tier 2 mitigations, beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 11, as a result of the area’s worsening COVID-19 test positivity rate over the past two weeks. Tier 2 mitigations impose a gathering cap of 10 individuals, rather than 25, and table caps of six rather than 10, when eating outside.

FoxFire’s owners argued the state’s

prohibition on bars and restaurants from having indoor dining could not be enforced because the state Emergency Management Agency Act only gives the governor the authority to issue a single 30-day disaster proclamation.

The owners also maintained that business closures enforced by the state must comply with the guidelines mandated under the state’s Department of Public Health Act, and they claimed these guidelines were ignored.

In reversing Busch’s ruling, the appellate court found “that nothing in (the Emergency Management Agency Act’s) language precludes the governor from issuing multiple disaster proclamations — each with its own 30-day grant of emergency powers — arising from one ongoing disaster,” according to the court’s 17-page order.

The appellate court also referenced laws passed by the Illinois General Assembly during the spring session regarding the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

According to the court, “in addition to the clear language of the (IEMAA), these statutes all confirm our conclusion that the Legislature intended to allow the governor to issue successive disaster proclamations stemming from an ongoing disaster.”

The appellate court also rejected the argument that restrictions imposed on businesses related to COVID-19 must follow the Illinois Department of Public Health Act’s quarantine and closure guidelines.

Pritzker’s latest executive order did not impact the IDPHA “because it did not reference quarantine orders, isolation orders, or the business closure orders,” the court wrote in its decision.

Illinois joins effort to lower suicide rates among veterans

CHICAGO—Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Human Services announced Tuesday that the State of Illinois will join the Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide, a national effort that champions mental health support and preventative services for Veterans.

The State is dedicating \$2 million to the initiative, in partnership with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. In 2019, suicide was the 12th leading cause of death among

Illinois residents of all ages, but 3rd leading cause of death among those aged 1-24 years.

“Our Veterans are heroes who served us bravely and deserve quality care here at home, including robust mental health services,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “I am pleased to announce that Illinois is putting \$2 million towards suicide prevention, funding that will allow the State to provide critical care and preventative services to our heroes in their darkest hour.”

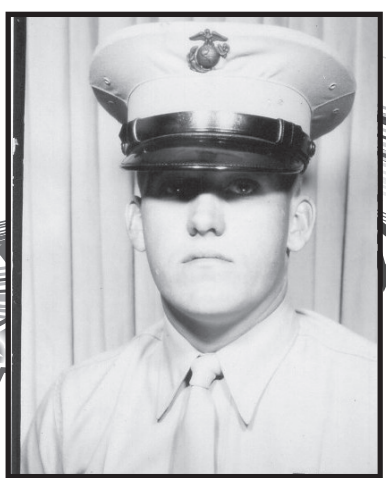
Illinois is the latest of 27 states to join the chal-

lenge. The State continues to prioritize mental health and preventative services and will work to implement best practices using the latest public health research and data.

“With Governor Pritzker’s strong leadership, this funding is an opportunity to increase resources for suicide prevention targeted at those most impacted by mental illness with a particular focus on communities of color and the military community,” said IDHS Secretary Grace Hou. “There is a tremendous opportunity to aggressively prevent suicide and

save lives.”

“We must do everything within our power as policy-makers to fight for the lives of our nation’s heroes just as they have fought for us. I applaud Governor Pritzker for rising to the challenge to work towards stamping out Veteran suicide once and for all,” IDVA Director Linda Chapa LaVia said. “Veterans and active-duty service members are at an even more increased risk of taking their own lives during this isolating time in our state’s history. This funding to put concrete plans into action could not come at a better time.”



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SPORTS



BUILDING STRENGTH

RTHS basketball player Zach Sanford will be looking to step up this season.

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RTHS Cross Country

Harriers earn awards

Rochelle student-athletes recognized with end-of-season honors

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Township High School cross country program will be returning both of its High Point Award winners and one Most Improved Runner Award winner next season.

Junior Sara Johnson received the Lady Hub High Point Award for the 2020 season. Johnson opened her third varsity season with a victory at the four-team meet with Genoa-Kingston, North Boone and West Carroll at Walcamp Park. Johnson finished as Rochelle's top female runner in nearly every meet this fall, recording three race victories along the way. Johnson also qualified for the IHSA 2A Sectional Series for the third consecutive season.

"I'm honored to have been able to help my team

throughout the season," Johnson said. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to compete this year, even though our meets were a lot different. I really enjoyed getting out and running. This award motivates me to be a better runner, not only for myself, but also for the team. It will provide me with a goal and a starting point next year."

Sophomore Yuelma Ortiz earned the Lady Hub Most Improved Runner Award after emerging as Rochelle's second-fastest female this fall. Ortiz led the Lady Hubs with the team's fastest time against Sycamore and Morris and her highest finish was second place against LaSalle-Peru. Ortiz set her season-best time at the IHSA 2A Belvidere Regional, clocking in at 22:15.50.

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(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Sara Johnson and sophomore David Wanner were named the High Point Award winners of the Rochelle Township High School Lady Hub and Hub cross country team this year.

RTHS Cheerleading

Lady Hubs adjusting to new competitive rules

Traditional skills including stunts, pyramids, baskets disallowed

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Lady Hub cheerleaders have been working hard over the last several months preparing for the elite stunts, pyramids and baskets they would perform during the upcoming sideline and competitive cheerleading seasons. While the COVID-19 pandemic will prevent Rochelle's cheerleaders from showcasing those skills this winter, head coach Trish Rodeghero and the Lady Hubs are ready to make the most of their upcoming competitive season.

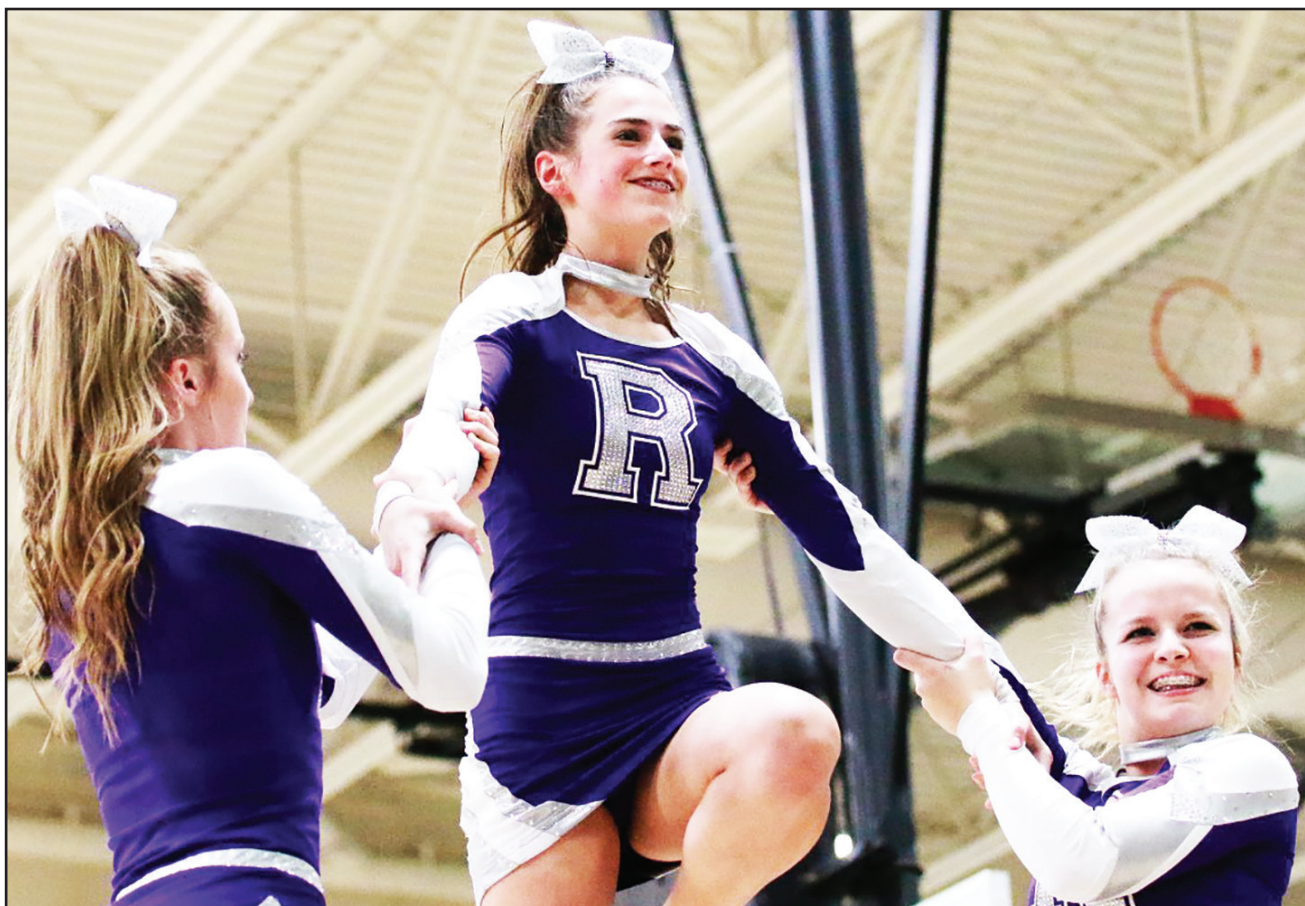
Like dance, cheerleading had initially been listed as a high-risk sport by the IDPH, meaning cheerleaders could only conduct no-contact practices throughout the summer and fall. Cheerleading has since been revised to a low-risk sport, meaning the IHSA can conduct competitive cheerleading this winter under specific COVID-19 restrictions. Rodeghero said she was excited, but disappointed in the changes that have been made for the winter season.

"We are in very close contact with each other when stunting during a routine and there wouldn't have been many ways to execute

our routine safely with the guidelines we were given had cheerleading stayed a high-risk sport," Rodeghero said. "Everything the girls worked so hard for and enjoy about the sport is not allowed anymore... Either way, I'm glad the girls will be given the opportunity to do something this winter, even if it'll look very different."

The Lady Hub cheerleaders practiced outdoors throughout the summer in preparation for the football season, staying 6 feet apart and working through sideline chants, loyalty and sideline dances. Since partner lifts are not allowed under the new competitive cheerleading guidelines, Rodeghero said many girls attended Hub Power to stay conditioned over the summer.

"We will have a completely different format this year," Rodeghero said. "We usually do a two-and-a-half-minute routine with cheering, dancing, tumbling, partner stunting, pyramids, baskets and more. We will still complete a routine this year, but it will consist mostly of dancing, tumbling with masks and possibly cheering. It won't feel like a typical routine, but it's better than nothing. Most competitions will be done



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

Sophomore Morgan Smardo (middle) holds onto teammates Liberty Hayes (left) and Lauryn Akey (right) during a cheerleading routine this past basketball season. Under new COVID-19 guidelines, stunting is among many skills that will not be allowed during the competitive cheerleading season this winter.

virtually and that will be a huge change."

Scoring will be conducted differently this season, with scoring for stunts, pyramids and baskets being removed due to the current guidelines. For live competitions, teams will be required to stay in their respective buses until calls are made to warm up and compete, and no live award

ceremonies will occur. For virtual competitions, teams will be required to submit videos within a particular time from when the meet begins, and videos will be judged remotely.

Whether the competitions are in person or virtual, all cheerleaders must stay 6 feet apart during each routine. While the future remains to be seen as far as

how the new-look routines will be executed, Rodeghero said she's excited the girls will have a chance to compete.

"I'm honestly not going into the season with any expectations because this is like starting a whole new routine we've never done before," Rodeghero said. "I don't know what routines are going to look like

without the main elements, and whether or not we'll be allowed to cheer during our routines keeps changing. I'm so excited mainly to allow the girls the opportunity to do what they love, even if it looks completely different. They are an amazing group of young ladies with such positive attitudes and they are always willing to go with the flow."



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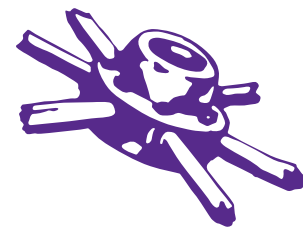
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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Junior Zach Sanford has been working on his vertical leap and his conditioning as he prepares for an increased role with the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball team.

Sanford building physical skills for upcoming season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ZACH Sanford has been working hard over the offseason to develop his physical skills for the upcoming basketball season. Whether it was through lifting weights nearly every day or increasing his vertical leap, Sanford has prepared himself to take on a larger role with the Hubs.

Sanford was one of several sophomores who played sparingly on the varsity team this past season, helping Rochelle to a 20-win record and a spot in the IHSA 3A Regional Finals. However, Sanford also started on a sophomore team that finished 24-5 and won the Interstate 8 Conference Championship. That chemistry will be crucial as Sanford and his Hub teammates continue adjusting to COVID-19 restrictions in preparation for the upcoming season.

"I thought I played well last season and I felt I was used the way I should have been used," Sanford said. "My role was primarily to stay down low, grab rebounds and pass the

ball out. I think I'll be doing more scoring this year and I'll be passing the ball a lot because we have a lot of players who can shoot the ball well... We work well together because of the time we spend together during open gyms and I think we can carry that chemistry over into this season."

A 6-foot-5 junior, Sanford will be one of the tallest and strongest players on a Hub team looking to record its fourth winning season over the last five years. With COVID-19 limiting team activities throughout the summer and fall, Sanford said his individual work in shooting, jumping and conditioning will put him in a position to be successful when the season tips off.

"We're trying to have another successful season," Sanford said. "I've been working to get in much better shape and my vertical has improved a lot. I didn't have much of a vertical before, but I've been able to dunk the ball a lot recently. Even if we only play 20 games, we want to win 10-to-15 of those games and have a winning record. We want to win by a lot as well."

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SPORTS

RTHS: Smith, Ortiz named Most Improved Runners

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"I was really surprised when I got the award because I felt like my other teammates worked as hard as I did," Ortiz said. "This award motivates me to keep training during the winter and to work harder so I can reach my goals. I thought I ran well overall this season. I probably could've improved much more over the summer if it weren't for quarantining. I want to improve my times next year and I want to maintain a better place during each of my races."

The Hubs carried several upperclassmen this season, but sophomore David Wanner walked away with the Hub High Point Award after a strong finish at the Belvidere regional, where he ran a personal-best time of 18:31.8. Wanner recorded two top-10 finishes in fresh-soph races including the Interstate 8 Conference Championships, where he led the Hubs to third place.

"I'm surprised that I received the award as a sophomore," Wanner

said. "I know that I was really close with Aiden [Seldal] in terms of points and I think that formed a competitive battle for first in every race and pushed each of us to work harder. Knowing that I'm one of the top runners on the team will help me to push harder on the workouts to try and stay on top."

Senior Hayden Smith took home the Most Improved Runner Award for his tremendous growth throughout the fall. Despite not running cross country until his senior year, Smith knocked several minutes off his personal-best time, finishing the season with a 19:59.9 at the Belvidere regional. Smith ran well over 24 minutes in Rochelle's season-opener against Ottawa.

"I'm absolutely honored to receive the award," Smith said. "I'm extremely happy to know that my coaches saw that I have become an excellent runner. My motivation came from most of my teammates. They were always there to cheer me on when I was hurting and I needed



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Yuelma Ortiz and senior Hayden Smith were named the Most Improved Runner Award winners for the Rochelle Township High School cross country teams this season.

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Anyone (18 years or older) interested in this position should apply in person at the Rochelle News-Leader office, 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle, IL 61068.

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2. If soap is unavailable, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol to clean your hands.

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- Before eating
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- After changing a diaper or helping a child use the toilet
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- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After touching an animal or picking up animal waste
- After handling pet food or treats
- After handling garbage or garbage cans
- Before and after attending to a cut or wound

Information resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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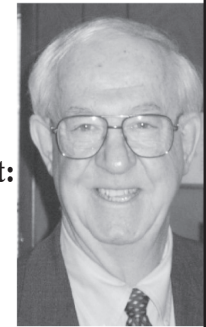


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VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Explore the history of Veteran's Day

SERVICE members make numerous sacrifices in defense of their countries. While the debts to service members may never be the kind that can be repaid in full, paying tribute to veterans, on Veteran's Day and throughout the year, can be a great way to show them just how much their efforts are appreciated.

Veteran's Day begins with Armistice Day

Veteran's Day is a byproduct of the end of World War I, when Germany and the Allied Nations signed the Treaty of Versailles, formally ceasing fighting and establishing terms of peace. On November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the signing of the treaty, the first Armistice Day events were held. Armistice Day was initially a legal holiday to honor the end of World War I only, states History.com. The United States Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday starting in 1938. However, in 1954, after the country had been embroiled in both World War II and the Korean War, Congress amended the Act of 1938 by renaming the commemoration "Veteran's Day" to honor veterans of all wars.

Veteran's Day in October?

According to Military.com, for a short time, thanks to the Uniform Holiday Bill, which in 1968 established three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating national holidays on Mondays, Veteran's Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October — the first being October 25, 1971. However, many people did not agree with this decision, continuing to honor the holiday on the original date. In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a new law that returned Veteran's Day to November 11 beginning in 1978. Since then, parades, memorial events, volunteer efforts, and other celebrations revolving around veterans have been held on November 11.

Veterans around the world

Many countries, including the United States, celebrate veterans on or near November 11. America's closest neighbor to the north, Canada, commemorates veterans



on Remembrance Day (also November 11), as does the United Kingdom. Britain also has Remembrance Sunday, which is the second Sunday of November. Remembrance Day also is called Poppy Day, when people of the Commonwealth member states wear a red poppy flower in honor of military members who have died in the line of duty.

Paying tribute

There are various ways to honor veterans on Veteran's

Day and Remembrance Day. Federal government closings, educational efforts in schools, parades, and visits to military hospitals or cemeteries may take place. In Europe, it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

Veteran's Day and its sister holidays mark the honoring of veterans of all wars, with a particular focus on living veterans. It is a day to celebrate the dedication and selflessness of hardworking military men and women.



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