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Taking shape

Habitat for Humanity home build to finish early next year

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN

STAFF WRITER

HILE COVID-19 has halted progress on many events and projects this year, it has not slowed down Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County on its 2020 home build in Rochelle.

Habitat for Humanity began building its 13th home and second for a family in Rochelle on June 13, 2020 for Felix and Tanya Vega and their five children. Since the first shovel was dug into the ground in June, construction has been moving forward at the build site at an average of three to four days a

While most of the work is done by construction crews and volunteers, the Vega family was required to put in a minimum of 200 sweat hours working at the site. The Vega family has well surpassed their hours and are continuing to work as the home begins to take shape.

"The home build is coming along really well," Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County executive director Vanessa White-Broome said. "We are at the point where we have the frame and roof completely finished. We have gained quite a bit of progress and are a lot farther than we sometimes are at this stage."

The next steps are to start putting up the siding, windows and insulation, then begin the inside work such as cabinets and electrical wiring. While the goal was to have the home finished by Christmas, Habitat is hoping to have the home completed and the Vega family in it by early

next year. Once the home is completed, it will be 1,200 square feet and include four bedrooms and two bathrooms as well as a finished basement. While both Habitat and the Vega family have been working very hard building the home, they could not have done it without the many supporters and volunteers that have stepped

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Budget passed

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Elementary District 231 will see a surplus of approximately \$675,000 after passing its fiscal year 2021 budget Tuesday night.

Board members approved its budget despite having many unknown numbers due to state funding, according to superintendent Jason Harper. Passage of the district's intention to issue \$1.2 million Working Cash Fund Bonds helped the district pass a budget with no deficit.

Harper recommended the district issue \$1.2 million Working Cash Fund Bonds following a presentation by Andrew Kim from PMA Securities at the board's Aug. 11 meeting. The recommendation was approved Tuesday night by board members.

School districts can issue bonds to fund working capital expenditures that arise from a variety of circumstances. Traditionally, working capital bonds have been issued as short-term obligations where the proceeds are used to cover a district's temporary cash flow, or operating, deficit.

Enrollment

Harper updated board members on the district's to-date enrollment.

The numbers that Harper discussed don't include district pre-kindergarten numbers. Currently, in-person enrollment for kindergarten through eighth grade is at 64 percent; remote learning is at 34 percent; and 2 percent are currently pursuing 'other' schooling options including homeschool or private

schooling. "We are still allowing students to opt-out on an ongoing basis based on needs and circumstances," Harper explained.

Second property tax payment due Sept. 11

OREGON—Ogle County Collector Linda Beck wants to remind property owners that the second installment of their property tax bill is due Sept. 11.

Payment methods include cash or check (payable to Ogle County Collector). In-person payments can be made at the Treasurer's office located in the "old" Courthouse at 105 S. 5th St., Suite 114, Oregon, or at any bank in Ogle County. Current restrictions will be wearing a mask in any county building and to keep sixfoot distance from others. Office hours are 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday excluding holidays. A secure drop box is located at the Fifth Street address for taxpayers to drop off check payments after hours or on the weekends. The mailing address is Ogle County Collector, P.O. Box 40, Oregon, IL 61061. Mailed payments must be postmarked by the due date to be considered timely.

Late payments will incur a fee of 1.5 percent per month or part of a month after the due date and must be remitted by mail or at the collector's office.

Beck's office is also offering the option of online credit card payments. You may get to this site by going directly to www.oglecountytreasurer.org or through www.oglecounty.org and then selecting the Treasurer's department. Choose the Online Tax Payments link and click the Pay Now button. Fill in the information as prompted. Be sure to receive a payment confirmation for your records.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rochelle store one of several Family Video locations closing

BY RUSSELL HODGES

STAFF WRITER/SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Family Video has been an entertainment stop for Rochelle residents since 2007, offering many options for both children and adults including movie and video game rentals.

Locals will need to find a new avenue for their entertainment needs, however, after store manager Brittany George confirmed Monday afternoon that Family Video will be closing its Rochelle location at some point in the near future. All items inside the store, located at 497 E. State Route 38 in Rochelle, are on sale, and the store's closing date is currently unknown.

"We were a little shocked," George said. "Our business has been slower than usual because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were closed for about two and a half months earlier this year because of the shutdown, so people found their entertainment elsewhere. With the pandemic in mind as well, I don't think many people want to leave their homes too often."

Customers lined up outside the doors of the store Sunday afternoon after district manager Bri Carlson posted an announcement on Facebook revealing the sale and the store's closing. George said Carlson informed her of the decision to close the store this



Customers wait outside the Rochelle Family Video store Sunday afternoon. The announcement that the store was closing was posted Sunday morning.

past Thursday.

"We were shut down for quite a bit because of COVID-19 and we just haven't been able to come

back," Carlson said. "The pandemic played a huge part in the store closing and a lot of people have gotten used to getting their entertainment digitally. There are about 100 stores in the entire Midwest that are closing and I have about eight in my district that are closing."

George said she was able to keep her employees on staff throughout the pandemic, but the slow business limited opportunities to hire new staff members. Family Video currently operates over 800 stores nationally and over 100 stores in Illinois. The closest stores to the Rochelle area are located in Dixon, Mendota, Rockford, Freeport and Loves Park. Carlson said the Byron store, located at 611 W. Blackhawk Drive, will also be closing its doors at some point.

The closure of the Rochelle location will be a tough loss for the community, as Family Video participates in local fundraisers each year and offers discounts on rentals for children who perform well in the classroom. A sign indicating the store space is for lease was posted outside the business a few weeks ago, but it's unknown if another business will take its place.

"We do a lot of fundraisers and when kids get As on their report cards, they can earn free rentals," George said. "Closing the store may not give our kids as many things to do."

BUILD: Budget affected due to COVID-19

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"We have had a lot of supporters that have continued to rally around this project," White-Broome said. "Between Northern Excavation and Construction, Anderson Plumbing and Custom Concrete. These are people that have helped with prior builds and have stepped up once again. We wouldn't be able to do it without their help and all of the volunteers that have come forward."

While some people have the common misconception that these homes are just given to the families, Habitat would like to clarify and emphasize that the families are hardworking individuals and will pay a mortgage the same as everybody else. Habitat is also reminding everyone that they are always looking for volunteers for home builds and other projects, no matter the amount of time someone can set aside.

Habitat has also been affected financially by COVID-19. With the cancellation of many of its fundraisers and events, it is asking the community for donations. Any amount,



The current Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County home build is underway in

big or small, is very helpful and appreciated.

"There have been some challenges such as us not being able to have our fundraiser and the cost of material going up," White-Broome said. "Because our budget has been affected, we could really use some donations from the community. Any amount is appreciated and goes directly into the cost of the home."

Anybody that would like to volunteer or donate can do so by contacting White-Broome at 815-440-6598 or by sending donations to P.O. Box 628, Oregon IL, payable to Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County. While Habitat is working hard at the home build it is already planning future projects including a ramp build in Rochelle and a yard cleanup in Mt. Morris for a Korean War Veteran.









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LOCAL NEWS

Preserving history and culture

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN STAFF WRITER

¬OR those **◀** interested in researching the history of their family, an old building in town or just wanting to learn more about the history of Ogle County, the Ogle County Historical Society and Museum is the perfect place to

With the founding of Ogle County dating back to Jan. 16, 1836, the county is full of old buildings and rich history. Whether it is old newspapers, past events, family heritage in Rochelle or the previous owners or history of a building, the OGHS is dedicated to documenting and maintaining the history of this county.

"The central purpose of the historical society is to preserve the history and culture of Ogle County," past OCHS president Beth Simeone said. "Over the years, we have acquired a very large collection of artifacts that reflect what early life in the county was like."

The creation of the OCHS is credited to Mrs. H.B. (Margaret) Walker, of Byron, when she proposed the project to the Ogle County Federation of Women's Clubs in March of 1953. On May 31, 1953, the OCHS constitution was completed and adopted by the first board of di-



The Ruby Nash Museum, home of the Ogle County Historical Society, is located at 111 N. 6th St. in Oregon.

rectors which included Victor Conkey, Frank Coffman, Willard Jones, Mrs. Isaac (Maude) Canfield, Miss Lillian Storz, Russell Poole, Everett Webster, C.C. Parks, George Etnyre, Kenneth Cleaver, Mrs. C.M. (Grace) Tilton and Mrs. Edith Carmichael.

For the first decade, meetings were held in many different towns and locations in order to fit the growing organization of 100-plus members. Then, when OCHS member Ruby Nash passed away, she willed her 1878 home, located at 111 N. 6th St.., in Oregon, to the historical society and the Oregon Library. with each receiving half ownership.

Since the house was split between the historical society and the library, the historical society purchased the other half from the library, giving the society the space it needed to display all of its artifacts. The historical society has used the building as its museum site ever since.

"After the purchase of the home, a historical society museum space became a reality," Simeone wrote in an email. "Prior to this, an unknown number of members stored their ancestors' belongings in barns, attics, trunks and other buildings waiting for a final destination.

These historical items consisted of household utensils, homespun woolens, handmade clothing, lace quilts, farming implements, tools, blacksmith creations, precious books and Bibles."

Currently, many of these artifacts are on display at the OCHS and Museum, still located in the original 1878 Ruby Nash home. The museum usually offers different display cases, tours and a research center, but due to COVID-19, it is currently offering research by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, contact the museum by phone at 815-732-7545 or via email at oglecohistory@gmail.com. The OCHS and Museum is also strictly volunteer based and thus it relies on membership fees, fundraising and donations to function.

"This is an ongoing operation and in order for us to keep on preserving the county's history, we certainly

need support," Simeone

To become a member, visit the OCHS website at www.oglecountyhistorical society. com or contact the historical society via email or phone. Anybody that would like to donate can do so by sending donations to P.O. Box 183, Oregon, IL.



One of the displays inside the Ruby Nash Museum.

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Woman arrested for unlawful possession

On Sept. 1 at approximately 8:15 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of North Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Sierra Tongue, 23, of Franklin Grove, for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of cannabis. Tongue was also issued a citation for an equipment violation. Tongue was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 1 at 9:01 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 88 at mile marker 75 eastbound. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Skye Richardson, 21, of New Virginia, Iowa, for unlawful possession of cannabis. Richardson was released on a notice to appear and will appear in court at a later date.

Sept. 2

On Sept. 2 the following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Hayden J. Morris, 19, of Rockford, for speeding 26 to 34 miles per hour over the limit. Morris had a \$3,000/10 percent bond. Morris did post the \$3,000/10 percent and was released from the Ogle County Jail. Morris will return to court on Sept. 23 at

Reginald C. Davis, 40, of Chicago, for failure to appear. Davis had a bond of \$171 and he did post the bond. Davis was released from the Ogle County jail with no further court date needed. On Sept. 2 at ap-

proximately 6:19 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to 7506 S. Lost Nation Road for a report of a disturbance with shots fired. After an investigation, Scott R. Levan, 48, of Dixon, was arrested for two counts of aggravated discharge of a firearm, criminal damage to property, and violation of the FOID Card Act. Levan was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. The Lee County Sheriff's

Office also assisted with the investigation.

Sept. 3

On Sept. 3 William Smalley, 49, of Rockford, was arrested for failure to appear. Smalley had a bond of \$1,562 and was scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 3 at 1 p.m.

On Sept. 3 at 8 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 64 and Woodlawn Road. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Alfredo Mendosa, 32, of DeKalb, for no valid driver's license. Mendosa was released on a notice to appear and will appear in court at a later date.

Sept. 4

On Sept. 4, Ogle County Sheriff deputies were dispatched to Sledgehammers Pub at 1450 N. Illinois Route 2 for a noise complaint of loud music. After a brief investigation, Ogle County Sheriff Deputies arrested pub manager Justin Coltrain for disorderly conduct. Coltrain was released on an I-Bond and will appear in court at a later date.

On Sept. 4 at 11:02 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies were called to the 12,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 in

reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the offending vehicle at Grubsteaker's. After an investigation, deputies arrested Richard D'Onofrio, 61, of Monroe Center, for driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of a controlled substance, improper lane usage and improper transportation of alcohol.

On Sept. 4 at 6:36 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies were called to investigate a report of damage to vehicle at 5426 S. Skare Road. After an investigation, Tiana Dodson, 31, of Rochelle, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Dodson was transport to the Rochelle Police Department and released on a \$3,000 I-Bond.

Sept. 5

On Sept. 5 at approximately 10:11 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies performed a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 2 and Pines Road. After investigation, deputies placed Davionne Hardnett, 25, of Rockford, under arrest for driving while license suspended. Hardnett was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Obituaries

Beverly Bright

ROCHELLE Beverly Ann Bright, 81, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020 at the Rochelle Reha-

bilitation and Living Center. She was born on June 13, 1939 in Rochelle, the daughter of Mitchell

H. and Ethel (Hamby) Watson. Beverly married Lewis Ray Bright on Nov. 3, 1957 in Rochelle; he

preceded her on May

12, 2010. She was also

preceded in death by her parents and sister, Doris Hoard. She worked as a yarn sorter and retired from Caron International. Beverly enjoyed crafting and

collecting birdhouses. She is survived by her three daughters, Rhonda Burton of Steward, Kimberly (Eugene) McMahon of Polo, and Sheri (Gary) Chisamore of Rochelle; brother, Robert (Faye) Watson of Mt. Vernon; sister, Helen Strawbridge of Rockford; six grandchildren, Melissa (Matt) Anderson, Bryan (Sarah Safranek) Burton, Siri (Bryan) Wisely, Karissa McMahon. Jennifer (Josh) Swanson and Jill Hartwig; and six great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Logan and Kagen Anderson, Nathaniel Lewis Burton, Sam Hartwig and Johnathan Chisamore.

A private family funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11 at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle, with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. Burial will be held at Trinity Memory Gardens.

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

Genevieve Simon

TUCSON, Ariz. — Genevieve "Gen" E. Simon, 89 years, passed away Sept. 1, 2020 at her

daughter's home in Tucson, Arizona, surrounded by her family. She was born Oct. 10, 1930 in New York City, to

Curt and Hazel (Flynn) Enkelmann.

Gen graduated from Rochelle High School, Class of 1948. In 1950 she married Edward Simon in Rochelle. She attended Rock Valley College and became a registered nurse. She worked many years

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in the Rochelle area in nursing.

Gen was a lifetime member of the VFW Woman's Auxiliary. She resided in Rochelle until her retirement to Tucson, Arizona. Gen was an avid reader, enjoyed flower gardening, and loved cats.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister, Sheilia

Surviving are her daughter, Betsy (Jim) Preston of Tucson, Arizona; son, Michael (Amy) Simon of Rochelle; two grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at Lawnridge Cemetery at a later date.

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STATE NEWS

State's wealthiest person pledges \$20 million to anti-graduated tax committee

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SPRINGFIELD - Illinois' wealthiest man and frequent Republican political donor Ken Griffin has pledged \$20 million to a group dedicated to defeating a graduated tax constitutional amendment.

Griffin, who is the founder of the hedge fund Citadel, has previously donated tens of millions of dollars to the campaign of Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner. He's also given millions to House and Senate Republican leadership in the state and donated to several individual lawmakers. Forbes estimates his net worth at \$15 billion.

His recent \$20 million donation went to the Coalition to Stop the Proposed Tax Hike Amendment ballot initiative committee. Prior to Griffin's donation, the committee had received \$950,000 in donations.

Gov. JB Pritzker has already dropped more than \$50 million of his own personal fortune, estimated at \$3.4 billion, in support of his marquee legislative proposal. His donation went to the Vote Yes for Fairness ballot initiative committee.

The constitutional amendment in question would scrap the state's protection of a flat-rate income tax for a new structure allowing lawmakers to tax different levels of income at fluctuating tax rates. A progressive rate structure that would take effect if the amendment passes is expected to bring in more than \$1 billion in additional state revenue this fiscal year and more than \$3 billion annually when it is implemented for a full fiscal year.

It will be up to the voters in November as to whether the state gains authority to scrap the flat tax, which is currently 4.95 percent for every penny of taxable income for every taxpayer. If more than half of those voting in the November election, or three-fifths of those voting on the ballot question, approve the measure, a graduated rate structure can take effect.

Lawmakers have already approved the rate structure that will become law should the measure pass.

Effective Jan. 1, rates would remain flat or decrease for those earning \$250,000 or less, while they would increase for those earning above that amount.

Individuals earning more than \$750,000 and joint filers with incomes exceeding \$1 million would see the largest tax increases. A flat tax rate of 7.99 percent on all income would apply to anyone exceeding those

For all other earners, each varying tax rate would apply to only one specific margin of income.

The rates are 4.75 percent on taxable income from \$0 to \$10,000; 4.9 percent from \$10,001 to \$100,000; 4.95 percent from \$100,001 to \$250,000.

For joint filers, a 7.75 percent rate would kick in on margins from \$250,001 to \$500,000; and 7.85 percent from \$500,001 to \$1 million. For single filers, the 7.75 percent rate applies from \$250,001 to \$350,000, while the 7.85 percent rate applies from \$350,001 to \$750,000.

The measure also includes an increase in the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and up to a \$100 per-child tax credit for couples earning less than \$100,000 and single persons earning less than \$80,000.

The corporate tax rate would go from 7 to 7.99 percent, not including an existing corporate property replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent that is not changed by the bill.

Opponents of the graduated tax have not disputed the rates that will become law upon its passage, but they argue that the change does not put safeguards in place to prevent future adjustments to the rate structure that could impose higher taxes on lower levels of income.

The necessary threshold to raise taxes in the General Assembly would remain unchanged by the amendment,

although opponents argue it would make the task politically easier by allowing lawmakers to raise taxes on different tax brackets at different times.

In light of receiving the big check from Griffin, the Coalition said in a statement it "welcomes support from anyone who believes we must stop Springfield politicians from having new power to increase income taxes on every group of taxpayers, whenever they want.'

"The constitutional amendment sets no limit on the number of tax brackets that can be created and no limit on how high tax rates can be increased on groups of individual taxpayers – including middle-income families," the statement added.

Earlier in the week, more than 125 labor unions organized by the Vote Yes for Fair Tax ballot initiative committee hosted a virtual news conference to announce their support for the measure.

"Yesterday—the day that unions representing more than 1 million Illinois workers stood up to support Fair Tax reform—the state's richest billionaire Ken Griffin spent \$20 million to protect the broken status quo," John Bouman, the chairman of the group, said in a news release. "Griffin took home \$1.5 billion in 2019 alone, yet paid the same state income tax rate as teachers, nurses, grocery store clerks and other essential workers. That's wrong and it's exactly why Illinois needs the Fair Tax amendment."

In August, the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce announced opposition to the graduated tax as well, warning of the effects a tax hike could have on job creators. Proponents, however, point out that small businesses owners operating as sole proprietors or pass-through entities such as S-corporations will see a tax reduction under the plan if they have less than \$250,000 in annual



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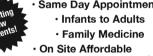






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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

A double standard

comes to running for office, women just have to put up with a lot more crap than men do.

This week, Republi-

Scott Reeder

can congressional candidate Jeanne Ives had three signs in Naperville defaced with a slur often used to describe a private portion of

women's anatomy. Four years ago, someone took a picture of state Rep. Avery Bourne's face and photo-shopped it on to the naked body of another woman and mailed the phony image to people throughout her

Vice Presidential candidate Kamala Harris has been publicly called a "prostitute" on various social media forums.

legislative district.

Let's face it, these are things that male candidates don't have to deal with.

In the case of Harris, much attention has been paid to her past relationship with former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, who is 23 years her senior.

It is interesting that her once dating someone 23 years her senior is considered a blotch on her record. But Donald Trump marrying someone 23 years his junior is just a mild curiosity for most folks.

By the way, both Brown and Trump were married but estranged from their wives at the inception of these relationships.

Actress Robbin Young tweeted, "Kamala doesn't care if Willie was good...women who prostitute themselves only care about money and prestige."

In my 33 years in journalism, I've never heard an allegation like that made against a man holding public office.

But over and over I've heard that assertion made against women running for offices as low as county coroner and as high as vice president.

"There is a real double standard here. A man who dated a lot of women is called a 'stud' but a woman who dated

a lot of men is called something else.," said Denny Jacobs, a former long-time state senator from East Moline.

"It shouldn't make any difference who someone used to date. But for women seeking office it does matter,"

he said. "But it goes beyond that. A woman doesn't have to be beautiful, but she has to be presentable. For us men, that is not an issue. (U.S. Senate Majority Leader) Mitch McConnell can win office even though he's not particularly good looking. Could a woman that bad looking win? No."

When Ives first contemplated a run for the Illinois House, she hired a consultant.

"He told me, "You can't just go to the grocery store wearing sweats anymore. People expect women running for office to look good all of the time.' I just looked at him and said, "I had five kids at home if I need to go to the store, I'll wear sweats if I need to. I still go to the store wearing sweats."

In the case of Rep. Bourne, R-Raymond, the doctored photos appeared to be an effort to denigrate an accomplished woman. She is the youngest person to serve in the General Assembly in Illinois' 202 years.

Imagine someone pasting Mike Madigan's face onto a photo of a naked man and mailing it out.

It just wouldn't be an effective smear campaign. But, unfortunately, women in public life are held to a different standard. Rumors are spread, lies are told and usually it pertains to their personal lives.

Sadly, an undercurrent of misogyny remains a constant in American politics.

Ives noted Trump's

2016 comment to "Rolling Stone" about his female primary opponent, Carly Fiorina, "Look at that face. Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president?"

To be sure, both male and female candidates have signs vandalized. But the attack against Ives was far more personal.

"Someone used spray paint to write that horrible word on the sign," she told me Monday during a telephone interview. "We took the signs down right away so children wouldn't see them. ... Only female candidates have to deal with this sort of thing."

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VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

The first Patriot Day was recognized on Sept. 11, 2002. The national day of mourning was passed by the U.S. Senate as a way to preserve the memory of the victims and the heroism of the first responders on Sept. 11,2001 during the terrorist attacks that took place on American soil. In recognition of the the 19th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, do you remember what you were doing the moment you found out about the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001?

under attack."

"I was watching The Today Show and didn't turn the TV off all day. At first they thought it was an accident involving a small plane and not a passenger plane. The second plane proved them wrong. [It was a] terrible time."

Bill Hackett first tower was hit."

"I was teaching fifth grade at Tilton School."

Rhonda Cagle Crandall the TV when the second plane hit."

Sherry Eckert "I was teaching first hour when our prin-

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of the doctors I worked with said 'We are

Susie Ferrenburg Vincent

"I was home, sick, and had just turned on

Chris Clarke

"My sister called me and said exactly this, 'Susie, we are at war, 'and then my son came running in in tears so freaked out from high school with friends and they all gathered around the TV set."

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"I had just pulled into work for the day. I walked in and one



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Ogle County's Price honored

OREGON — Service is a hallmark of the Illinois 4-H program. The Illinois 4-H Foundation annually

honors longtime volunteers and former staff members for their selfless dedication to 4-H, the University of Illinois Extension youth development program.

In 2020, 87 individuals received the Foundation

Hall of Fame Award, presented during a virtual ceremony Aug. 18. Five of the honorees are being named posthumously.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of

Fame medallion.

"These volunteers fully embody what 4-H strives to instill in youth,' says Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation executive director. "They are caring, dedicated, generous leaders, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation is extremely proud to be able to provide this honor to thank them for their service to this wonderful organization.

Illinois 4-H programs reach nearly 200,000 youth each year through 4-H clubs, camps, educational programs, workshops, and conferences held in communities, schools, parks, and homes across Illinois. In total, more than 15,000 volunteers fill key leadership and mentoring roles.

"Many volunteers have a tradition of 4-H in their family or were 4-H members themselves," Barnard says. "More and more, though, adults brand new to the 4-H experience are seeing the value of the life skills development program and volunteering for the first time."

To volunteer in your community, one may request information from the local Extension office. "There is a place for everyone in 4-H, whether you have an hour or a lifetime to give," Barnard says.

The 2020 Hall of fame winners include for Ogle County, Cheryl Price, Mt. Morris.

'The Foundation provides avenues to support the work of Illinois 4-H by accepting financial gifts specifically directed to the program you wish to support," Barnard said. "Estate planning services are available to those wishing to continue their 4-H legacy."

The Illinois 4-H Foundation raises private funds that are invested in Illinois 4-H programs that provide meaningful, positive development experiences for Illinois youth to develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

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The Kitchen Table menu

Sept. 10 (Thursday) Sliced turkey over stuffing, gravy, corn, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce Sept. 15 (Tuesday) Burgers (beef or black bean), fries,

Sept. 17 (Thursday) Cheesy pasta with sausage, salad, garlic bread

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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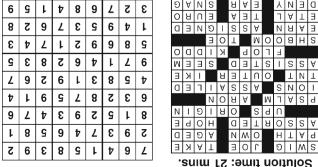
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SPORTS

RACE: Lodico looking to run in 2021 Boston Marathon

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"There were people stationed throughout town who cheered me on. There were signs and a few of my friends put a start/finish line in my driveway, which were unique things I normally wouldn't see."

Lodico began training for his virtual marathon 12 weeks in advance, but his journey didn't come without a few challenges. The 56-year-old started feeling knee pain about six weeks into his training, and the injury sidelined him for 12 days before he could start running again. Although the injury resulted in a slower-than-usual time. Lodico said he was happy to complete the race.

"I usually do a 12-week cycle, but I started feeling soreness on the inside of my left knee," Lodico said. "I tried to run as much as I could on the weekends. and I knew going in that

I wouldn't run my usual time, but I wanted to finish because I had been training hard and I knew that it was a rare opportunity. I went out there and I was happy to complete the race.'

Lodico has always enjoyed running, but his desire to compete in marathons didn't spark until four years ago. He said he normally tries to run one marathon in the spring and one in the fall. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic setting his schedule back, Lodico said he will be looking to compete in the next Boston Marathon, currently scheduled for April 19, 2021.

"I always wanted to run marathons, so I decided four years ago that I would give them a try," Lodico said. "I caught the buzz and I've stuck with them ever since. Running helps me stay in shape and I enjoy being out on the road and seeing people wave at me."



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Kurt Lodico (right) heads east on Route 38 as his stepson Jack rides behind on his bicycle. Lodico said he hopes to run in the 2021 Boston Marathon next April.



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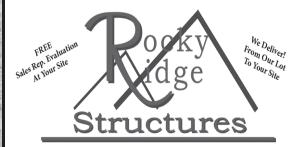
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Upcoming Land Auctions

Wednesday September 16th, 2020

10:00 AM

LEE County, 155 +- Acres MOL Bare Land

Land Location: , Brooklyn Rd., South of IL Rt#38 and Thorpe Rd. South of Perry

Auction Location: This auction will be held at Bearrows Auction Center, at

Parcel 1 Description: (Brooklyn Rd) This is an approx. 75 Acre parcel with

frontage on Brooklyn Road, and is a highly productive parcel. Primary soil types

include Elburn & Drummer. The PI for this parcel is approx. 143 and has no

Parcel 2 Description: (Thorpe Rd.) This is an approx. 80 acre parcel with

frontage on Thorpe Road, and is also highly production, without buildings. Soils

include Normandy & Fella with a PI# 127.5 - This too is a highly productive parcel

Henert Trust & Brian Henert – Owners

Thursday September 17th, 2020

Ogle County, 40 Acres with Cattle Facility & Home

Land Location: , 7842 S Daysville Rd., Oregon IL

For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-

Auction Location: This auction will be held on site at 7842 S Daysville Rd.

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Parcel 1 Description: This 40 acres (28.16 Tillable) with a cattle set up for

approx. 1800 head of cattle has many features including a very nice 2 story

home with 5 bedrooms, full basement, and updated with many updates including

a new steel lifetime roof, and heated with an electric boiler hot water heat. Most

all buildings have had roof updates in the last 3 years. An Artesian well provides

the water source to all cattle buildings and home. Outbuildings include a 65x532

Hoop barn feed lot with Scrape alley, 72x156 Hoop barn with concrete floor;

72x154 Hoop barn with Scrape alley; Two of the buildings built in 2013 & 2014

with the third being built in 2010. All buildings have fence line bunks, automatic

waterers, lights, fans etc.., The facility also has a Concrete manure storage area

at the end of largest building. 40x60 holding pen building; 54x117 machine shed

with grain liner, 60x90 Machine shed with 45x60 heated shop, overhead door

from shop into machine shed, slider doors from machine shed to outside. 2-Grain

bins with drying floors totaling approx. 12000 Bu. - Owner currently contract

feeds cattle, and could arrange for the new owner to continue with same contract

Rogers Feedlot Inc. – Owners

Saturday September 19th, 2020

Ogle County Farm Land - 147 Acres MOL Bare Land

Land Location: , Meridian Rd. South ot IL Rt#38

For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-

Auction Location: This auction will be held off site at Bearrows Auction Center,

Parcel 1 Description: This is an approx. 78 Acre parcel which will have a 30ft

strip (owned, not an easement) across the North portion of parcel 2, thus having

access off Meridian Road. Primary Soil types are 198 Drummer, 488A, 440A and

125 Selma The PI for this parcel is approx. 137.5 and is a very highly productive

Parcel 2 Description: This is an approx. 69 Acre +- parcel with frontage on

Meridian Road. Soil types include 198A, 152 A and 199A. The PI# for this tract is

Reinke Trust—Owners

For full terms or information on these and other auctions we have coming up,

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Auctioneer John Bearrows (815) 739-9150

if so desired and agreeable with current investor group.

at 10786 E Fowler Rd., Rochelle IL 61068

approx. 137.5 and also is a very highly productive farm.

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adopted a resolution increasing said Working declaring its intention Cash Fund. Said and determination to Working Cash Fund issue bonds in the is to be maintained aggregate amount of accordance with the the provisions of said purpose of increasing and shall be used for the purpose of Cash Fund of the District, enabling the District to and it is the intention have in its treasury at all of the Board to avail time sufficient money to of the provisions of meet demands thereon Article 20 of the School for expenditures for Code of the State of corporate purposes. Illinois, and all laws

A petition may be filed Secretary the of the Board (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 662 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of 20 be said Article submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 23rd day of February, 2021, unless none of the voters of the District are scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for

nomination for, election to or retention in public office at said election, in which case an election the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 6th day of April, 2021. Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to either of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds

order Education Board of Consolidated School District Number 231. Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois. Dated this 8th day of

September, 2020. Trisha Vaughn Secretary, Board of

Education, Community Consolidated School District Number Ogle and Lee Counties,

Dave Casey President, Board of Education.

Illinois

Community Consolidated School District Number 231, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois

No. 0907 (Sept. 9)

PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Rochelle Township High School Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on September 14, 2020, at 5:30 pm for the purpose of reviewing the tentative 2020-2021 budget. This meeting will be held in the Board at Rochelle Township High School, 1401 Flagg Road. Rochelle, Illinois. Tom Huddleston. President

Board Education, District 212 No. 0909 (Sept. 9)



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Peter **Forsberg**

Year: Junior

Sport: Cross Country

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

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: You don't need to rely on others to improve, you can always improve on your own time.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because I like the clarity and knowing there's a right or wrong answer.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Eliud Kipchoge because he's one of the fastest people alive.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: David Wanner, why not?

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a software engineer because I like problem solving.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: The Rocky Mountains because Colorado has some of the best hiking.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I have an opportunity to practice a sport I enjoy.



Aiden Ramsey

Year: Freshman

Sport: Cross Country

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

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: The satisfaction that comes from improving your times.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because I really enjoy solving challenging problems.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Michael Phelps because he's exceptional at his sport.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: Coach Zilis because he was a very successful runner.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

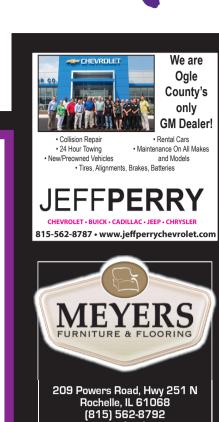
A: To be a robotics engineer because I can innovate and create new things from nothing.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Japan because the culture is really interesting there.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I feel that being an athlete is really flexible and I'm always busy.







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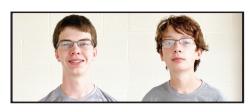
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2020 Boston Marathon

Reaching the finish line

Lodico runs around the Hub City in first-ever virtual Boston Marathon

BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Local resident Kurt Lodico has completed 10 marathons over the last four years, but none were as unique as his experience this past Saturday, when Lodico ran 26.2 miles around the Rochelle area in a virtual form of the 2020 Boston Marathon.

Lodico started the race at his Hickory Ridge home Saturday morning, and his trek brought him along several local businesses and landmarks including Tilton School, downtown Rochelle, T-Byrd Lanes, May Mart and VFW Park. Lodico's family and friends held signs and cheered him on from various areas of his route, which ultimately brought him back to his driveway, where his stepson Jack held out a 2020 Boston Marathon finish line for him to cross.

"Being able to race under these circumstances... It was definitely different," Lodico said. "There are normally a lot of things going on around me and there's normally a lot more excitement, but this race was nice because I could plot my own course and I could choose what day I wanted to run... There normally aren't many fans that know me outside of my immediate family, but I had some friends who normally don't 124™ BOSTON MARATHON 124[™] BOSTON

Local resident Kurt Lodico (right) crosses the finish line held by his stepson Jack (left) at his Hickory Ridge home after completing his virtual Boston Marathon route this past weekend. It was the 11th marathon Lodico has run over the last four years.

watch me run who came out and cheered for me."

Lodico qualified for the 2020 Boston Marathon, the first Boston Marathon of his running career, after completing the 2018 CNO Financial Indianapolis Monumental Marathon in 3 hours and 23 minutes. The 2020 Boston Marathon had been scheduled for April, but was

postponed to September and ultimately canceled due to COVID-19. However, the Boston Athletic Association chose to hold the event virtually in order to keep the

event's 124-year tradition going. The first marathon was held in 1897.

"I knew the route I was planning to run, and I enjoyed that because I had the

opportunity to run through town and see different sites and different people," Lodico said.

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RTHS Golf

Seniors lead Hubs to fifth at Rocket Invitational

Kirk, Thiravong each card 88 for Rochelle varsity team

BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

ROCK FALLS —

Consistent scores across the board were the keys to success for the Rochelle Township High School golf team when the Hubs battled several local programs in the annual Rocket Invitational at Rock River Golf & Pool this past Saturday.

rough lies made playing conditions tough on Saturday, but

Small greens and some

Rochelle managed to finish in fifth place overall with a final score of 362. Seniors Me-

gan Thiravong and Reese Kirk led the charge for the Hubs, with each player carding 88 in the 18-hole

tournament. "The course wasn't too bad overall," head coach

Glen Mehrings said. "On

shots, it's tough to make birdies. There are trees everywhere, so we have to keep the ball in play, and if we have any wayward shots, we have to make smart punch shots so we don't take on any extra strokes... Megan and Reese both struck the ball well, and Reese improved on his score from last year quite a bit." Sophomore

that course, when we

don't get the ball close to

the pin on our approach

Griffin Ohlinger recorded 91 for the Hubs, while sophomore Damen Harrington stepped up as

Rochelle's No. 4 varsity player with 95. Newman Central Catholic won the tournament with 328 and 77 was the winning individual score. Rochelle

will return to action on

Saturday, when Thiravong

will represent the Hubs at the Guilford Girls Invitational.

"Damen's a great student of the game," Mehrings said. "He listens really well and he's made some strong improvements over the last few weeks to become a more consistent ball striker. His short game is starting to come around, and he's working through some transitions in his swing that will be much better for him. He's trying really hard in practice and he always maintains a positive mental outlook on the game. He never quits or gets down on himself."

Rochelle's golf match with the LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers, previously scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Fairways, was postponed due to inclement weather. The match will be played on Monday,

Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Damen Harrington stepped up for the Rochelle golf team on Saturday, shooting 95 in the Rocket Invitational at Rock River Golf & Pool.