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Demonstrators held up signs and chanted outside of Rochelle City Hall on Sunday afternoon near the inter-
section of Fifth Avenue and IL Route 251.

Peaceful protest

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE — Holding up signs and chanting at passing motorists, a small group of young demonstrators gathered in front of Rochelle City Hall and in other downtown Rochelle locations on Sunday afternoon in protest following the death of George Floyd.

Floyd, who was African-Amer-

ican, was arrested on May 25 and died in police custody after being restrained and pinned face down on the street. Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, who is white, has been arrested and charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in the case. Chauvin knelt down on the back of Floyd's neck for several minutes even as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Three other white officers present at the

time may also face charges.

"A group of protestors were set up at the corner of North Seventh Street and Fifth Avenue," said Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby. "They did go around the block, in front of the police station and to other areas, but for the majority of the protest, they were established on the corner of Seventh and Fifth."

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Semi truck collision

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Fire Department and Rochelle Police responded to an accident involving two semi-trucks Monday afternoon.

The accident occurred at 12:57 p.m. at the intersection of Illinois Route 38 and Dement Road in Rochelle. Both vehicles appeared to be making a turn onto Dement Road, when they collided in the middle of the intersection.

One of the semis was leaking either antifreeze or hydraulic fluid onto the road, so firefighters put down oil dry powder



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

Above, Rochelle Firefighter Jody Willis pours oil dry powder on the spill at the scene of the two semi truck accident at Illinois Route 38 and Dement Road Monday afternoon.

on the road to prevent any chemicals from leaking into the farm sewer. One of the driver's sustained minor injuries, but was not transported to the

hospital.

"Overall, the accident was fairly uneventful," said Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville. "Minor injuries, no medical

transports and virtually no hazardous material."

One of the semi-truck drivers was cited for failure to reduce speed that resulted in an accident.

Board approves duplex building plans

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

CRESTON — For the first monthly board meeting held in person since the stay-at-home order was issued, a maximum of 10 attendees was enforced and face masks were required. The meeting began with two residents expressing their concern to the board over a plan to build two new duplexes in town.

"I do agree that they look better than what is already there, but they bring a lot of unsettling issues, not just to the neighbors next to them but to the whole town," resident Chelsea Erickson said.

Old business

The first topic board members took

action on was reviewing quotes from Kelso-Burnett Electrical Contractors. The quotes were for the cost to upgrade the manual well transfer switches to automatic switches.

The village looked into replacing the valves on wells #2 and #3 for a total cost of \$41,525 or replacing just one of the valves for approximately \$21,700.

"We don't have to have both well houses covered by transfer switches," said Creston village President Wayne Williams. "We can put in one and live with that."

Board members voted to accept the \$21,710 bid and replace the valve switch on only well #3.

Next, board members decided whether or not to accept and then vote

on trustee Steve Katzman's recommendation to allow a resident to construct an accessory building that will be 22 feet and six inches tall, rather than the currently allowed 15 feet.

Board members voted to accept the recommendation and then voted to pass the motion to approve the request.

Duplexes

Board members voted on was the recommendation of trustee Mike Kerns to build a new duplex unit at 204 East South Street. The two duplexes would take up the four lots that are currently there and would include a 2-car garage and space to park on the driveway.

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Win a trip

ROCHELLE — Everyone needs a little rest and relaxation time away, and the Rochelle News-Leader wants to help.

Each June the News-Leader offers a special discounted subscription drive for readers, along with a fantastic trip giveaway drawing for one lucky winner.

For the third year the prize is an exciting \$1,000 getaway to Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, which includes three days and two nights accommodations, a generous gift card to be used anywhere at the resort, cash for shopping or the casino and a gas card to get there.

"In the past we offered an impressive vacation stay at a resort near Disney World in Florida, but that didn't include travel or fun money," explained News-Leader COO John Shank. "We decided we wanted to provide a more regional getaway trip that could be all expenses paid, and we think Eagle Ridge is a perfect option."

Eagle Ridge Resort offers guests top-notch rooms and amenities, including a deluxe spa, several championship golf courses, relaxing pools and dining choices right on site. Plus the resort is close to the unique Galena shopping experience and three casinos just down the road near Dubuque.

"On a couple of occasions with our Florida trip giveaway we had winners who couldn't accept the prize because they were unable to travel for one reason or another," Shank added. "With this trip, it's only a couple hours away on a scenic drive and includes enough money to pay for most of the trip, depending on whether two or four people go."

Easy to enter

Entry form flyers are available at the News-Leader office or they can be cut out of the giveaway promo ad inside today's edition of the News-Leader. Bright yellow colored entry form flyers will also be mailed out to homes soon and inserted into an upcoming edition of the News-Leader. After completing the form, please drop it off at the News-Leader office (located at 211 IL Route 38 East or mail it in at P.O. Box 46, Rochelle).

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LOCAL NEWS

Pritzker mobilizes 250 more National Guard members, declares disaster in nine counties

Disaster proclamations will allow state to quickly mobilize resources, governor says

BY JERRY NOWICKI
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD — One day after calling up 375 members of the Illinois National Guard in Chicago, Gov. JB Pritzker announced another 250 guardsmen will be activated as he issued disaster proclamations for nine counties amid ongoing protests and riots across the state.

“Since that deployment, we have received additional reports of escalating situations and requests for assistance from communities around the state,” Pritzker said at a news conference in Chicago Monday. “We have now called up an additional 250 members of the Illinois National Guard, to be ready to assist other cities across the state that have faced a surge of destructive action, notably looting, over the last 24 hours.”

The counties receiving disaster proclamations are Champaign, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Macon, Madison, Sangamon and Will. The governor also ordered Illinois State Police to provide an additional 300 state troopers to support local municipalities Monday night into Tuesday.

Pritzker made the announcement at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago. Protestors took to the streets in that city in objection to police violence against black



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Americans over the weekend. Those protests were sparked around the nation, and around the world, by the death of George Floyd, an unarmed man who died Monday, May 25, in Minneapolis after being pinned to the ground for nearly nine minutes with a white police officer’s knee on his neck.

Some at the protests engaged in widespread looting, arson and property destruction, but Pritzker and members of law enforcement drew a line at the news conference between those who protested peacefully and

those who incited violence or destruction.

Lt. Col. David Byrd, deputy director of the Illinois State Police, said as a black man, he was hurt by Floyd’s death. As an officer, he said he was also “ashamed” when he watched the footage.

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Byrd said ISP helped several local departments with crowd control over the weekend, and the officers will help with traffic control, “investigative components” and “several missions” that have been identified moving forward.

Pritzker said the disaster declarations will allow the state to “coordinate state agencies and resources as we work to assist local governments with their disaster response and recovery operations.”

“It is difficult to put into words the damage that has happened to our communities over the weekend,” Pritzker said, noting the difficulties of a “second rebuilding” after COVID-19-related shutdowns.

He added “the pain will fall disproportionately on the backs of our small business owners, our working families and our communities of color.”

“It has to stop,” the governor added. “We have to take care of our people. And for that reason we will continue to flexibly deploy

Illinois State Police and the National Guard strategically as we work with the dual purpose of protecting Illinoisans, as well as the First Amendment rights of peaceful protesters.”

While Pritzker said some will point to the looting and “use it to dismiss the pain and the anguish and sorrow of the moment,” the peaceful protestors should not be overlooked.

“We cannot allow those who have taken advantage of this moment to loot and smash to also steal the voices of those expressing a need for real, meaningful change,” he said. “That will not be our story here in Illinois. Because this anger doesn’t come out of nowhere, it’s born of decades and centuries of systemic racism and injustice.”

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the downtown area.”

“Again, we will continue to support local law enforcement, Illinois State Police, we’ll continue to plan, along with each of the emergency managers across the state and the local communities and mayors, to support a response to this civil disturbance that’s currently ongoing, and we just echo the governor’s call for peace,” Neely said.

Pritzker said the disaster declarations allow the state to quickly mobilize resources if needed, and that’s the extent of what they will be used for at this point.

“I think what we’re trying to do, again, is to operate flexibly and that’s what a disaster proclamation allows us to do in these circumstances,” the governor said. “But it is limited right now to simply law enforcement and being responsive to the needs of those counties without having to deal with a lot of red tape when you need to move quickly within minutes or hours to help local law enforcement.”



Presence

Members of the Illinois National Guard are staying in Rochelle this week as they are working on a project in the area, according to city officials. Many trucks and Jeeps have been parked at the Hickory Grove facility. The guard members are not in the area in connection with protests, looting and vandalism in DeKalb, Rockford or Freeport over the weekend.

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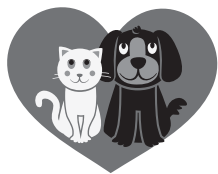
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Melvin Flickinger

VENICE, Fla.—Melvin L. Flickinger, 72, of Venice, Florida, passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2020, with his family by his side after a short but courageous battle with leukemia.



Mel was born on Feb. 19, 1948 in Sterling, the son of Dwight and Barbara (Gaul) Flickinger.

He grew up in the northern Illinois area and was a 1966 graduate of Kaneland High School.

Mel loved building and he enjoyed a successful construction career, leading many residential and business projects. He had an attention for detail in his work and never took shortcuts when it came to quality and doing things right.

In the early 1980s, Mel took on several movie theater renovations, including the Hub Theater in Rochelle, where he met his future wife, Consuelo

“Connie” Ramos. The couple married on Dec. 3, 1983 and lived in Hillcrest for a few years before relocating to Venice, Florida in 1986.

He continued working as a private contractor and he was also employed many years at PGT in Venice, manufacturing specialized windows before retiring in 2018.

Mel loved to play softball and became known in the local co-ed leagues as a crafty, veteran pitcher who never lost the competitive spirit even after two knee replacements. He also enjoyed snow skiing and often planned winter trips to Wisconsin and Colorado where he could get back on the slopes. He believed staying active kept him young and his most recent ski adventure north was to celebrate his 70th birthday.

He also enjoyed home improvement projects, restoring his Jeep, big family cookouts by the beach and trips to Cocoa Beach to ride the waves on body boards with his children

and grandchildren.

One of Mel’s greatest pleasures was coaching in Venice’s Pop Warner football program, and he enjoyed teaching young players sportsmanship and proper blocking and tackling techniques. Many of the players he coached excelled at the next level, and he loved running into former players years later and reminiscing about their times together on the football field. Mel was also an avid supporter of the Venice High School football team, rarely missing a Friday night home or away game.

Mel was a devoted husband and father, who loved his family and prided himself on always being available to support and offer help when called upon.

He is survived by his wife, Connie, of Venice, Florida; three sons, Ryan (Krissy) Flickinger, of Memphis, Tennessee, Nick (Rachel) Flickinger, of Venice, Florida and Alex (Katrina) Flickinger, of Venice, Florida; one daughter, Emily (John) Milton, of Tokyo, Japan; five grandchildren, Sophia, Aubrey, Evan, Annie and Carson; one brother, Larry (Sandra) Flickinger, of Sugar Grove; one sister, Charyl (John) Paris, of Oswego; and one uncle, one aunt, three nephews and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece.

A small private family service will be held, while a celebration of life event is being planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made at www.healthwellfoundation.org by donating to the Health Access Fund.

Patti Ann Harris

ROCHELLE — Patti Ann Harris, 57, passed away unexpectedly on May 27, 2020 at her home in Rochelle.



Patti was born on Nov. 28, 1962 in Rochelle to Walter J. Jr. and Marjorie R. (Breseman) Harris. She graduated from the Ashton High School in 1980, where she played the oboe, sang in the chorus and was in the Color Guard.

Patti worked for Crest Foods in Ashton for 20 years. She proudly earned safety award suggestions during her tenure there. Before ill health forced her retirement, she worked as a caregiver in the Tri County region. She took a special interest

and care with her clients. Patti loved living in the country for over 40 years and enjoyed family cookouts and bonfires. She loved to reminisce about all the fun times and funny family stories. She took care of both parents’ medical needs during their later years until their deaths. She loved listening to music, especially John Denver and watching her favorite movies; she could recite the scenes by heart from “Overboard.” She was very loving and caring and would do anything she could to help someone. She would give a friend in need her last dollar.

Her daughter, Malinda M. Harris, of Rochelle survives Patti. Patti thoroughly enjoyed trips to Florida and Santa’s Village when Mindy was a youngster. She was very proud of Mindy’s

cooking talents. Her granddaughter, Alexia Nance, of Rochelle, was Patti’s sunshine. Lexi brought much joy to Patti when she sang and danced for her.

Patti is also survived by her brother, Walter J. (Champ) Harris III of Franklin Grove, Carole (Andy) Taylor of Rochelle and Lori (Dan) Hillison of Ashton, three nephews, one niece, and two aunts.

Patti also leaves behind her beloved cat, Tiger, who was a wonderful companion for 10 years.

Patti will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Cremation care was handled by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle.

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

Peggy Pogue

ROCKFORD—Peggy Charlene (Parker) Pogue, 91, of Rockford, died Friday, May 29, 2020, in her home surrounded by her family. She was born Dec. 23, 1928, in Esmond, the daughter of Howard C. and B. Bernadine (Bishop) Parker.

Peggy was raised on the family farm outside of Esmond. A graduate of Stillman Valley High School class of 1946, she married Lloyd L. Pogue on Feb. 27, 1948, in Holcomb. She was a resident of Rockford over 50 years and Rochelle for 20 years.

Peggy was a beautician for over 30 years in Rockford/Rochelle area retiring in 1994. She had a shop in her home for a few years and then was the hairdresser in area nursing homes.

Her greatest passion was flower gardening. She missed her calling as a landscape/garden designer. On any given day, if the weather was sunny or gloomy, you could always find her putting in one of her many perennial flower beds. She was an active member of Council of Rockford Gardeners (Wildflower Club, and Morning Glory Club) for many years. Enjoying monthly trips to gardens and nurseries and lunches/dinners with the club members.

She is survived by her children, Larry H. (Donalyn) Pogue of Independence, Iowa, Jo Ellyn (Dean) Treadman of Rockford, and Diane (David) Russell of Rockford; grandchildren, Jason (Bobbie Jo) Pogue, Jeremy Pogue, Shireen (Brian) Suik, Caryn Pogue, Megan (Doug) Baker

and Kelsey Russell (James Weyruch); great-grandchildren, Caylee Thomas, Katelyn and Addison Pogue, Chase Russell and Cade and Ava Suik; Mia and Angelica Baker; as well as her brother Maynard Parker, 92; nieces and nephews, Bronna (Tim) Lehmann, Jay Parker (Kent Lee), Tim (Amy) Parker, Amy (Gary) Veitus, and several great-nephews and nieces.

She is predeceased by her spouse, Lloyd L. Pogue in 2012; son Robert L. Pogue in 2010; and her parents.

Private graveside service and burial in New Milford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family to be established at a later date.

Arrangements by Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory.

To share a memory or condolence, visit www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

CRESTON: Plan approved

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The garage and driveway space would help limit parking on the narrow road or in the nearby church parking lot. While residents at the beginning of the meeting expressed opposition to the new buildings, Williams read two letters that were mailed to the village in support of the construction. One letter was from a couple that lives in town and the other was from Headons — both praised Kerns for the work he has already done and expressed their trust that he will continue to do so

with the duplexes.

Board members voted to accept the recommendation and then the motion was passed by a 3 to 1 vote to move ahead with the construction.

The final item passed by board members was a three percent increase in both water and sewer rates to help curb increasing water and equipment prices.

“All the costs go up each year and we need to do something to help us with that expense,” Williams said.

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ON THE FARM

Cool, wet May ends a wet spring in Illinois

CHAMPAIGN—May was much colder and moderately wetter than average across Illinois, bringing an end to a wet spring season, according to Illinois State Climatologist Trent Ford at the University of Illinois' Illinois State Water Survey. The preliminary statewide average May temperature was 60.5 degrees, 2.2 degrees below the 30-year normal. Preliminary statewide average total precipitation for May was 5.41 inches, 0.81 inches wetter than the 30-year normal.

Temperatures

Following a cool April, temperatures for the first half of May were mostly below average. Most stations in the northern two-thirds of the state observed daily minimum temperatures below freezing on May 8–13. Below freezing temperatures on May 10 spread as far south as Hardin County. Although May freezes are not uncommon in Illinois, many tender perennials and flowering trees were at a more vulnerable state because of the warm start to this calendar year. A shift in the predominant winds brought warmer and more humid weather for the last two weeks of May. May average temperatures ranged from the high 50s in northern Illinois to the low 60s in southern Illinois. May

was colder than average in all but the very northeastern corner of the state.

Both April and May this year were colder than normal statewide, following three consecutive warmer than normal months to start the year. Although official numbers are not yet available, the 2020 climatological spring was very close to the 30-year normal.

Precipitation

May started out dry, with most areas of the state receiving less than an inch of rain in the first two weeks. However, a series of storms moved across the Interstate 55 corridor around the middle of the month, leaving widespread totals of 2 to 4 inches between the St. Louis Metro East and Chicagoland.

These storms generated very heavy rainfall over the Chicagoland area and resulted in over 7 inches of rain in four days over a large area of the city and suburbs. Over 3.5 inches was recorded at Chicago's O'Hare airport on May 14, the largest single-day May precipitation total ever recorded at that station.

Heavy rainfall across northern and central Illinois led to

flash flooding in developed areas and inundated fields and standing water in rural parts of the state. Gauges in both the Illinois and Des Plaines Rivers topped flood stage, including a likely new record crest on the Illinois River at Morris.

Overall, May total precipitation ranged from over 9 inches in northeast Illinois to just under 4 inches in southeast and far western Illinois. Most of the state received between 100 and 150 percent of normal May precipitation, while the Chicagoland area received over 200 percent of normal.

Only southeast Illinois, from Washington to Massac Counties, was drier than normal but still received around 90 percent of normal May precipitation.

May ended a wetter than average climatological spring, with most areas of the state receiving between 100 and 125 percent of normal precipitation. Although Illinois had an even split between drier and wetter than normal springs over the past decade, the wet springs have been very wet.

Although only trace snowfall occurred in May, most areas in northern Illinois experienced more snowfall than average in the spring. Spring snowfall totals ranged from less than an inch in most of central Illinois to over six inches along the Interstate 80 corridor.

Assistance program application period open

THE USDA has announced the parameters surrounding the Commodity Food Assistance Program, which provides \$16 billion to farmers in the U.S. affected by the COVID-19.

If you have yet to apply please do so soon.

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

Getting Ready to Apply: Applications began May 26 and run through Aug. 28. CFAP will provide \$16 billion in direct support to farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Overview

CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources.

The first source of funding is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act to compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020, and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that has been shipped from the farm between

the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels.

The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to on-going market disruptions.

Participation in the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program or Economic Injury Disaster Loan program does not affect eligibility for the CFAP or any other USDA program or loan.

Information for this program can be found on www.farmers.gov/cfap.

Eligibility, limits and payment structure

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Con-

servation provisions.

To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

Eligible crops and links to details

Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of Jan. 15, 2020. A payment will be made based 50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of Jan. 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rates.

Wool is also eligible. Visit www.farmers.gov/cfap and click on "Wool" for details.

Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total payment will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per

head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

Dairy: Visit www.farmers.gov/cfap and click on "Dairy" for details.

For dairy, the total payment will be calculated based on a producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of calendar year 2020 multiplied by a national price decline during the same quarter. The second part of the payment is based on a national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter.

Specialty crops

For eligible specialty crops, the total payment will be based on the volume of production sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020; the volume of production shipped, but unpaid; and the number of acres for which harvested production did not leave the farm or mature product destroyed or not harvested during that same time period, and which have not and will not be sold. Specialty crops include, but are not limited to, almonds, beans, broccoli, sweet corn, lemons, iceberg lettuce, spinach, squash, strawberries and tomatoes. A full list of eligible crops can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Additional crops may be deemed eligible at a later date.

Forms and paperwork



Ron Kern

If you have not worked with the FSA on payment programs before, it is highly recommended that you start collecting the necessary documents now.

Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program, and will ask for Contact information, Tax Identification Number, Farming operating structure, Adjusted Gross Income to ensure eligibility, and Direct deposit to enable payment processing.

The following forms will be needed for CFAP:

CCC-901 – Identifies members of a farm or ranch that is a legal entity. Member Information will be completed by legal entities and joint operations to collect the following: member names, addresses, and Tax Identification Numbers
citizenship status
CCC-941 – Reports

your average adjusted gross income for programs where income restrictions apply.

CCC-942 – If applicable, this certification reports income from farming, ranching, and forestry, for those exceeding the adjusted gross income limitation.

AD-1026 – Ensures compliance with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation.

AD-2047 – Provides basic customer contact information.

SF-3881 – Collects your banking information to allow USDA to make payments to you via direct deposit

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Why Illinois state lawmakers are still in line for an \$1,800 pay raise

“WE don’t want nobody that nobody sent” is the most famous phrase on Chicago-style corruption. But a lesser-known saying from the Daley machine explains the ongoing drama about whether state lawmakers just gave themselves an \$1,800 pay raise in the middle of a pandemic. “Don’t make no waves, don’t back no losers.”

Illinois lawmakers are still likely to receive a \$1,800 pay raise. But some have tried their best to make no waves by giving themselves cover from backlash. It didn’t work. Average Illinoisans – 1.1 million of whom are jobless – were outraged to the point where Comptroller Susana Mendoza released a video this week assuring the public that lawmakers would be getting \$0 in pay raises this year.

Kudos to Mendoza for standing up against political pay raises.

There’s just one problem: It’s not her choice to make. The state comptroller does not create a budget and decide who gets paid and who doesn’t, she simply pays the bills for the state. Members of the General Assembly and the governor are the ones who create a budget and make it law.

And by refusing to reform the law, Statehouse Democrats decided to make \$1,800 political pay raises more likely than not.

Follow along closely to understand how.

At the tail end of his term, former Gov. Pat Quinn tried to withhold lawmaker paychecks to pressure them into passing pension reform. House Speaker Mike Madigan didn’t take kindly to a governor

wielding this kind of power over his members. So, along with then-Senate President John Cullerton, he passed a new law defining lawmaker pay and pay raises as a “continuing appropriation.” A continuing appropriation is like a bill that automatically gets paid each month, with or without a budget.

That means it doesn’t matter whether the governor uses his veto power to zero out appropriations for lawmaker raises. And it doesn’t matter if lawmakers pass a budget appropriating \$0 to raises.

The Illinois law says the money shall be paid even if “aggregate appropriations made available are insufficient to meet the levels required” and “for any reason.”

In order to stop the raises, lawmakers must pass a new law specifically prohibiting them. They could also pass a law removing automatic raises from the definition of compensation, which the Illinois Supreme Court has ruled.

From fiscal years 2014-2019, they did the former. Lawmakers included specific language in the budget to stop their own pay raises.

This year they didn’t. Under the law, appropriating \$0 and touting a handshake agreement with the comptroller’s office is not enough to stop lawmaker pay hikes. But that’s what lawmakers did.

Imagine if the General Assembly verbally agreed to stop paying retirees’ pension payments. Or if lawmakers decided to budget \$0 to pay the electric bills for the Capitol complex.

“The [pay raises] are

on autopilot,” wrote Rich Miller of the Springfield political blog Capitol Fax. “They have to vote themselves to stop it from happening.”

If Pritzker and state lawmakers fail to pass a law prohibiting lawmaker pay raises this year – and Mendoza doesn’t

cut larger checks for lawmaker pay – they will expose Illinois taxpayers to expensive lawsuits from aggrieved politicians.

Who would be brazen enough to sue for political backpay during a pandemic?

Do not underestimate state lawmakers. Especially after they retire.

In 2016, a group of Democratic members of the House of Representatives successfully sued to get paid during the state’s budget impasse. More recently, two retired state lawmakers sued for backpay for every year the General Assembly voted to freeze their own pay. Some lawmakers are using that lawsuit – which is still ongoing – as a justification for why they didn’t pass a bill stopping their pay raises this year.

Again, make no waves.

This argument ignores the fact that there was legislation on the table to reform the system – ensuring Illinoisans were protected from political pay raises going forward.

“The General Assembly could have solved the recurring problem of legislative pay increases in this past session,” said State Sen. Craig Wilcox, R-McHenry.

“Unfortunately for Illinois taxpayers, my legislation never received a vote.”

Wilcox introduced a bill back in February to permanently end automatic pay raises for law-

makers. But Senate Bill 3607 died in the Senate Assignments Committee without a hearing.

If lawmakers were serious about stopping pay hikes, they would have passed a bill specifically stopping the raises, dared anyone to sue (and taken it all the way up to the Illinois Supreme Court if necessary), and passed a statute ending all automatic pay hikes for future General Assemblies.

Instead, Illinoisans got a half-hearted song and dance that could end with raises for politicians as

their constituents can’t find jobs.

This entire drama is uncomfortable for rank-and-file Democrats in Springfield.

Some surely would not have voted to hike their pay this year after voting for a \$1,600 pay hike last year, which Pritzker signed into law. They are the fifth-highest paid state lawmakers in the nation – and the highest paid among any “full-time lite” state lawmakers.

But a failure in leadership means they’re now

forced to defend actions that will not stand up to scrutiny in court.

For the rest of Illinois make no mistake:

State lawmakers did not protect you from political pay raises.

They just made it harder to follow the money.

Austin Berg is a Chicago-based writer with the Illinois Policy Institute who wrote this column for The Center Square. Austin can be reached at aberg@illinoispolicy.org.



Austin Berg

Letters to the Editor

Time to vote for politicians genuinely concerned about those they represent

Dear Editor,

Ronald Reagan asked, “Are you better off now than you were four years ago?” We need to ask the same question today of all politicians.

Our state representatives and state senators should be luring new businesses with good paying jobs to our area. But those we’ve elected are more concerned that low income workers be forced back to work in unsafe conditions due to this pandemic.

They also want us to risk our lives as voters and those of poll workers (including those of their own party) to vote in person in the fall. One state representative in our area who works as an executive

at a community hospital insists that we risk our health to get out and stand in line to vote. This despite four states having vote by mail for decades with no issues and other states getting half their ballots back by mail. Note that counties in Illinois mail out our voter registration cards and our driver’s licenses.

It’s time to vote out self-serving politicians and vote in representatives who are genuinely concerned about the people they represent, putting them first and not big business.

Sincerely,

Pam Farris
Rochelle



Profiling needs to stop

Dear Editor,

One of the three strategic goals for the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church is “to live out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching.”

We encourage ongoing self-reflection, cross-cultural sharing and growth, challenging even our own structures along with those in society to pursue equity. Some of our own distinguished leaders (who hold PhDs), who happen to be people of color, have experienced racial profiling while

walking from a church meeting along with others who attended that meeting.

They were followed and stopped by the local police of that town - for walking out of a church after a church meeting. There had been no crime reported. They don’t look suspicious.

This sort of thing must stop. Innocent people being killed must stop.

Karen Bonnell
Member of Steward United Methodist Church and the Northern Illinois Conference



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COMMUNITY

Widick receives Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree

URBANA – William Widick, son of Eric and Suzanne Widick of Rochelle, graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree on May 16.

The college is one of only 30 veterinary schools in the United States.

Dr. Widick and his fellow graduates in the Class of 2020 were educated under an innovative veterinary curriculum pioneered

at Illinois. The Illinois curriculum focuses on integrating the clinical skills and basic sciences relevant to veterinary practice throughout the four-year doctoral degree program. Students in the Illinois program, unlike those in other veterinary curricula, spend 15 weeks during the first two years of study embedded in veterinary practice areas and practicing clinical skills in an extensive learning center equipped with models and simulations.

In March, when on-campus

experiences were replaced with virtual ones due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Class of 2020 had already completed their clinical rotations. They completed the spring semester taking “professional development” courses, primarily through online learning.

Dr. Widick graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 2012. He is also a graduate of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, earning a bachelor of science degree in biology in 2016.

Three locals named to Western Illinois University Dean's List

MACOMB—A total of 1359 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2020 Spring Dean's List.

Local students include Katelyn Kalata, Mason Lamb and Taylor Nobles, all of Rochelle.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 6
Chonito Astudillo

June 7
Keli Perez

June 8
Scarlet Jones

June 9
Sammy Navejas

June 11
Emmalyn Eggenburg
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June 12
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Betty Armstrong

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June 27
Brittany Sullivan

June 28
Grace Sherburne
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June 29
Derek Oleson

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May 15 - Karen Snortland, Thornton, Colo., \$25

May 16 - Elaine Bassett, Dixon, \$25

May 17 - Bonnie Diedrich, Sulton, Wash., \$50

May 18 - Ralph Dauphin, Rochelle, \$25

May 19 - Jackie Nauman, Rochelle, \$25

May 20 - Ron Arne, Rochelle, \$25

May 21 - City of Rochelle, \$25

May 22 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25

May 23 - Dolores Scott, Ashton, \$25

May 24 - Lee Metzger, Rochelle, \$50

May 25 - Patty Mahan, Illiopolis, \$1,000

May 26 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25

May 27 - Rylee Harlock, Winnebago, \$25

May 28 - From the Heart auction, Rochelle, \$25

May 29 - Addie Chattic, Sterling, \$25

May 30 - Melissa Stacy, Byron, \$25

May 31 - Dorothy Lockard, Creston, \$50

June 1 - Sarah Meadows, Batavia, \$25

June 2 - Gary Dunn, Shabbona, \$25

June 3 - Lydia & Macie VanHise, Rochelle, \$25

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

Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Small plateaus

6 Bamboo eaters

12 Big commotion

13 Old Roman tax

14 Strengthen by heating and cooling

15 Move a painting, maybe

16 Medicinal amount

17 Computer brand

19 Chaps

20 Nickelodeon's explorer

22 Marley or Dylan

24 Underwear with underwire

27 Madams' mates

29 Moth variety

32 "The House That Ruth Built"

35 Advantage

36 Out of play

37 List-ending abbr.

38 Consume

40 Williams or Warhol

42 — -de-sac

44 On pension: Abbr.

46 Killer whale

50 "I, Robot" author

52 Passionate states

54 Cookbook entry

55 Lab monkey

56 Merchant

57 Apportioned

DOWN

1 Stereo fore-runner

2 Billions of years

3 Haste

4 Miss. neighbor

5 Not freelance

6 Skin opening

7 Bitter

8 To the — degree

9 Scotch-based liqueur

10 Top-rated

11 Autograph

12 Possessed

18 Parents' traveling accessory

21 Sugar suffix

23 Antiquated

24 "See ya"

25 "Awesome!"

26 Sweet fortified wine

28 Norm

30 Eccentric

31 HBO alternative

33 Mauna —

34 Toss in speech

39 Figure of

41 Mountain air?

42 Shopper's aid

43 Addict

45 Always

47 "Golden Girls" role

48 Gunk

49 Donkey

51 Central

53 Pi follower

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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CryptoQuip

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Clue: **Z** equals **P**

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RTHS Football

A memorable finish

Highlight-reel plays cap off All-Conference season for Albers

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

THE evening couldn't have gone better for seniors on the Rochelle Township High School football team when the Hubs hosted Plano this past fall.

Rochelle build up an enormous lead over the Reapers, and the Senior Night win was all but sealed before senior Nick Albers made one of the most memorable plays of the season. Playing the outside linebacker position, Albers intercepted a pass from Plano quarterback Tony Licea and hustled down the home sideline as Hub fans roared from the bleachers.

While Albers fell a little short of the end zone, head coach Kyle Kissack motioned him back onto the field for the team's ensuing offensive possession. On Rochelle's first play from scrimmage, the senior took the ball from the wingback position and knifed through the line for his first-ever varsity touchdown. The series was one of Albers' favorite moments as an RTHS football player.

"Playing football for RTHS taught me a lot about teamwork, accountability, discipline and commitment," Albers said. "My emotions on the field and the way I handled tough situations definitely improved throughout my three years with the team. I always found the atmosphere before kickoff was the most enjoyable experience on the field."

Albers would once again shine when Rochelle and Ottawa went into double overtime during the final week of the season. With multiple starters injured on offense, Albers stepped up late in the fourth quarter, scoring on a 10-yard touchdown rush that put Rochelle ahead with less than two minutes to play. The Hubs held off the Pirates in double overtime, winning 40-34 in one of the most competitive and memorable games in RTHS football history.

"I started playing football when I was in fourth grade, but coming back and beating Ottawa in our final game this past season is something I will always remember," Albers said. "I always enjoyed watching football growing up



Rochelle senior Nick Albers high-fives teammate Michael Schlenbecker after scoring the first rushing touchdown of his varsity career against Plano this past season.

(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

and it was something I really wanted to try and play."

Albers finished his football career at RTHS

with All-Conference First Team recognition from the Interstate 8 this past season. The senior led Rochelle with four take-

aways on defense including two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Albers said he plans to attend Kishwaukee College

to begin his education in natural resources before transferring to earn his bachelor's degree at The University of Missouri.

RTHS Girls Track

Field event success showcases Ohlinger's growth

Lady Hub senior wins title, sets triple jump PR in final two outdoor meets

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

MADIE Ohlinger's final outdoor performance with the Rochelle Township High School track and field program wound up being the best showing of her four-year career with the Lady Hubs.

Ohlinger had been slowly progressing in the triple jump throughout the 2019 season. Her efforts culminated in not only winning the Ogle County Championship with a mark of 33 feet 1 ½ inches, but a fifth-place showing at the IHSA 2A Rochelle Sectional, where she set a new personal record with a leap of 33 feet 2 ½ inches. Ohlinger had been slated to return as Rochelle's senior leader in the jump pits before the COVID-19 cancellation of spring sports. "I definitely became faster after my freshman

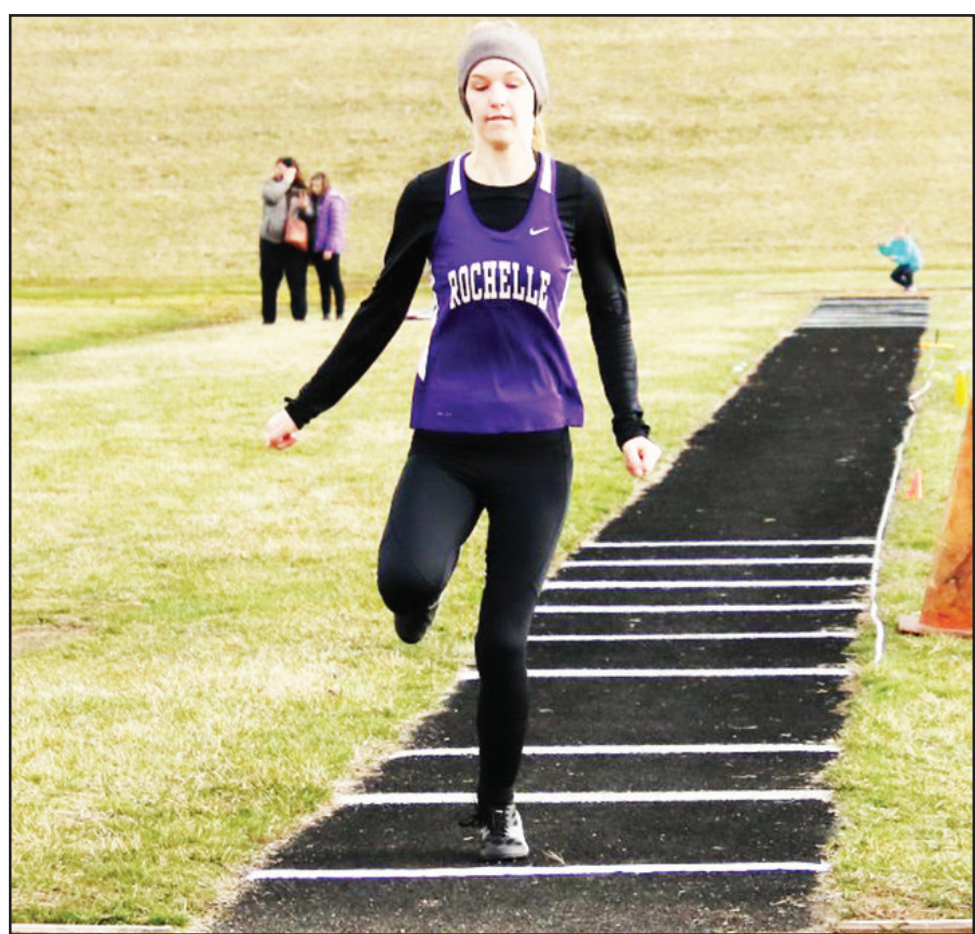
season, but my jumps have improved the most since I started track and field," Ohlinger said. "Being a member of the track and field team taught me perseverance. When I had meets where I didn't perform my best, I went back into practice with the mind set of getting better. In any situation where things didn't go as well as they could have, I remembered to focus on how I could improve myself."

Ohlinger spent four years with the track and field program, competing in multiple events including the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter relay, the 800-meter relay and the long jump before breaking out in the triple jump her junior season. As Ohlinger improved in the jump pits, she competed alongside teammates like former Lady Hub student-athlete Cam Turner, who Ohlinger said was her biggest role

model in track and field.

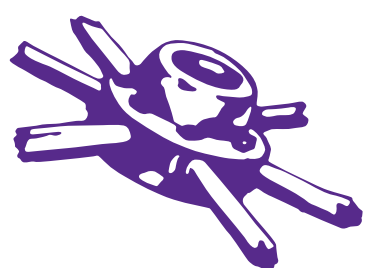
"I enjoyed the atmosphere of the meets and contributing to the team," Ohlinger said. "I started track and field when I was in fifth grade, and I knew I wanted to participate in a team sport. Some of my favorite memories include getting to compete with Cam. She was a great role model in both academics and athletics. She always supported me while I competed."

Ohlinger contributed to two victories during the Yorkville-Plano triangular meet in 2019, winning the triple jump and helping Rochelle take the 800-meter relay. She finished her high school career with personal-best marks of 29.98 seconds in the 200-meter dash and 13-5 ¾ in the long jump. Ohlinger, who will be attending Butler University to study political science, said she hopes to pursue a career in government.



Rochelle senior Madie Ohlinger's improvement throughout her four years with the Lady Hub track and field program was demonstrated in the triple jump, where she broke out her junior season and set multiple PRs.

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HUB SPOTLIGHT

Brown builds leadership skills with Lady Hubs

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

As one of only two seniors on the competitive cheerleading team this past winter, Rochelle Township High School student-athlete Kylee Brown was asked to step into a leadership role. Not only did Brown successfully fill that role, but she also said her leadership skills improved the most throughout her final season with the RTHS cheerleading program.

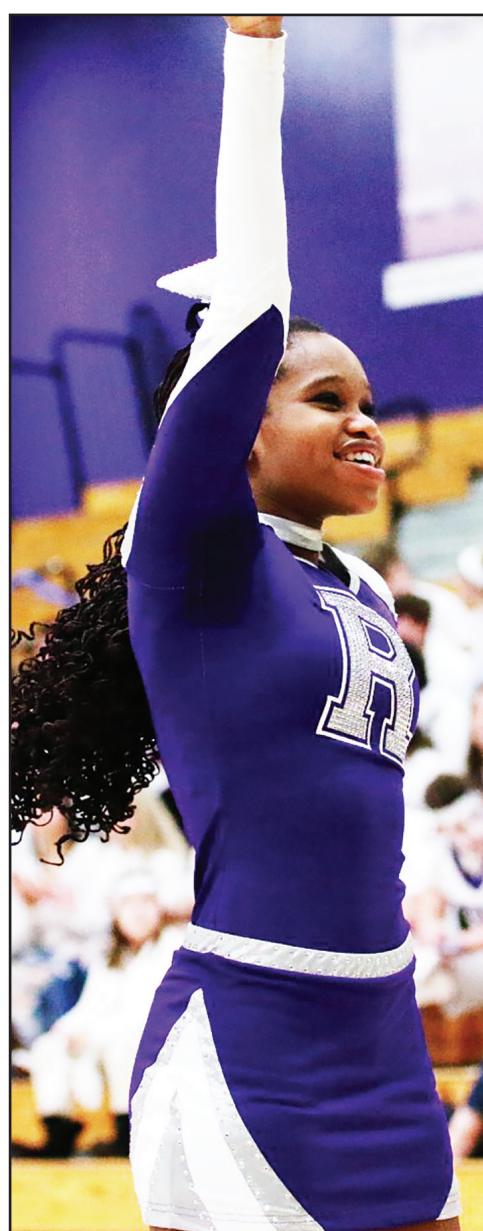
Brown spent all four years of high school with the cheerleading team, participating in both the fall and winter seasons. In addition to performing on the sidelines during Friday night football games, Brown said her favorite moments with the team were the competitions during the winter season and the long bus rides to and from games and events.

"One of my favorite memories would be the bus rides," Brown said. "We would play music on the bus and sing along or have really fun conversations. Another memory would have to be our Senior Night ceremony during the basketball season. That's when I realized that my whole high school cheerleading career was coming to an end, which was bittersweet."

Brown's senior season with the Lady Hubs capped off a seven-year cheerleading career that started in sixth grade, when Brown signed up for the Rochelle Junior Tackle cheer program. While Brown had been interested in becoming a cheerleader, she said the tumbling aspect of the sport also intrigued her, and she said her tumbling skills improved greatly throughout her time with the RTHS cheerleading program.

"Being a cheerleader has taught me how to be a team member and a leader," Brown said. "It's taught me how to work hard, and if I work hard at what I do, I can achieve anything. Coach [Trish] Rodeghero was a big advocate of that. I think I improved my leadership skills, especially this season since I was one of only two seniors, but my tumbling skills improved a lot as well."

Brown, who will be attending Bradley University and potentially continuing her



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

Rochelle senior Kylee Brown emerged as an important leader for the varsity cheerleading team this past season.

cheerleading career there, was named the RTHS Cheerleader of the Year this season alongside fellow senior Morgan Schabacker. A two-time Academic All-Conference honoree in cheerleading, Brown plans to major in biochemical sciences with a pre-med concentration. She said she hopes to attend medical school to pursue a career as an orthopedic surgeon.

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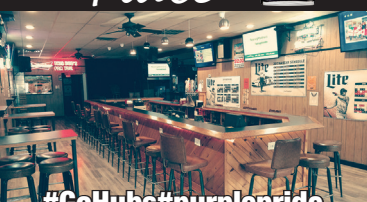
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The 2020 Huskie Summer Circuit goes live on the NIU Athletics YouTube channel on Wednesday, June 3 at 6 p.m. Fans will be able to ask questions via the YouTube Live Chat or can submit questions in advance by registering for free at NIUHuskies.com. There will also be a drawing for prizes, including pregame sideline access and Huskie gear, for registered fans.

Similar to the in-person Summer Circuit events held at different venues throughout Chicagoland over the last four years, the 2020 Summer Circuit will include updates from every NIU head coach, a chance to submit questions, and the latest news from Frazier. Andy Garcia, co-host of the NIU Weekly Radio Show and member of the Huskie Radio Network team, will host the event.

Fans are encouraged to subscribe to the NIU Athletics YouTube Channel now to never miss a video from NIU Athletics as the channel is being



consistently populated with plenty of past season highlights, fun promotional videos, student-athlete stories and more. For the past month, the NIU Weekly show, featuring co-hosts Garcia and Frazier and guests like NIU head coaches Thomas Hammock, Mark Montgomery and Lisa Carlsen, has premiered on YouTube.

The 2020 NIU Victors Student-Athlete Awards also were presented on YouTube. More features, including historical highlights, will be added to the channel in the coming months. Subscribe and then click on the bell at the top of the page to get a notification every time new content is added.

Season tickets for the 2020 NIU Football campaign remain on sale at NIUHuskies.com/tickets beginning at just \$60 for general admission season tickets for all games at Huskie Stadium, or \$110 for West Side (reserved) season tickets. See all of the season ticket pricing options at the link.

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Occupant
IL Dept. of Healthcare & Family Services
Estate of Mary Jo Backe
Kathryn Thompson
Kathryn Thompson
Spouse of Kathryn Thompson
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Illinois Attorney General
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.
A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Ill. as Case No. 2017TX17
The Property is located at:

522 N. 11th St., Rochelle, IL
Property Index Number: 24-23-435-006
Said Property was sold on 11/2/2017 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2016.
The period of redemption will expire on 9/21/2020. On 10/15/20 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner
No. 0514 (June 3, 10)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

203 HELP WANTED

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS Wanted. (Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

301 ANTIQUES

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

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305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 1216 Pickwick Drive. Thursday June 4th, Friday June 5th, 9am-5pm. & Saturday June 6th, 9am-Noon. Secretary, Entertainment Center, Fireplace Accessories, Headboard, Baby Cradle, Weber Smoky Joe, Dining Room Table and Chairs, Garmin Nuvi, Tools, Camera Easel, Florals, Black and Decker Electric Blower, 24" Extension Ladder, Dishes and Lots More! (06-03-20)

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307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rochelle News-Leader.

315 WANTED TO BUY

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WANTED: Coin operated machines, slot machines, pinball, arcade, trade simulators, jukeboxes. Working or not working. 815-397-6586.

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ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

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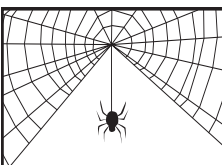
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An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

INFORMATION

Office Hours:
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday Friday)
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815-562-4171
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815-562-2161
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classifieds@rochellenews-leader.com
Address:
211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle
Mail:
P.O. Box 46
Rochelle, IL 61068

DEADLINES:

Sunday News-Leader:
Thursday, 2 p.m.
Tuesday Shopping News:
Friday, 10 a.m.
Wednesday News-Leader: Monday, 4 p.m.
(Deadlines subject to change during holiday times)

All classified marketplace line ads will appear in the following 7 print publications and on 5 high-traffic newspaper websites:
• Rochelle News-Leader • Ogle County Life • Rochelle Shopping News • Ashton Gazette • Amboy News • Mendota Reporter • Mendota Money Saver

Call for pricing that starts at \$32.99 for private party ads and \$44.60 for commercial business ads and \$19.99 for garage sale ads.

DISCLAIMER:
If your advertisement appears incorrectly, notify us immediately. We will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, and will only credit customer for one insertion.

Did You Know ...

According to the PewResearch Center ...

September 2011

Local Newspapers continue to be a key information source

Figure 6

The Topics for Which Newspapers are the Top Source

1	Percent of adults who rely on newspapers for these topics ...		2	Next most preferred source for each topic...	3	Other important source for this topic
	On some topics newspapers tie for the lead with...					
Crime	36%		TV news 29%		Internet 12%	
Local politics	26%	TV news 28%	Internet 17%		Word of mouth 7%	
Community events	25%		Word of mouth 13%		Internet 12%	
Arts events	25%		Internet 17%		TV news 13%	
Local taxes	22%		TV news 9%		Internet 9%	
Schools	21%	Internet 18%	TV news 10%		Word of mouth 10%	
Housing	19%	Internet 17%	Word of mouth 4%		TV news 3%	
Government activities	19%		TV news 12%		Internet 6%	
Local jobs	17%	Internet 16%	Word of mouth 3%		TV news 3%	
Zoning & development	17%		TV news 6%		Internet 4%	
Social services	13%		TV news 8%		Internet 6%	

Source: Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism and Internet & American Life Project in partnership with the Knight Foundation, January 12-25, 2011 Local Information Survey, N=2,251 adults age 18 and older. Conducted in English and Spanish and included 750 cell phone interviews.

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- 3 deliveries per week
- Most routes take less than 45 minutes
- No collecting
- A great place to teach your child about responsibility - and the rewards of earning their own spending money
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Contact Wanda at the Rochelle News-Leader office
211 E. Hwy. 38,
561-2112

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SOUTH MAIN, SOUTH 1ST, SOUTH 2ND, SOUTH 3RD STREETS
ROUTE 16-17
CHERRY AVE., 200-1000 BLOCK LINCOLN HWY., 100-1100 BLOCK N. MAIN ST., WASHINGTON ST.
ROUTE 28
SOUTHVIEW DR., WILLIS AVE., LAKE LIDA LN.
ROUTE 37
BROOKSTONE DR., MILL POND SHADY PASS, SUNSET LN. & COURTS IN BETWEEN

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