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Everyone counts

Census count to begin next week with self-response invitations

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE — The upcoming United States 2020 Census will begin counting next week.

Counting will begin with self-response invitations being sent to households throughout the community. Residents can expect the invitations to arrive between March 13-20 and no later than April 1. They will include instructions on how to

respond using three different methods.

“It will include a personal identifier linked to their address, a website to respond online, a phone number to respond over the phone and instruction on how to request a paper census,” said Sue Messer, assistant to the city manager/city clerk.

The invitations will be printed double sided, English on one side and Spanish on the other. The city is also offering dif-

ferent locations and times to help anyone who is in need of a computer or personal assistance. A card listing each loca-

tion and time can be picked up at Rochelle City Hall. Along with the locations for help, the city is hosting an Ice cream social

and multiple events at local parks throughout the month of April to respond.

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Sue Messer

VanVickle, other sheriffs file suit

Seeks injunction of Illinois Trust Act

OGLE COUNTY — A group of four elected Illinois sheriffs Monday, including Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle, filed a joint lawsuit in U.S. District Court for Northern Illinois seeking a preliminary and eventually a permanent injunction against the Illinois Trust Act, a 2017 state statute that restricts the ability of law enforcement officers to coordinate with federal officials regarding the custody of illegal aliens.

The suit also seeks a declaratory judgment that the Trust Act is in fact preempted by both the U.S. Constitution and Congressional statutes and is therefore invalid and unenforceable.

The suit was filed on behalf of Ogle County

Sheriff Brian E. VanVickle, McHenry County Sheriff Bill Prim, Stephenson County Sheriff David Snyders and Kankakee County Sheriff Mike Downey. It names Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul as defendant.

The sheriffs jointly contend that the Trust Act has exposed them and their offices to litigation over the years as three of the four have been sued for alleged violations of the Act.

The suit notes that the federal government alone has broad and undoubted authority “to regulate matters pertaining to immigration and the status of aliens” and that this authority has been exercised continuously since the nation’s founding and reaffirmed as

recently as 2012 in the U.S. Supreme Court decision Arizona v. United States, 567 U.S. 387, 394.

“Based on its enumerated powers and its constitutional power as a sovereign to control and conduct relations with foreign nations, the federal government alone has the authority to establish immigration laws, the execution of which the States cannot obstruct,” the suit notes.

It continues: “The Trust Act has both the purpose and effect of obstructing federal immigration enforcement in Illinois.”

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From the Heart recipients



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

The Rochelle Rotary Club From the Heart committee Tuesday presented the first round of funds to four of the eight organizations supported by the From the Heart gala. Pictured are Connie Dougherty (Hub City Senior Center), Jessica Friday (Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center), Dave Eckhardt on behalf of the committee, Trisha Morrow (CASA) and Sarah Thuestad (YMCA Child Care Center). Each of the organizations received \$6,500.

Street work approved

ROCHELLE — City officials will begin a street project this summer after council approved a bid Monday night involving storm sewer and street improvements.

The bid from Porter Brothers Asphalt and Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$358,480.19 will involve the project on Second Avenue from 12th Street to 14th Street and along 12th Street south of Illinois Route 39 (Lincoln Avenue) to the BNSF tracks.

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Arts council grant will help dual-language program

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE — Jason Harper, Rochelle Elementary District 231 superintendent, updated board members Tuesday night about an arts grant the district has received.

During its monthly board meeting Tuesday Harper talked about the Illinois Arts Council Agency \$31,500 grant and what the district will

use the funds for, saying the money will be put to use toward the district’s dual-language program development and classroom materials.

Harper also discussed how the district has been handling the recent nationwide coronavirus outbreak.

“We have made it through this year so far with the whooping cough flare up in November and December, the flu season in January and now we are doing everything we can to

prepare for coronavirus,” Harper said.

Precautions include keeping the schools clean and sanitized and focusing on clear communication between the students, staff, parents, community and health officials. The school is working directly with the nurses, and health departments that are in communication with the CDC.

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LOCAL NEWS



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Last Friday, the Thiravong Family Egg Roll Fundraiser raised \$8,835 for the St. Paul Lutheran Church and school.

Nearly \$9,000 raised for St. Paul

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – The Thiravong Family’s Famous Egg Roll Fundraiser benefiting St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and school held Friday brought in nearly \$9,000.

“We raised a gross total of \$8,835, brought many people

together and had a good time supporting a good cause,” said Church Council President Bob Elliott.

Unger-Horner Funeral Home and Rochelle Foods made generous donations, as well as the First Presbyterian Church for allowing the group to use its kitchen and fellowship area to prepare and distribute the meals.

St. Paul is also thankful to Chico and Watsanna Thiravong and their girls for their donations and all their time and endless energy making the preparation days and event fun for the workers and an overall success.

“A big thank you goes out to the community, because none of this would have been possible without them,” said Elliott.

Harvey named to Washington University Dean’s List

ST. LOUIS, Missouri — Alex Harvey, of Rochelle, was named to the dean’s list for the fall 2019 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Harvey is currently enrolled in the university’s McKelvey School of Engineering.

To qualify for the dean’s list in the McKelvey School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and complete at least 12 graded units.

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Beware severe weather and storm chasers

ROCKFORD—March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month in the State of Illinois. Severe weather in our area typically brings natural disasters like storms, tornadoes and flooding, and often brings out the best in people, as strangers reach out to help others in need. Unfortunately, the aftermath of a crisis also brings out contractors taking advantage of those who have already been victimized.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency reports in 2019, the biggest disaster to impact our state was the devastating river flooding that occurred in more than 33 counties, impacting 2.1 million residents.

“Although not all storm chasers are scammers, they often lack the proper licensing, offer quick fixes, or make big promises they can’t deliver. Consumers should always resist high pressure tactics and make sure to research contractors before hiring,” Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau said.

BBB is reminding homeowners affected by natural disasters to beware of “storm chasers” and out-of-town contractors soliciting business.

There are some things you should do when hiring any contractor (such as getting three estimates, getting everything in writing, and paying with a credit card). Click here for BBB tips on hiring a contractor.

Consumers should always resist high pressure tactics and make sure to research contractors before hiring.

Dennis Horton

and/or licensing contractors. Get references from friends and relatives.

Resist high-pressure sales tactics. Some storm chasers use tactics such as the “good deal” you’ll get only if you hire the contractor on the spot. Be pro-active in selecting a contractor and not re-active to sales calls on the phone or door-to-door pitches. Disaster victims should never feel forced to make a hasty decision or to choose an unknown contractor.

Be especially careful of door-to-door contractors. Many municipalities require a solicitation permit if salespeople go door-to-door. Ask for identification. Check their vehicle for a business name, phone number, and license plates for your state or province.

Don’t sign over insurance checks to contractors. Get an invoice from the contractor and pay them directly (preferably with a credit card, which offers additional fraud protection over other forms of payment). Don’t sign any documents that give the contractor any rights to your insurance claims.

If you have questions, contact your insurance company or agent.

Be wary regarding places you can’t see. While most contractors abide by the law, be careful allowing someone you do not know to inspect your roof and other areas of your house. An unethical contractor may actually create damage to get work. The same goes for attics, crawl spaces, ducts, and other places you cannot easily access or see for yourself.

BBB is also warning contractors to beware of storm chasers who offer to pay local construction companies substantial amounts of money to use the business’s established name, reputation, and phone. They masquerade as a local business, collect the insurance money and then move on, leaving the real business to deal with unsatisfied customers due to bad workmanship, unfinished work, or unfilled warranties.

For full information on Emergency Preparedness Month and all vital information on the Illinois Emergency Management Agency visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/iema>

LOCAL NEWS



Above, volunteer Melody Mott works with one of the horses at Pegasus.

Pegasus holding volunteer training session in April

OREGON — Pegasus Special Riders will be holding two volunteer training sessions for individuals interested in joining the team of volunteers who assist riders and the instructors in lessons.

The training sessions will be held Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. or Monday, April 13 at 5 p.m. Demonstrations on getting horses ready for lessons,

leading or side-walking with the rider and therapeutic horsemanship will be given in the arena.

No experience is needed as Pegasus will provide all necessary training. These events also are a refresher course for current volunteers.

The facility is located at 6668 S. Carthage Road, south of Oregon. Call 815-973-3177 for more information.

STREET: Work expected to be complete by end of July

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City engineer Sam Tesreau said the reconstruction and urbaniza-

tion project was included in the city's 2020 budget and is expected to be substantially complete by the end of July.

Along with the side-walk, curb and gutter and proper drainage work, the area will also see new street lights.

Report policy

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

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

CENSUS: Count to begin

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"We are going to have some park events where we will be set up to help people, as well as feed them a hot dog and some chips," said Messer. "Then we are having an ice cream social on April 1, from 3 to 6 p.m., at City Hall. We will have Culver's ice cream and El Rey radio station out of Mendota will be here too."

Residents who don't respond right away will get multiple reminders to do so. If they have not responded by May, United States Census takers will begin going door to door. All Census takers have received background checks and will have an official I.D. badge.

The city would like people to know that their information is protected

by federal law from being given to any other government agency or police station. But, the city cannot stress the importance of an accurate count, to ensure Rochelle does not miss out of valuable funding, both federally and from the state.

"Every single person not counted is a loss of about \$1,800 per year, for 10 years to our region," said Messer.

SUIT: Sheriffs file lawsuit

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The majority of the conflict between the Trust Act and federal law revolves around the use of "detainers," which require local law enforcement officers to maintain custody of an undocumented alien for up to 48 hours to give federal officials time to discover his or her immigration status. Based on their findings, the individual may then be released or turned over to the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

However, the Trust Act bars any law enforcement agency or official from detaining "any individual solely on the basis

of any immigration detainer...." According to the suit, the net result is the "Trust Act is in direct conflict with federal laws requiring cooperation and communication between federal and state law enforcement officials." All despite the fact that as the Arizona case decision declares: "Consultation between federal and state officials is an important feature of the immigration system."

Concluding, the lawsuit asserts that the sheriffs face "irreparable harm in the face of ongoing litigation and threats of enforcement of the Trust Act" and that "enforcement of an unconstitutional law creates per se irreparable harm."

Remarkable resident



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

Dennis Swinton (holding framed certificate) was named the March Remarkable Resident Monday night. Jacob Becker of Query Insurance (far left) presented the award which was created in cooperation with Mayor John Bearrows (far right). Rochelle Township High School Key Club President Kaitlynn Ost (right of Swinton) and Key Club members Ella McKinney and Riley Flanagan spoke about Golden K member and Key Club co-advisor Swinton.

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Obituaries

Brian Byars

RIDOTT — Brian K. Byars, 63 of Ridott, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2020 at the Monroe Clinic Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin. He was born Sept. 8, 1956 in Rochelle to Delbert and Del-louise (Stocking) Byars, Jr. He was a 1974 graduate of Rochelle Township High School. Brian married Rhonda Kay Rhodes on Aug. 18, 1979.



He was a machinist/mechanic for Dixon Automatic Tool, Amerock, Warner Lambert, and most recently he retired from General Mills in Belvidere. Brian was actively involved in the First Church of the

Open Bible of Freeport, starting their JOY Group. Baseball was his passion and he was an avid 1969 Chicago Cubs fan. He also enjoyed antiquing and traveling to Maine.

Brian is survived by his wife of 40 years, Rhonda Kay Byars of Ridott; daughter, Heidi (Bradley) Marcum of Belvidere; sisters, Deborah Schoepfer of Davis Junction, Diana (Jerry) Hicks of Chana, Julie New of DeKalb, Judith Ramos of Rochelle, and Janet (Gary) Church of Hanford, California; sister-in-law, Catherine Byars of Geneva; and numerous nieces and

nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Scott Byars; and brother-in-law, Rocky Schoepfer.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the First Church of the Open Bible in Freeport. The funeral service will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 10 a.m. also at the Church. Interment will take place at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The First Church of the Open Bible for missions or to the Freeport Pregnancy Center.

Condolences may be shared at www.walkermortuary.com.

Helen Henert

ROCHELLE — Helen Henert of Rochelle, formerly of rural Ashton, passed away March 9, 2020. She was born Dorothy Helen Newby to parents Herbert and Dorothy Fultz Newby in Bushnell. Helen attended the University of Illinois before marrying Burnell Henert on Sept. 7, 1947.

Helen was raised on a farm near Bushnell, with her loving parents and sweet big brother, Bill. Bill could talk Helen into helping him with many projects. When Bill was in charge of collecting for Easter Seals, he wisely determined more people would say "yes" to a cute little girl than an older boy. So he would send Helen to knock on the neighbors' doors and ask if they would like to contribute. If they said yes, Bill would finish the transaction. If they said no, it was Helen hearing the no instead of Bill.

Helen joined 4-H as a young girl and became a 4-H leader when she moved to the Ashton area. When you include the many years she supported all of her children in 4-H, her involvement spanned 40 years.

Helen's married farm life started off very memorably when Helen and Burnell's first corn crop was a total loss due to a hail storm.

Having five children in eight years kept things interesting. Helen woke the children every morning with the same routine: "Morning on the farm, rise and shine!" Then she would sing the beginning of the Star Spangled

Banner deliberately off key. She would finish by calling out children's names and waiting for a response to ensure everyone was awake. For birthdays, she would make the same special cake for Burnell and the kids.

Not only was Helen a supportive wife in the many day-to-day aspects of farm life, she also became very knowledgeable in financing and the marketing of the crops. When money markets came on the scene, she and Burnell were featured in *Prairie Farming* magazine, explaining how they were using this new option. One of Helen's proudest marketing moments occurred around President Carter's grain embargo. She suggested to Burnell that they quickly sell the corn, which they did, right before the price took a drastic downturn.

As her children grew, Helen had time to be more involved in her community. She was a founding member and past president of Illinois Agri-Women. She worked hard to recruit members and get this important organization off the ground. She was also very involved with the national organization — American Agri-Women, where she received their highest award — the coveted Leaven Award — in appreciation of her selfless dedication.

Helen was also a very proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving three times as Chapter Regent. She selflessly gave of her time and talents to many other groups during

her lifetime, including the Illinois Health Improvement Association, the PEO Sisterhood and Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival.



Helen was a lifelong Presbyterian and a faithful and very active member of the Rochelle church for over 70 years. She lived her faith and was known for reaching out to others. Helen's warm heart and giving spirit will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hawthorne Inn (formerly San Gabriel) for their caring hearts. As Helen progressed from being very independent to needing more assistance, the managers and staff were always professional yet friendly, respectful and supportive.

Helen is survived by her children, Brian Henert, Steven (Cindy) Henert, Cindy (Kurt) Gunderfield and Diane (Roger) DeFoe. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brad and Kama Henert, and her nephew and nieces Douglas Newby, Cynthia Newby, and Martha Jane Newby.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Burnell; son Craig; brother William; and infant sister Margaret.

Helen's memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Rochelle at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 21 with coffee fellowship following.

Arrangements are being handled by Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home of Rochelle.

Memorials may be given to the church.

SCHOOL: Matching grant for health life safety work

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Other precautions the district is taking are disinfecting as many surfaces as possible and monitoring teacher absences.

Other items

The district will be receiving a \$50,000 matching grant to be used on health life safety, from a school maintenance grant. Board members ac-

cepted the resignation of Patricia Bond, who will be retiring from May Elementary School at the end of the school year.

Members also accepted a recommendation from the superintendent to replace one of the two maintenance trucks the district currently owns. The truck is 16 years old and needs to be replaced since the engine is beginning to overheat when plowing during the winter. "We are recommending a \$31,969 truck from Prescott Motors in Rochelle to purchase a new truck," said Harper. "We would put the plow on the new truck and for the time being keep the old truck for summer work and other tasks it is still able to do."

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Imogene Pinkston-Mattson

ROCHELLE — Imogene L. Pinkston-Mattson, 89, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Dixon Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. She was born on Feb. 16, 1931 in Jackson, Missouri, the daughter of Louis and Pauline (Probst) Koechig.



Imogene was preceded in death by her first husband, William Howard Pinkston, and then her second husband, Don Mattson.

She owned and operated Bill & Imo's Café on South Main Street in Rochelle for 10 years. Imogene also co-owned Bill's Small Engine Repair Service, Bill's Courtesy Cab and retired from DelMonte Plant 115 after 20 years.

After retirement, she provided day care for the elderly.

In addition, she is preceded in death by her parents; son, William "Bill" Pinkston; two grandchildren, Aaron McGrath, and Amber Pinkston; and siblings, Shirley Paul, Lucille Lee, Robert Koechig, Lloyd Koechig, Leo Koechig and Lenora Pawlak.

Imogene loved spend-

ing time with her family and helping the elderly. She enjoyed staying home keeping her house and being a good wife to her husband, Don. She was very close to her niece, Sandra Hall.

Imogene had many friends and family and will be missed by all! The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Dixon Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center as well as Serenity Hospice and Home.

She is survived by her son, Jeff (Kelly) Pinkston of Dixon; two grandchildren, Andrew Pinkston and Joshua (Pam) Pinkston; great-grandson, Blain Pinkston; sister, Mary Ann (Donald) Johnson of Rochelle; and many nieces and nephews, including Sandi Hall of Rochelle.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at the Funeral Home with Pastor and nephew Chad Hall officiating. Burial will be at the Trinity Memorial Gardens in Rochelle.

Visit www.Unger-Horner.com to sign the online guest book.

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LOCAL NEWS

Man arrested for driving under the influence

On March 5 at approximately 1:15 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of Illinois Route 26 and Peek Home Road for a moving violation. After a brief investigation, Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Terry Turner, 32, of Dixon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Turner was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

March 6

On March 6 at 8:29 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Steward Road. After a short investigation deputies arrested Lesley Foster, 29, of Chicago, for improper cannabis container, driving while license suspended, no valid license and obstruction of justice. Foster was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held without Bond. Deputies were assisted on scene by Rochelle Police

On March 7 at 5:59 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop on Lighthouse Road and Daysville Road for a traffic violation. After a short investigation, Dustin Hutcherson, 32, of Rochelle, was arrested for improper cannabis container/driver

and driving while license suspended. Hutcherson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 7 at a pproximately 11:15 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Laura L. Madden, 55, of Leaf River, at an address in Leaf River. Madden was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant for driving while license suspended. She posted \$450.00 bond, was released, and will have no further court appearances.

March 8

On March 8 at approximately 4:18 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Woodlawn Road. After further investigation, deputies arrested Kayla Palin, 27, of Rockford, for improper cannabis container. Palin was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On March 8 at approximately 5:21 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Lowell Park Road and Penn Corner Road. After further investigation, deputies arrested Justin Bennett, 27, of Kewanee, for an outstanding Ogle County warrant

for failure to appear and improper cannabis container. Bennett was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On March 8 at approximately 1:56 a.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop at near the intersection of Oregon Street and Campbell Avenue in Polo. After further investigation, deputies arrested Bradley Fogle, 33, of Milledgeville, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Fogle was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

March 9

On March 9 at approximately 9:50 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies investigated a car in the ditch in the 10,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. Upon further investigation, Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Merry Young, 57, of Rockford, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Young was then transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 9, Erick S. Williams, 33, of Bellwood, was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Office for a property damage warrant. Williams has a bond of \$5,000/10 percent and was scheduled to appear in court March 9.

Man arrested on county warrant

On March 6 at 1:59 p.m., Rochelle police arrested William Cupp, 57, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. He posted \$175 bond.

On March 6 at 9:55 a.m., Rochelle police cited Jannela Humpherys, 27, of Compton, for no insurance. She posted a promise to comply. Her court date is set for April 17.

On March 6 at 9:38 a.m., Rochelle police cited Austin Wash, 19, of Rochelle, for speeding. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for April 17.

On March 7 at 4:53 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Aysha L. Dwyer, 29, of Rochelle, on a Whiteside County warrant. She was transported to jail.

On March 7 at 4:45 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Aron R. Anderson, 26, of Rochelle,

on an Ogle County warrant. He posted \$575 bond.

On March 7 at 8:13 p.m., Rochelle police cited Scott R. Moore, 28, of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, for speeding 55 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for April 17.

On March 8 at 3:59 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Matthew J. Frank, 22, of Byron, on an Ogle County warrant. He was transported to jail.

On March 8 at 5:28 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Brian Heinrich, 54, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. He was transported to jail.

On March 8 at 7:17 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Francisco Felipe, 39, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant and assault. He posted \$300 bond. His court date is set for April 17.

Minor accident



Rochelle police ticketed Clyde Patterson, 55, for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The accident took place on Flagg Road just west of the Caron Road curve. Two people were treated for minor injuries at Rochelle Community Hospital.

Sterling man arrested in possession of 256 grams of cocaine

DIXON — On March 3, Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Sterling man wanted on an outstanding Ogle County warrant.

At 2:23 a.m. on March 3, following a short foot chase from the Road Ranger at 1801 S. Galena Avenue in Dixon,

officers arrested Christopher Cornell, 33, of Sterling. When taken into custody, Cornell was in possession of 256 grams of cocaine.

Cornell is charged with unlawful possession with the intent to deliver a controlled substance (Class X Felony), unlawful pos-

session of a controlled substance (Class 1 Felony) and obstructing justice (Class 4 Felony).

Cornell was taken to the Lee County Jail and is being held on a \$250,000/10 percent bond.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Dixon Police Department.



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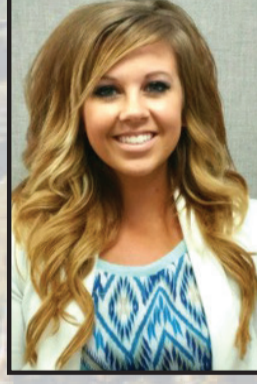
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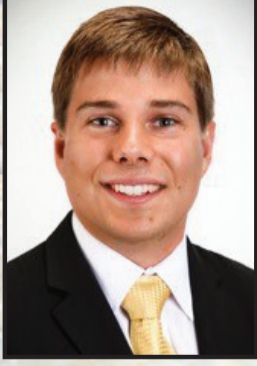
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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Filling the No. 2 position

AS former Vice President Joe Biden surges to the lead for the Democratic presidential nomination, he'll soon need to pick a running mate who will attract votes he might otherwise not receive.



Scott Reeder

Just who those voters are remains a matter of debate.

Both Biden and U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders have said they are considering women for the No. 2 spot.

At least one women's organization, Supermajority, is circulating a petition asking both Sanders and Biden to "affirm their commitment to gender equity" by choosing a woman as their running mate.

So, it would appear a female candidate would be considered a plus for the ticket. But what type of background should she come from?

Maze Jackson, a top Chicago political consultant in the African American community, offered me a perspective that startled me. He contends the group Biden needs to win over are white male voters without a college education.

Back in the day, these are the folks who were called "Reagan Democrats."

Jackson contends that Biden already has the loyalty of African American voters and picking a black running mate won't provide his candidacy with the boost it needs to defeat Donald Trump.

Hillary Clinton said she would "love" to see a woman on the ticket but, in an interview with CNN, said the future nominee needs to "take a really hard look at the Electoral College for what will help him."

I'd suggest U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, may be the candidate who can give Biden the help he needs in rural areas that have supported Trump. She represents a blue-color district that is

emblematic of the areas Donald Trump successfully wooed into his column in 2016.

"She probably wouldn't make a difference in Illinois; Biden will win here no matter what, but in neighboring states, like Iowa and Wisconsin that Trump carried, she could make a big difference," said Kent Redfield, a retired political science professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Bustos has represented Illinois' 17th Congressional District since 2013 and has won re-election handily — even in 2016 — when Trump won the district.

She leads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the official campaign arm of the Democrats in the House of Representatives. She also is a member of the Blue Dog Caucus, a group of conservative and moderate Democrats in the House.

"It would make a lot of sense for Biden to pick her," Redfield said. "The more liberal members of the party are going to vote for him anyway. They certainly aren't going to vote for Trump. But a moderate like Cheri Bustos may be able to bring over some people who otherwise wouldn't vote for Biden."

Longtime Illinois political observer Mike Lawrence said he views Bustos as a longshot for the VP nod.

"I'm a great admirer of Cheri. I'm not saying national office isn't someday in her future. But it is more likely to be someone like (U.S. Sen.) Kamala Harris," he said.

Bustos, a Springfield native, interned for Lawrence in 1985, when he was a statehouse bureau chief for a chain of Illinois newspapers.

"I think she would be an excellent pick, but right now her focus is leading the DCCC and winning re-election in her district. She is taking neither for granted," said Robin Johnson, a lecturer at Monmouth College who worked with Bustos on a study on how Democratic candidates for legislative

office can prevail in rural areas.

I worked with Cheri Bustos in the newspaper business back in the '80s and '90s. We were reporters together at the Quad-City Times. And for about six months of my decade at the Times she was my boss.

She is one of the best, if not the best, leader I've encountered in my 33 years in journalism. She was the sort of boss who could stretch you out of your comfort zone every day.

During the decade we worked together we were probably the two most politically engaged people in the newsroom. She's a Democrat and I was a Republican.

Even though we come from different political perspectives, I still would happily vote for Cheri. Why? Because after 30 years of covering politics, I know how rare and valuable a commodity personal integrity is.

Letters to the Editor

Supports Rock for State's Attorney

Dear Editor,
I spent many years of my life as a courthouse employee and I interacted with many of the attorneys who worked in the State's Attorney's office.

One of those attorneys made a great impression upon me. That attorney was Mike Rock. I always appreciated his diligence

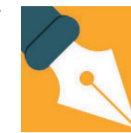
and his focus on his job as a prosecutor.

Our justice system is reliant upon a smooth flow of cases and as organized approach to handling of cases. Justice itself is in jeopardy if the attorneys are unprepared or unqualified to handle certain cases.

Mike Rock has a broad base of experience to draw upon and we need him to lead the Ogle County State's Attorney's office.

Mike Rock has my vote and my confidence.

Marlene Hobbs
Oregon



Dear Editor,

I am Tom Smith, and I believe in our Ogle County.

I have been active for over 40 years in politics, seated on many boards within our county. Currently I'm a county board member and supervisor of White Rock Township. My residence is in the unincorporated area of Ogle, thus I rely heavily on the Sheriff and our State's Attorney to keep me safe. Arresting those that choose crime is only one factor, ensuring they properly pay for those crimes is equally as important.

I am a supporter, and volunteer, in Mike Rock's campaign for our Ogle County State's Attorney. We must have hard working responsible people in our county law enforcement community, placing Mike Rock as our State's At-

torney is the best choice. I co-chaired Brian VanVickle's campaign because I believe we need strong leaders in public safety positions.

Mike is a strong and experienced prosecutor who will place our public safety first. The State's Attorney's office needs new leadership and experience, Mike Rock has those qualities and will bring them to the job. The current State's Attorney is a politician, but what Ogle County needs is a prosecutor. Mike has more courtroom experience and a broader record prosecuting many types of crimes.

That is why I'm voting for Mike Rock in the Ogle County primary, and I hope you will too.

Thomas K. Smith
Rochelle



VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

There have now been nearly 20 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Illinois. Are you concerned about the virus? Are you taking any special precautions?



"I have been avoiding crowds, constantly washing my hands and being very cautious to cough or sneeze in public."

Kathie Cook



"I am not really concerned because the flu has a greater effect. Neither the common cold or the flu have a cure either. They are all part of the same family but people have just been panicking about this."

Ed Libberton



"Yes, it concerns me and I have been taking the necessary precautions. I have been using hand sanitizer, washing my hands, using wipes and having my mother stay indoors since she is elderly."

Sylvester Johnson

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COMMUNITY

Kish College scholarship application period now open for Fall 2020

MALTA — Kishwaukee College annually offers over \$550,000 in scholarship funds to students. Opportunities for funding college at Kish include Academic Achievement Scholarships and Kishwaukee College Foundation Scholarships.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020-21 academic year.

Academic Achievement Scholarships are non-competitive meaning all students who qualify and apply will be awarded the scholarship. The college offers two different academic achievement scholarships: President's Scholar and College Scholar. Students graduating from in-district high schools or reside within the Kish district and graduate from a private high school in Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 and achieve a 3.25 cumulative GPA or above are eligible.

In-district high schools include: DeKalb High School, Genoa-Kingston High School, Hiawatha High School, Indian Creek High School, Oregon High School, Rochelle Township High School and Sycamore High School. Priority deadline is April 15 and the regular deadline is June 30.

The Kish Foundation Scholarships are made available through the generosity of donors. Together, the foundation awards over \$300,000 in student scholarships annually. Current and new students who will be attending in Fall 2020 are eligible to apply. Information about specific scholarship requirements and application procedures is available online. Foundation Scholarships are competitive and the deadline to apply is April 15.

Kishwaukee College prides itself on providing quality, affordable education. Scholarship opportunities are one way to alleviate tuition costs.

For additional information about these opportunities and to complete an online application, please visit www.kish.edu/scholarships.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 12 Troy Komadina	March 24 John Wooten
March 13 Veronica Lopez	Lanie McPhearson
March 14 Noah Simmons	March 25 Chaz & Kathy Conant
March 16 Christy Oleson	Liz Danekas
March 19 John Overstreet	Shaun Rosenbach
March 20 Jesse Lopez	March 26 LeeAnn Komadina
Rachelle Phillips	

CALENDAR

Wed., March 11

1:30 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednesday)

Thu., March 12

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu is BBQ chicken (breasts and thighs), potato salad and baked beans. The kids menu is peanut butter and jelly, corn dog with chips or chicken nuggets. *Menu is subject to change. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Sat., March 14

10 a.m. — The Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Sunshine Bakery Lucky Hub Dash will be held. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Holcomb Bank. Call the chamber at 815-562-4189 for more information.

11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Lucky's 5th annual St. Paddy's Day Parade and Irish Hooley will take place. The parade will kick-off downtown. The parade will move from Lincoln Highway through downtown, turn left on Cherry Avenue to Main Street and then north on Main Street for a few blocks. Once the parade is finished the Hooley will take place at the Chicagoland Skydiving Center. A variety of food vendors and activities will be held in the hangar.

Mon., March 16

5 to 6 p.m. — Rochelle Christian Community free Monday supper for all in need. The supper is served at St. Patrick Parish Center, 244 Kelley Drive.

6:30 p.m. — Group Hope meets in the RCH Health



FROM THE HEART DAILY CASH WINNERS

Feb. 26 - Judith Brodersen, Stillman Valley, \$25

Feb. 27 - Steve & Debby Scherer, Los Angeles, Calif., \$25

Feb. 28 - William Fawkes, Sterling, \$25

Feb. 29 - Nancy Luckenbill, Rock Island, \$25

March 1 - Richard Clayton, Compton, \$50

March 2 - Megan Egyed, Amboy, \$25

March 3 - Barby Holt, Milwaukee, Wis., \$25

March 4 - Sarah Moris (CHS), Rochelle, \$25

March 5 - Melissa Folkers, Sterling, \$25

March 6 - Dorothy Lockard, Creston, \$25

March 7 - Danielle Worley, Chana, \$25

March 8 - Linda Thompson, Rochelle, \$50

March 9 - Joan Bakken, Rochelle, \$25

March 10 - Madlyn Parks, Franklin Grove, \$25

March 11 - Amy Ritter, Rochelle, \$25

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

& Wellness Center Conference Room. Provides support with depression and bipolar disorder. Affiliated with the Rock River Mental Health Association. (every Monday)

Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu is corned beef and cabbage or pastrami, cornbread, Irish pork stew. The kids menu is peanut butter and jelly, corn dog with chips or chicken nuggets. *Menu is subject to change. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Tue., March 17

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. —

Wed., March 18

1:30 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednesday)

Thu., March 19

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu is chicken bacon ranch kabobs, sausage and chicken kabobs, veggie rice and salad. The kids menu is peanut butter and jelly, corn dog with chips or chicken nuggets. *Menu is subject to change. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Sat., March 21

9 a.m. to noon — Chana-Family Clothes Closet at Chana United Methodist Church is open the first and third Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. The closet is bursting at the seams. New donations are being hung weekly. They currently have a large variety of children's clothing from infant to teens. They also have a very nice selection of adult clothing. They are currently starting to bring out spring clothing to update the selection. All of the clothing is offered at no cost and everyone is welcome. If the Saturday hours are not convenient, give the church a call at 815-732-7683 to set up another time.

Mon., March 23 through Thu., March 26

6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. — Crossroads Community Church will host Children's Easter Eggstravaganza for children ages 5 through fifth grade. Please RSVP at www.crossroadsrochelle.com.

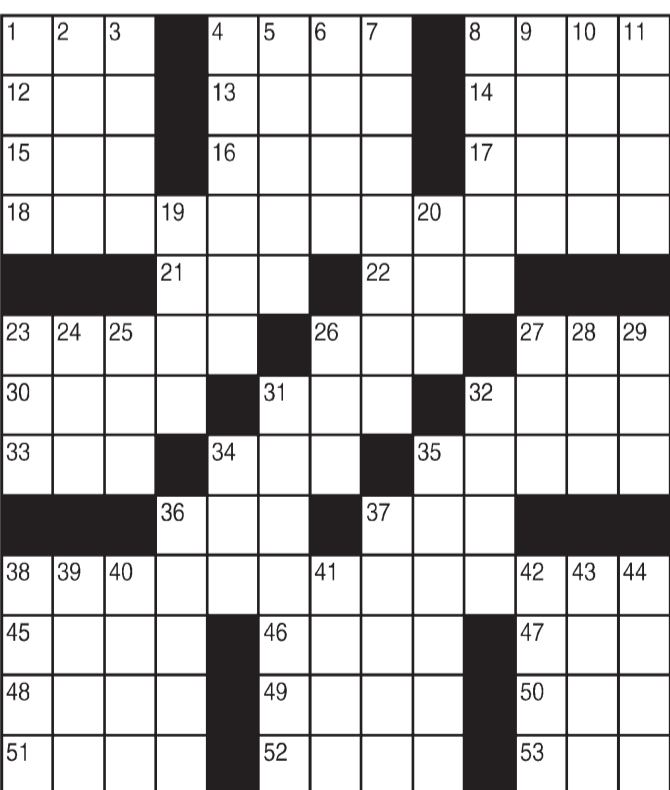


Coffee Break

King Crossword

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- 13 Part of the foot
- 14 Solemn promise
- 15 Geological period
- 16 Silver salmon
- 17 Wrinkly fruit
- 18 Informal game
- 21 "Absolutely"
- 22 Deposit
- 23 Brilliance
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- 27 Blond shade
- 30 Proper subject?
- 31 Stop running
- 32 Toll road
- 33 Pooch
- 34 Cover
- 35 Bizarre
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **R** equals **Z**

FZ TE FITOFTE SJPZ DYI APBN QTK,
F MBPVWQP JP SYWOK DFAP NYW
T MFRRT JFV QFEK!

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answer

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip

answer

If an Italian chef got very mad,
I presume he could give you
a pizza his mind!

STATE NEWS

Health officials announce first Coronavirus disease cases outside Chicago and Cook County

As of Tuesday afternoon, Illinois is currently reporting 19 cases

CHICAGO—The Illinois Department of Public Health, Kane County Health Department, and the McHenry County Department of Health Tuesday announced the first Illinois residents outside of Chicago and Cook County to test positive at the IDPH laboratory for coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The cases include a Kane County woman in her 60s and a McHenry County teen, neither of whom had a history of travel to an affected area and no connection to a known case of COVID-19. Public health officials are identifying and contacting all close contacts.

“As we anticipated, the number of cases in Illinois is increasing and now includes the first cases outside of Chicago and Cook County,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “The State of Illinois continues to take action to reduce spread of COVID-19 in Illinois and we again want to encourage people to start thinking and preparing now in the event they are not able to go to work, if schools are closed, if public transportation is not available, and how else their lives will be disrupted by this outbreak.”

Currently, there are 19 individuals in Illinois who

have tested positive for COVID-19. At least one case acquired the virus in the community, but probably more. As IDPH continues to conduct surveillance testing, additional cases will be identified, and we will have a better understanding about the amount of virus circulating in Illinois communities.

In addition to the cases in Kane and McHenry counties, new cases include individuals in:

Cook County:

- 70s – male
- 60s – female
- 40s – female
- 40s – male

Chicago:

- 40s – male
- 40s – male

Public health officials are still investigating the travel history of these individuals and any potential contact with a known COVID-19 case. These most recent cases are in isolation and are doing well.

Steps to help minimize the risk of spread:

Everyone: Use the same daily health precautions you would for flu including washing your hands frequently using soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, covering your cough and sneeze, and staying home when sick.

Health care: Screen patients and visitors for symptoms of respiratory illness such as fever, cough, and difficulty breathing; wear proper personal protective gear such as gowns and masks when needed, and have employees stay home when sick.

Day cares, schools, universities: Review emergency plans, absenteeism policies, and cleaning procedures; identify strategies for alternative learning mechanisms such as on-line programs; and consider postponing or cancelling student exchange programs.

Businesses: Review emergency and continuity of operation plans, revisit sick leave policies, and assess schedule flexibility.

Community and faith organizations: Review emergency plans and communicate with community members if events and services are changed, postponed, or cancelled.

2020 Census is important to all of us

RESIDENTS across Illinois will soon begin receiving invitations to fill out the 2020 census forms.

Mandated by the United States Constitution, the census is a count of the United States population that takes place every ten years. The 2020 Census will be the 24th census conducted since 1790.

Residents will receive an invitation to respond online to the 2020 census between March 12 and 20. It is important to remember what the census is and why it is essential that people respond.

This once-every-10-years count of our nation's population provides

critical data that is used to provide resources to communities and determine the number of seats each state will have in Congress.

Billions of dollars in federal funding goes to schools, hospitals, roads, public safety, and other vital programs each year. Not only is participating in the census required by law, but a complete count is important to ensure your community has funding for these resources.

There is so much to

know about the census. A special 2020 Census tab on my legislative Web site provides links to census resources, including answers to commonly asked questions, instructions about how to respond, and a sample questionnaire. It also addresses rumors about the process and alerts you to possible fraud and scams.

Check it out at <http://senatorstewart.com/2020-Census>.

If you have any additional thoughts or ideas on this or other issues, please visit my website at www.senatorstewart.com and use the form to send me an e-mail.



Sen. Brian Stewart

Prevent spread of COVID-19

Illinois lawmakers received an update March 5 on the status of the coronavirus (COVID-19) from state Public Health officials who are encouraging the public to help prevent the spread of the virus.

The Illinois Department of Public Health briefed lawmakers on COVID-19 on March 5, providing an update about what the department is doing to monitor the situation in Illinois.

So far, five patients in Illinois have tested positive for COVID-19. The Illinois Department of Public Health, the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Cook County Health Department are proactively reaching out to anyone who may have had contact with these individuals to test for the virus.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Currently, the virus has not been found to be spreading widely in the U.S. and the risk to the general public remains low. Residents are encouraged not to alter their daily routines.

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SEVENTH IN THE STATE

The St. Paul girls basketball team brought home a trophy this past weekend.

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NJCAA Bowling

National champion

RTHS alum Shank helps Rock Valley College win first-ever NJCAA title

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Brady Shank’s freshman bowling season with Rock Valley College couldn’t have wrapped up any better than it did over the weekend, when Shank and his Golden Eagle teammates finished first at the NJCAA National Championship in Cheektowaga, New York.

It didn’t take long for Rock Valley College to reach the pinnacle of the junior college men’s bowling scene, bringing home a national title in only the program’s second year of existence. The Golden Eagles totaled 13,751 pins during the tournament, edging out defending champion Iowa Central and improving on their runner-up finish from 2019. Shank contributed to the team effort through his participation in singles play and also in the Baker format where he struck on 75 percent of his shots.

“It was pretty surreal,”

said Shank, who bowled varsity at Rochelle Township High School for four years and advanced twice to the state sectionals. “The reason I wanted to go to Rock Valley College was to bowl and help the team win a national championship. It’s one of the greatest feelings I’ve had throughout my bowling career.”

Shank and the Golden Eagles will compete in the USBC College Bowling Sectionals in Addison this weekend in a field of the region’s top teams. The top four teams from the Addison sectional will advance to the Intercollegiate Team Championships in Grand Rapids, Michigan in April.

While Shank has been in and out of the starting five during the season, he said his first collegiate bowling experience has been extremely positive, and he said the experience has helped him mature on and off the lanes.

See SHANK page 3



Former Rochelle bowling standout Brady Shank holds the NJCAA National Championship trophy during a rally at Rock Valley College over the weekend. Shank is pictured above with his mother Maria and father John.

Rochelle Wrestling Club

Junior Hubs battle at IKWF Rochelle Sectional

Seven locals qualify for state, RWC takes third in Senior Division

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School hosted the IKWF North Sectional on Saturday, and six members of the Rochelle Wrestling Club qualified for the IKWF State Championships next weekend with top-3 finishes in the Novice and Senior Divisions. Additionally, one member of the Rochelle Middle School team will join the sixsome at the state meet.

RWC placed seventh overall in the sectional tournament with 163 points, earning a third-place trophy in the Senior Division. Two Junior Hubs won sectional championships on Saturday including Xavier Villalobos (1-0), who defeated Kaneland’s Kamrom Scholl 4-1 to win the 84-pound senior title. Roman Villalobos (3-0) pinned two straight opponents before topping Belvidere’s Noah Rooney 4-1 to win the 108-pound Novice Division title.

See RWC page 3



The Rochelle Wrestling Club qualified six individuals for the IKWF State Championships later this week. Above from left to right, pictured with the third-place Senior Division trophy, are Xavier Villalobos, Lauro Cabral, Kaiden Morris, Erich Metzger, Roman Villalobos and Thomas Tourdot.



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Sport: Track

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A: Long distance running.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because it's my strong suit.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My parents because

they inspire me.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a computer software designer.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Alaska because it seems like a great place to go on vacation.

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

A: I enjoy running.



Branden

Brizuela

Year: Freshman

Sport: Track

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

A: Two years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: The competition with other schools.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: I like all of my classes but I enjoy PE because we get to try out other sports.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

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Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

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

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RWC: State championship wrestling begins Friday

From page 1 spot in the state meet.

Two RWC wrestlers competed in the Intermediate Division including Zachary Johnson (2-1), who won two matches by decision before falling 10-0 in the finals to place second in the 76-pound bracket. Aidan Lopez (1-2) earned one victory in the 64-pound bracket.

Five RWC grapplers competed, but did not place in the Novice Division, including Boone Alderks (2-2), Benjamin Nadig (1-2), Tony Milburn (2-2), Brenden Voight (2-2) and Fernando Bautista. Grant Gensler (2-2) took fourth place in the 90-pound senior bracket, reaching the third-place bout but falling 3-1 against Michael Meade. Additional senior competitors were Joseph Nadig (1-2), Rhett Watson (1-2), Riley Damask and Brandyn Metzger.

The state meet matches begin on Thursday at the BMO Harris Bank Center in Rockford.

Four RWC grapplers earned second-place medals including Thomas Tourdot, Erich Metzger, Kaiden Morris and Lauro Cabral. Tourdot (2-1) won his first two matches before conceding a 7-6 decision to DAWC's Koletyn Zaroni in the 79-pound senior finals. Metzger (2-1) also recorded two straight victories on Saturday, falling 12-0 to Joseph Scrivani in the 154-pound senior finals.

Morris (1-1) opened the 176-pound senior bracket with a 5-3 decision over Paulie Rudolph before falling against Dakota's Noah Wenzel in the finals. Cabral wrestled one bout on Saturday, falling in the championship round to Oregon's Landen Elder. Rochelle Middle School wrestler Elias Koonce (3-0) took first in the 90-pound senior bracket, defeating Crystal Lake's Tommy Hammond with a pin in the finals to earn a



Zachary Johnson (left) earned a second-place medal in the Intermediate Division for the Rochelle Wrestling Club on Saturday. Additionally, Rochelle Middle School wrestler Elias Koonce (right) received a first-place medal in the Senior Division. Koonce will compete in the state meet this coming weekend.

RTHS Wrestling

Nadig wins IWCOA Fresh-Soph Sectional title

132-pound sophomore advances to compete in state meet

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

STERLING — Winning an IWCOA Fresh-Soph Sectional on Sunday meant RTHS sophomore Caleb Nadig needed to beat an opponent who won over him during the IHSA season.

After defeating Jerrill Hill from Rock Falls in his first 132-pound bout, Nadig advanced to face Sterling's Drew Kested in the semifinal round. Kested and Nadig battled during Rochelle's dual meet against Sterling earlier this year, with Kested edging Nadig 5-3 in overtime.

This time, Nadig was able to outlast Kested, winning 3-1 to reach the championship round, where he took down Stockton's Griffin Luke 6-3 to finish the tournament 3-0 and win

the sectional crown. Nadig will represent Rochelle in the IWCOA Fresh-Soph State Championships at the Bank of Springfield Center next Saturday and Sunday. He'll seek to become Rochelle's first fresh-soph state champion since Eddie Villalobos won a title in 2016.

"I didn't feel good after losing the regional, and it felt good to get another chance to go out there and compete my hardest," said Nadig, who took second at the IWCOA Fresh-Soph Regional in Rochelle. "I felt that when I wrestled [Kested] the last time, I let myself get tired mentally and I made simple mistakes. This time, I was attacking the whole match and I was going for more things. I wrestled him hard the entire time."

Nadig was one of three

RTHS wrestlers competing in Sunday's sectional tournaments, which included a fresh-soph event and a girls event. Sophomore Ethan Tooley dropped a pair of tough matches in the 145-pound bracket, losing a 9-7 tiebreaker against Rock Island's Doniere McNeal in the semifinals before conceding a 4-2 decision to Oregon's Gabe Eckerd.

Freshman Josey Weber was the lone RTHS wrestler participating in the girls sectional, going 1-2 over three matches. Weber opened the 113-pound bracket with a loss against Somonauk's Shea Reisel, but bounced back with a pin over Batavia's Maia DeGuzman in her first wrestleback. Weber's tournament ended with a defeat against Schaumburg's Chichi Mweetwa.



Rochelle sophomore Caleb Nadig stands atop the podium after winning his bracket at the IWCOA Fresh-Soph Sectional on Sunday.

RMS Girls Basketball



Eighth-grade Royals host Girls vs. Moms scrimmage game

The Rochelle Middle School eighth grade girls basketball team faced a special group of opponents Friday evening, taking the court against their parents in

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RTHS Boys Basketball

Hubs overcome rough start, finish season strong

24-win sophomore group providing optimism for future

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle boys basketball team that closed the season in the IHSA 3A Sterling Regional this past weekend was a far different and much improved group than the one that struggled throughout the November and December months.

The Hubs stumbled out of the gate, dropping three games and finishing sixth at the Strombom Thanksgiving Tournament before compiling a 4-9 record over their first 13 games. Rochelle flipped the script as the calendar turned to 2020, however, posting two separate seven-game winning streaks and finishing 16-3 over the team's last 19 games.

"The one thing that stands out is how much these boys have grown as players," head coach Tim Thompson said. "I thought we had struggles with continuity and with being good teammates at the start of the season. We struggled to share the ball, but we started to click right around Christmas time. We started treating each other better, we shared the ball much better, and we knew those were the reasons we started seeing the results that we did."

Rochelle finished fourth in its first season with the Interstate 8 Conference, compiling a 20-12 overall record and a 9-5 record in conference play. The Hubs

topped the 80-point mark five times, with their most notable victories coming near the end of the season, where they made 16 triples in an 88-46 win over Ottawa and beat Sterling for the first time since 2015.

The Hubs will graduate four seniors from the varsity team including Landan Martin, who led Rochelle in points per game (16.7), rebounds per game (6.6) and steals per game (2.4). Guards Austin Brown, Seth Gould and Ben Hickey are also departing, paving the way for Rochelle's junior class which includes two-year starter Garrett Burdin, who averaged 15.3 points per game and shot a team-high 36.1 percent from 3-point range.

"I thought Garrett grew so much this season," Thompson said. "His whole game has evolved. I thought he had a tremendous second half defensively. He's going to have to make huge strides next year because he's going to be the opposing team's No. 1 option to stop. He'll need to learn to get his shot off a bit quicker, use his screens and use more shot fakes to create space."

Rochelle will also have reinforcements coming in next season from the sophomore team, which finished 24-5 and won the Interstate 8 Conference title this winter. Sophomore starters Ryan Simmons, Tanner Lager, Zach Sanford, Adam Kemp



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Garrett Burdin will be part of a strong contingent of players returning to the Rochelle boys basketball team next season.

and Noah Brown will all see increased roles on the varsity team next season. Thompson also said that

juniors Spencer Warborg, Mike Schlenbecker and Nate Lovett are three players who could step up next

season.

"Our sophomores had a wonderful season," Thompson said. "They

have a lot of size and length and those are some traits that make up a good varsity team."

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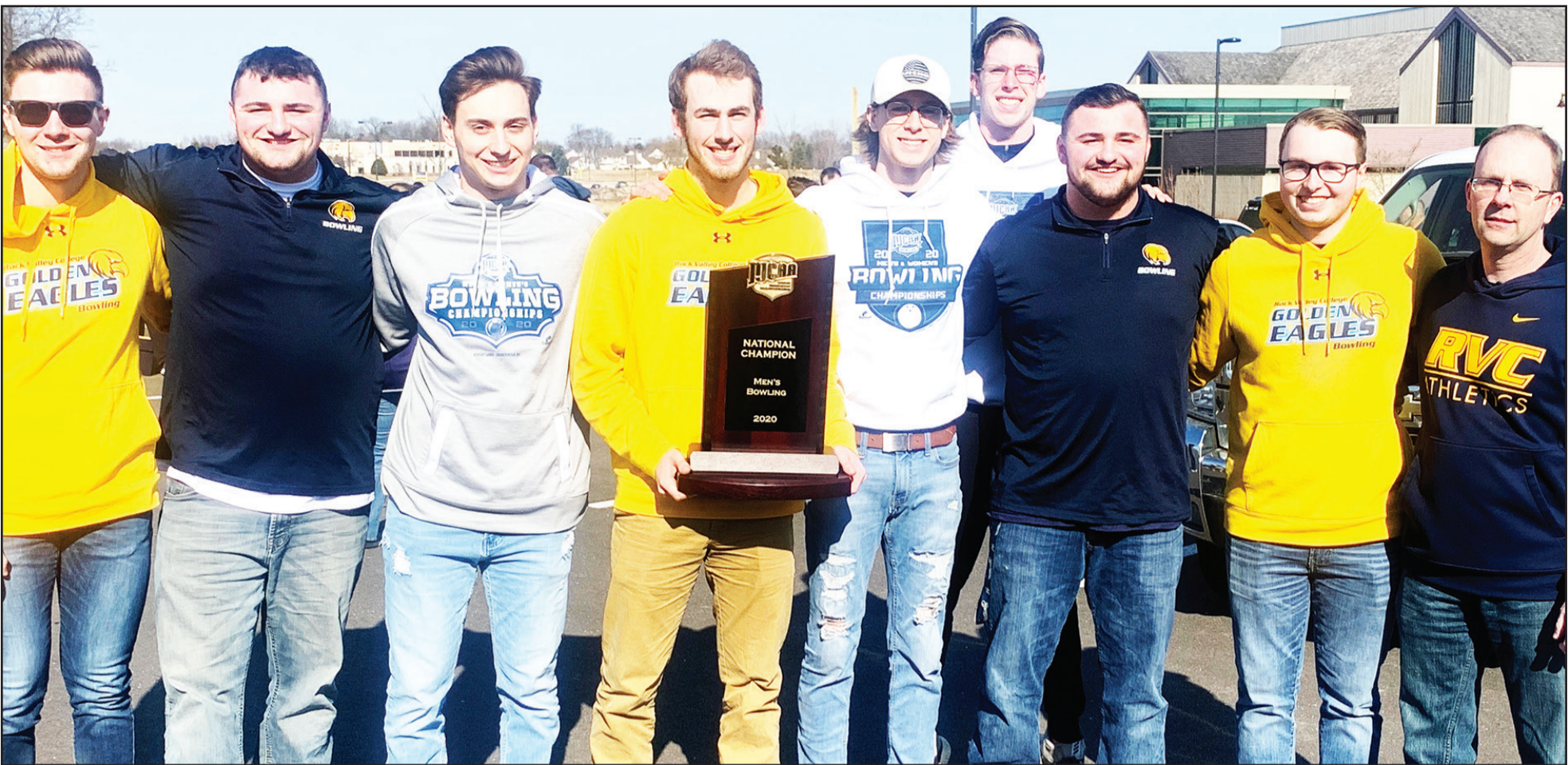
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SPORTS



(COURTESY PHOTO)
The Rock Valley College men's bowling team poses for a group photo with its NJCAA National Championship trophy during a post-victory rally on campus over the weekend. The team includes former Rochelle bowling standout Brady Shank, who's pictured above to the right of trophy holder Jacob Sommer.

SHANK: Former Hub enjoying collegiate experience

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“The amount of progression I’ve seen from myself as a bowler and as a person has skyrocketed because of my teammates and the bonds and relationships I share with them,” Shank said. “I never expected bowling to become so important to me... It was probably the best year I’ve had as a bowler, and I have nobody else to thank but my teammates and my coaches.”

Shank is enjoying his hands-on education in the welding program at RVC, and said he’s motivated to return for a second bowling season and earn a full-time spot in the starting lineup. He added that bowling collegiately has taught him how to stay level-headed on the lanes and improve the slight flaws in his mechanics.

“The biggest adjustments I made were on my form,” Shank said. “I’ve worked on the little things like my hand position and my footwork. I could get away with a lot more bowling on a house shot than I can on a sport shot... I used to be set off by little things like leaving a 10-pin or solid 8-pin, but I’ve learned how to pick my spares up and move on with my game. I feel that I’ve really developed as a bowler and as a person.”

St. Paul Lutheran School



(COURTESY PHOTO)
The St. Paul Lutheran School girls basketball program brought home a seventh-place finish from the Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois State Championship tournament over the weekend. The program includes Taelynn Rodeghero, Meredith Bruns, Emma Kennay, Ashley Dickey, Alison Dyer, Paloma Albaugh, Hailey Bunger, Alivia Henkel, Abby Metzger, Molly Boehm, Erin Murphy, Cambrey Rodeghero. The girls are coached by Sherry Murphy and Tim Hayden.

Girls take seventh at LSA State Championship

Lady Crusaders bring home trophy to cap off 28-5 season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

LOMBARD — The St. Paul Lutheran School girls basketball team went 2-2 over four games to finish seventh in the

LSA State Championship tournament this past weekend.

The Lady Crusaders opened with a 36-21 victory over Chester's St. John Lutheran in Arlington Heights on Friday.

St. Paul advanced to the quarterfinal round on Saturday in Roselle, where the girls fell against Rockford Lutheran in a close 25-17 battle.

Moving into consolation play Saturday afternoon,

the Lady Crusaders lost 30-20 against Bloomington's Trinity Lutheran. St. Paul finished the tournament strong with a 35-28 victory over Edwardsville's Trinity Lutheran on Sunday in

Lombard.

The St. Paul varsity team finished its season with a 28-5 overall record. Additional team accomplishments include the Fox Valley Lutheran Conference Championship,

the Meridian Conference Championship, the Route 31 Tournament Consolation Championship, second place in the Marengo Tournament and second place in the Lombard Tournament.

Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club

Pond stocking and restocking deadlines scheduled

ROCHELLE — On April 25, 2020, the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club, along with

Pete Reiff and the Logan Hollow Fish Farm, will be providing fish for pond stocking and restocking.

Channel catfish, hybrid sunfish, fathead minnow, sterile grass-eating carp, hybrid redear, redear

sunfish, largemouth bass, bluegill and black crappie will be available in a variety of sizes.

The deadline for ordering grass-eating carp is April 13 and the deadline for all other fish is April

20. For more information, call Rich Melton at 815-562-6268.