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# Precast work nearly complete

Finishing work in swimming area expected to begin late this week

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** — Construction on the new recreation center at Helms South remains on schedule as the \$14 million project inches toward its targeted September 2020 completion.

Megan Simon, project manager at Ringland-Johnson Construction, addressed the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District Board of Commissioners during its monthly meeting at Rochelle City Hall on Monday. Simon revealed that precast work in the



swimming area should be complete by Wednesday, with detailing work beginning soon after.

Simon also said that work is continuing on the

**"We'll then be prepping to get some temporary power out there so we can start working inside, and we'll be pouring slabs by April and working on interior walls."**

Megan Simon

metal roof deck above the community area, with the roof deck above the swimming pool coming this week as well. The next three weeks will include

work on the east side of the fieldhouse area, and workers will leave an opening on the south side of the building so the swimming pool can be dug out.

"We're through the first round of the IDPH permitting process," Simon said. "We submitted our swimming pool drawings to the IDPH in October and we got their comments back last week... We'll be continuing outside and hopefully getting dried in on the swimming pool, community center and fieldhouse. We'll then be prepping to get some temporary power out there so we can start working inside, and we'll be pouring slabs by April and working on interior walls."

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# Plans official for Duval's retirement

Board hires new band director

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** — Monday night's Rochelle Township High School board meeting started a bit emotionally as retiring band director Ron Duval addressed the board during public comment.

Duval talked about his 36 years as band director at the school and how great it has been, even teaching music to some of the now board members as well as District Superintendent Jason Harper. "It has been a pleasure to teach here and encourage students to value their education in both music and academics," said Duval. "I have been able to provide students the opportunity to not only choose to participate in band but also pursue their other interests."

Duval will retire after the end of this school year in May.

## Principal report

Following the presentation from Duval, board members passed a motion to approve the entire consent agenda including minutes for the December regular meeting and executive session, pay the bills and approve the treasurer's report.

Principal Chris Lewis then addressed the board, touching on the end of the first semester and final exams as well as freshman seminar.

The RTHS freshman class seminar aims to help students know what classes are necessary to take the following semester, making class selection much easier.

"The counselors are in one of their busier times of the year, they are meeting with

kids in full groups and talking to them about what they took as freshman and what they are going to need to take as sophomores," Lewis explained.

He also explained plans to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr., both on Monday and throughout the week.

One of the activities the school has planned is a coin drive during second hour in which the winning class will be rewarded with a pizza party. Another is playing the iconic "I Have a Dream" speech throughout the hallways.

## Superintendent report

Board members accepted the resignation of English teacher Joel Ramsey and approved the employment of Shaun Schaefer as the new band and marching band director for the 2020-21 school year.

Business manager Kevin Dale also gave a short update on the 2020 budget and expenses to-date, saying the district has currently used approximately 51.9 percent of its budget.

"Our budget is set at \$15.7 million and we have spent just about \$8.2 million," Dale explained.

Following an executive session, board members passed a motion to expel a student for the remainder of the school year. The student will be placed in alternative schooling for the 2020-21 school year.

The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 18 due to Presidents Day falling on that Monday.



(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

**Rochelle and Ogle-Lee firefighters were on the scene of a structure fire in the 200 block of Cherry Avenue Monday just after 12 p.m. A fire in an upstairs apartment was extinguished without causing fire damage to the other apartments. However, portions of the apartment building experienced smoke and water damage.**

# Fire forces out two tenants

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** — A multi-family apartment building located in the 200 block of Cherry Avenue near downtown Rochelle caught on fire Monday afternoon.

The Rochelle Fire Department received the call of a building with smoke coming out of the window and one occupant possibly inside at 12:16 p.m.

The building on fire is home to three families; two of the families could not identify if the resident in the burning apartment was home at the time of the fire.

Rochelle Fire Department and Rochelle Police Department then began working to locate the individual.

"We looked all around the building and did not find him and he was eventually located

by the Rochelle Police nowhere near the burning building," explained Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville.

The fire started in the upstairs apartment and did not spread to any other portions of the building, but the upstairs apartment suffered major fire damage. The rest of the building experienced smoke and water damage.

There were no injuries that resulted from the fire and no other surrounding property was damaged.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The total cost estimate of damages is approximately \$30,000.

Two individuals will have to be displaced due to damages to the property.

Assisting the Rochelle Fire Department were the Ogle-Lee Fire Departments.



# LOCAL NEWS

## Fighting a battle against cancer

Friends holding “No One Fights Alone” #TeamNola fundraiser for Barnes-Addante

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

A fundraiser coming up next month aims to provide attendees with an evening full of live music and fun, while also helping support a former Rochelle resident in her battle against cancer.

Nola Barnes-Addante, who is currently battling breast cancer that has spread to her liver and bones, grew up and began raising her family in Rochelle community.

She was born at Rochelle Community Hospital and lived in the village of Steward until she was 12 years old.

At that time, Nola’s parents, Emmett and Pauline, decided to move to Rochelle to open a music store that was located on Sixth Street across from the police station, where Kennay Farms Distillery is located now. The store, Barnes Music, employed several people who taught private piano, organ and musical instrument lessons. In addition, they sold pianos, organs, many band and orchestra instruments, as well as sheet music and accessories.

Nola said that she came from a very musical family, so she spent a lot of time at the store growing up. She had a love for everything music and that carried over to many areas of her life. She was the organist for her church, the Rochelle United Methodist Church, from when she was 14 to 19 and was involved in everything music in high school from band and choir to Madrigals and marching band.

Growing up, music and her family music store played a big part in her life.

“As a teenager being a piano player, I was able to go to the shop, pick a piece of music off the shelf and play whatever I wanted at any time,” she explained. “We had pianos at home, but to be able to walk in, pick any piece of music and play whenever was my dream thing to do and I loved it.”

The music shop also helped Nola and her parents meet many different people in the community.

Nola married and had her first few children while living in Rochelle. When she was 27 she made the decision to move with her family to Rockford. While living in Rockford, Addante decided she wanted to go back to school to become a nurse so she could make a difference in people’s lives. She attended nursing school at NIU for her



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Friends of Nola Barnes-Addante have set up a fundraiser to help defray costs in her fight against cancer. Barnes-Addante is currently undergoing treatment for stage four cancer. The event will be held at the Flight Deck Bar and Grill on Feb. 23.**

bachelor’s degree in nursing, and later received her master’s in nursing education. Upon graduation, Barnes-Addante has worked as a nurse in many areas, including being a nursing professor at Rockford University for the last nine and a half years.

After being diagnosed with stage four cancer last summer, she continued to work at Rockford University; however, she has decided to take a leave of absence this semester to focus on her treatment.

“A year ago, I was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer, and then after going through a double mastectomy and 25 treatments of radiation

I found out in July of 2019 that I have stage four and it spread to my liver and bones,” said Addante. “The stage four was probably there the entire time, but they never did any scans or whole-body x-rays. So, it wasn’t until I started having liver pains that they discovered the mass in my liver.”

Since learning of her diagnosis, Barnes-Addante has been receiving weekly chemotherapy treatment at Loyola University. The cost of the chemo as well as traveling and medicine adds up very quickly and with Nola not being able to work at the moment, she is appreciative of any help that she receives.

In an effort to help with some of those costs, three local Rochelle residents and friends of Barnes-Addante’s started the “No One Fights Alone” #TeamNola fundraiser next month.

“This is all the idea of Kelly Johnson, Sandy Coons, Joe Wyatt and Nancy Kessen, a few of my friends from Rochelle who have been spearheading the whole thing,” added Addante. “They asked me about a month ago if I wouldn’t mind if they did this for me and I thought it was really sweet and I am truly honored that they are doing this for me.”

### Event

The event is scheduled to take place Saturday, Feb. 29 at 3 p.m., at the Flight Deck Bar and Grill hanger.

The event will include live music from Burn ‘N Bush at 6 p.m., a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and a cash bar, featuring a beer glass for \$20 that includes free refills all night.

Tickets are \$20 and include entrance, entertainment and Hors d’oeuvres. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are \$5 each or six for \$20. Tickets for the event can be purchased prior to the event from Coons at the Hub City Barber.

All proceeds earned through the event will go to help Barnes-Addante with her medical expenses.

“The outpouring of love and support for me has been so humbling. I can’t even explain how it feels,” expressed Barnes-Addante. “Since last summer, when I learned of the stage four cancer, people have been extremely generous with their prayer support, words of encouragement and financial help too. I am deeply grateful and thankful for all of it.”

Anyone wishing to help support Barnes-Addante but unable to attend the event, may do so by donating to a bank account set up under the name Nola Addante at First State Bank, which will also be used to help with her medical expenses.

## Ashton grad pens book

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** — Norbert W. Dunkel grew up in Forreston. Like so many children he played sports, was on safety patrol, and rode his bike everywhere.

To make extra money he would mow lawns, rake leaves, shovel snow, and with his brother and sister, managed two paper routes. Everybody in Forreston knew one another, they worked with each other and they socialized together.

It was on one of these paper routes where Norb met Don and Evelyn Fager. As an 11-year-old he was scared to meet Don Fager. He had heard stories of someone living upstairs in a house who was in a wheelchair and Norb had never been around anyone in a wheelchair. One week when Norb was collecting for the paper, Evelyn had Norb come into their upstairs apartment on South Fifth Avenue and meet Don.

“...I looked in, and there, sitting in the wheelchair, was this man with one of the biggest grins on his face that I had ever seen. He was wearing a white T-shirt, khaki-colored pants, and white tennis shoes. His hair was slicked back. He said, “Hi, I am Don!” I said, “Hi, I am Norb. I deliver your paper.” That was Don Fager and I was immediately at ease.”

Norb was asked if he would sit with Don for two hours on Saturdays so Evelyn could go to the grocery store and laundry mat. Norb had no idea of the life’s lessons he would



Norbert Dunkel

learn from Don.

Don had multiple sclerosis and could not move from the neck down, but he answered all Forreston’s 911 calls. Don needed someone to hold the phone to his ear and take notes for the fire and ambulance services. For two years, that person was Norb.

Don and Evelyn were Forreston’s couple. Forreston citizens ensured that Don and Evelyn always had fresh fruit, vegetables, canned goods, meat and on Christmas, a Christmas tree with ornaments. Forreston always took care of the Fagers because Don and Evelyn took care of the emergency calls.

When Norb was a junior in high school, his father, Norb Sr. was transferred to the Crest Foods facility in Ashton. Norb graduated from Ashton in 1975.

Norb took the lessons he learned while assisting the Fager family and has applied them throughout his life. He recently

completed a book entitled “Don’s Strength” which reflects on his time learning those life lessons with Don Fager.

Norb, now retired, is the former associate vice president and COO of student affairs at the University of Florida. Norb has authored or edited over 20 books and 40 journal articles. He has twice testified before U.S. Congressional Committees in Washington, D.C. He founded the Student Housing Training Institute in Stellenbosch, South Africa and the National Housing Training Institute in the United States, just celebrating its 25th anniversary.

He lives in Gainesville, Florida, with his wife, Kim, and they have one son, Nicholas, who works at the University of Florida.

You can purchase a personalized copy of his book, “Don’s Strength,” by e-mailing Norb at norbdunkel@outlook.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

National recognition

The Kitchen Table named Community Cafe of the Year

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – Rochelle’s pay-what-you-can style restaurant, The Kitchen Table, was recently named the community café of the year. The Kitchen Table of Rochelle was part of a national online competition between 35 other pay-what-you-can cafes. The competition was put on by One World Everybody Eats, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing food security and building community through a pay what you can style restaurant model. For the competition, cafes throughout the country signed up online and then people would go to the website, choose the café they wanted to vote for out of the list of 36, and then submit their vote. People were able to vote once oer day and the winner chosen at the end was determined based on the number of votes received through

the website. “This award means to me that the community totally supports us because we can’t do any of this without our community,” said Carolyn Brown, founder of The Kitchen Table. “All I did was provide the foundation and everyone else has made it what it is today.” For winning the competition The Kitchen Table received a plaque to hang up as well as the recognition of winning the first ever Community Café of the Year competition. The next step for the Kitchen Table is to continue serving the community as best they can and they encourage anyone who has not stopped in to do so sometime. “We encourage anyone who has not given us a try to come out and give us a try, maybe come volunteer with us to help us continue to move onward and upward or just come out and dine with us to



Carolyn Brown (left) of The Kitchen Table learned last week that the local pay-what-you-can restaurant was named the Community Cafe of the Year after winning the national competition put on by One World Everybody Eats. She is pictured with Kitchen Table board member Lois Piller.

support us that way,” added Brown. “There are lots of opportunities here to pay it forward and help others.” For more information on The Kitchen Table such as how to volunteer and when they will be serving meals, visit their website at [www.kitchentablerochelle.org](http://www.kitchentablerochelle.org).



Several members of the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard were treated to an appreciation dinner Friday night at the Rochelle VFW.

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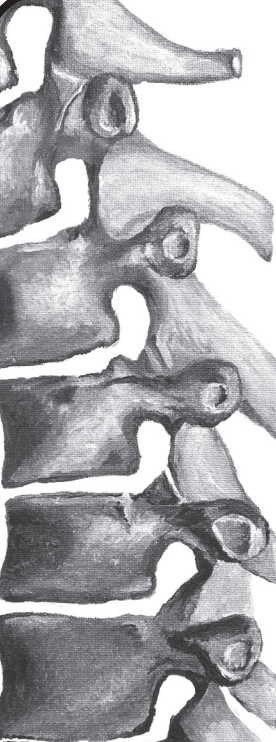
Appreciation dinner held for honor guard

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – The Rochelle VFW 3878 held an appreciation dinner Friday evening for the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard to present an appreciation plaque to the co-founder, Virgil Ewald. Ewald recently retired after and turned over the position to Guy Bays after being in charge for nearly 20 years. Also present were Curt Preston, Don Shultze, Fred Warning, Joe Drought, Lester Ramsey, Rich Ewald, Rich Griffen, and Terry Greenfield. Due to bad weather, not everyone was able to attend.

**Presenting the plaque to Virgil Ewald (center) was VFW 3878 Commander Bill Bumgarner (left) and O.D. Guy Bays (right) of Easter Lee-Ogle Honor Guard.**





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# LOCAL NEWS

## FNB Amboy presents Acoustic Circus on Fifth Friday

**FRANKLINGROVE** — Kay Shelton, National President of the Lincoln Highway Association (LHA), John Nicholson of Faming Heritage Inc. and Mike Hickey of First National Bank in Amboy have jointly announced that the historic H.I. Lincoln Building in downtown Franklin Grove will reopen for one day, Jan. 31.

This special reopening during the current refurbishment project will allow for the continuity of the traditional Fifth Friday Music Programs with FNBIA presenting The Acoustic Circus.

The Acoustic Circus includes Kathy Cechetti on vocals and rhythm guitar, Steve Catron on vocals and mandolin, Andre Quintones on vocals and lead guitar, and Mark Stoch on bass. There will be one action-packed show beginning at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets for \$15 are available at First National Bank-Amboy; in Amboy at 220 E. Main and 301 E. Joe; in Dixon



**The historic H.I. Lincoln Building, currently undergoing significant refurbishment, will re-open for one day on Jan. 31, to allow for continuity of the popular Fifth Friday Music Series. The Acoustic Circus will be the first star attraction of 2020. (Photo submitted)**

at 1314 N. Galena and 314 S. Crawford; in Franklin Grove at 108 Elm St.; and in Davis Junction at 5558 N. Clark. Phone for all branches is 815-857-3625. Tickets at the door, if available, will be \$17.

The building, originally built in 1860 and

restored by Farming Heritage Inc. between 1995 and 2000 has been occupied by LHA since that time. Many upgrades will be introduced when the building re-opens as a LHA National Interpretive Center and Regional Tourism Development Facility.

Also announced were the additional 2020 Fifth Friday dates and attractions:

May 29: Switchback – Internationally touring Celtic-American Duo.

July 31: Jim Wolber and the Lariat Band – (now increased to 7 members) in a special Summer evening show at the Chaplin Creek Village Barn.

Oct. 30: Well Strung – a powerhouse group from Byron. Originally a two guitar and harmonica trio now enhanced with a bass player and a keyboard artist.

### Obituaries

## Carl Dilling

**ROCHELLE** — Carl William Dilling, 87, passed away Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. Carl was born on Jan. 31, 1932 in Rochelle to Carl and Alma (Jahn) Dilling. He married Mary June Alberts on Nov. 9, 1957 at Elim Reformed Church in rural Kings.



Carl's quick smile and gentle spirit were ever present. His love of family and friends was always evident. Carl and Mary June's home was always open and welcome to anyone.

As a profession, Carl raised cattle, hogs and grain but went above and beyond in supporting farming as a life style. Carl actively supported Ogle County 4-H programs, FFA, hosted the Farm Visit Days for the local schools, and flipped

many a barbecued pork chop with the Ogle County Pork Producers.

Through the years, Carl enjoyed driving many Kings and St. Paul students to school by bus. Carl proudly served as a Seabee in the Navy for four years. He was stationed in the Philippines and Saipan.

Carl was an active member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church and School family and served on numerous boards.

Carl is survived by three children, Jeffrey (Debra Peterson) of Kings, Steven (Julie) of Rochelle, and Sheila (Erik) Thomack of Columbus, Indiana; four grandchildren, Stephanie (Bryan) Schmid of Rock Island, Jessica (Cedric) Elam of Chicago, Nathan and James Thomack of Columbus, Indiana; one great grandchild, Marion Schmid; a sister, Lorraine Ransford, Indianapolis, Indiana; a sister-in-law Dorothy (Donald) Daigle of Dale, Indiana, a broth-

er-in-law John (Linda) Alberts of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin; and numerous loving nieces and nephews including a special niece, Tola.

Carl is preceded in death by his wife of almost 62 years, Mary June, on Oct. 20, 2019; and a son, Nicholas in 1968.

The visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 24 at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 1415 Tenth Ave., Rochelle, with Pastor Greg Hoffmann officiating. Burial is at Lawnridge Cemetery with military rites provided by the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Carl's memory to St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church or the Ogle County 4-H.

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## Sean Powers

**ASHTON** — Sean Christopher Powers, 46, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020 at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon. Sean was born on Feb. 6, 1973 to John "Bob" R. and Captola "Dee" C. (Sanders) Powers in Dixon.

He worked for 5Stones in Sycamore for many years.

Sean is survived by his daughter, Paige (Devin Ingram) Powers of Roscoe; mother, Dee Powers of Ashton; three brothers, Steve (Corinne) Powers of Dixon, Mark Powers of Ashton, and Kevin (Laura) Powers of Juda, Wisconsin; three sisters, Karen Cole of Rockford, Tam (Randy) Klavenga and Christine (Rob) Haenitsch both of Ashton; and multiple nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bob.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will follow at 5 p.m. with Pastor Dave Rogula officiating. Private burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date in the Ashton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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## Beverly Wise

**ROCHELLE** — Beverly Joyce Wise, 81, passed away at home on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020. Beverly was born on May 13, 1938 to Harry P. and Ruby C. (Cooprider) Jones in Zion. She married Kenneth E. Wise on March 29, 1958 in Zion.

Beverly is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ken, of Rochelle; two children, Kurt (Marie) Wise of Cleveland, Georgia, and Shelley (John) Reininger of Rochelle; her sister, Shirley Walters of Kenosha, Wisconsin; two grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

In addition to her

parents, Beverly was preceded in death by two brothers.

The memorial visitation will be from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the First Baptist Church, 810 Woolf Ct., Rochelle. The memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. with Pastor Doug Cowan officiating. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made in Beverly's memory to the First Baptist Church.

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## PARK: Mitigation project update given

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### Skare Park

Randy Vogel, senior ecologist with Land and Water Resources, also spoke during Monday's meeting to give commissioners an update on the Skare Park Mitigation Project, which started in mid-2018 and stems from the Skare Park Restoration Master Plan developed in 2013. The mitigation, completed near the end of 2018, aimed to restore more than 50 acres of the site including Deer Creek, which traverses from east to west.

"I was dreading going out there after it was over because of the flooding we had after we completed

the project, but there was virtually no damage from the floods when I went out there," Vogel said. "That tells me the design and construction was sound and the stabilization was done properly... I'm absolutely thrilled with the progress we've been making out there, and the community's response has been tremendous. Regulators are equally thrilled."

### Old business

The board approved its monthly payment to Ringland-Johnson Construction as well as an ordinance providing for the issue of \$1.1 million in general obligation park bonds for use to improve and maintain current park district facilities.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Fatal accident



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On Jan. 20 at approximately 9:07 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies and the Lynn-Scot-Rock Fire Department were dispatched to a single vehicle accident on Illinois Route 72 in rural Davis Junction. A 2019 Dodge Ram traveling east-bound on Illinois Route 72 went off the south side of the roadway. The Dodge slid down into the ditch, traveled more than 600 feet, overturned and struck several trees in a wooded area south of the roadway. The driver of the Dodge, Courtney Paulson, 43, of Rockford, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Ogle County Coroner. The accident remains under investigation.

## Man cited for no valid license

On Jan. 17 at 8:31 p.m., Rochelle police cited Predrag Kocic, 32, of Chicago, for not having a valid driver's license. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Feb. 21.

On Jan. 18 at 8:22 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Sharell F. Garner, 27, of Rochelle, for domestic battery and disorderly conduct. She was transported to jail.

On Jan. 18 at 2:26 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Caryl L. Gonzalas, 62, of Rochelle, on a Whiteside County warrant. She was transported to jail.

On Jan. 19 at 3:40 p.m., Rochelle police cited a 16-year old juvenile, of Rochelle, for failure to reduce speed that resulted in an accident. His court date is set for Feb. 21.

On Jan. 20 at 1:23 p.m., Rochelle police arrested James B. Queen, 43, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. He was transported jail.

On Jan. 20 at 6:57 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Annette P. Bennett, 55, of Kanawha West Virginia, for domestic battery. She was transported to jail.

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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.

## Teen ticketed following two-vehicle accident

On Jan. 17 at approximately 3:44 p.m., Ogle County deputies, the Mt. Morris Police Department, along with the Mt. Morris Fire department and EMS responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3700 block of West Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, it was learned that a 16-year-old female from Mt. Morris lost control of her vehicle on the snowy roadway. The female slid across the roadway and struck an oncoming vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, Jeffery Singley, 49, of Forreston, was transported to FHN Hospital in Freeport for minor injuries. The female was issued a citation for driving too fast for conditions. The owner of both vehicles requested Dyers towing to remove the vehicles

### Jan. 20

On Jan. 20 at 5:43 p.m., following a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at milemarker 111, deputies arrested Alfredo Hernandez-Gonzalez, 43, of

Indianapolis, Indiana, for with no valid driver's license. Hernandez-Gonzalez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Jan. 20 at 12:27 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Forreston Police Department, Forreston Fire Department and the Forreston Ambulance responded to a one vehicle rollover accident on Illinois Route 26 at Lanark Road. A gray Toyota Camry was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 26 when the vehicle drove onto the shoulder of the road. The driver, Kevin M. Brill, 62, of Forreston, corrected back on the roadway causing the vehicle to lose control. The vehicle skidded across the road striking an embankment on the east side of Illinois Route 26. The vehicle then rolled over in the ditch coming to a stop on its roof. Brill was extricated from the vehicle by the Forreston Fire Department and then transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital with minor injuries by the Forreston Ambulance.

## Special detail nets 281 citations

SPRINGFIELD— Illinois State Police announced the results of the special enforcement memorial operation dedicated to fallen ISP Trooper Christopher Lambert, who was killed in the line of duty on Jan. 12, 2019, when his squad was struck while he was on scene of a three-vehicle traffic crash. The crash occurred in the left lane on Interstate 294 near Willow Road in Northbrook.

ISP Troopers through-

out the state aggressively patrolled Illinois roadways for seven days from Jan. 12 through Jan. 18 in honor of their fallen comrade. The initiative was designed to further educate the public of the Move Over (Scott's) Law and was held in remembrance of him and his legacy of courage and duty.

During "Operation Lambert," ISP Troopers issued 281 Move Over (Scott's) Law citations and wrote 64 warnings. Additionally, they made 77 criminal arrests through 503 Scott's Law details statewide.

ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly said, "The results of "Operation Lambert" reflect greatly

on this department and the men and women who risk their lives every day to keep motorists safe. It shows their dedication to carry out their duties and commitment to honor their fallen brother. These troopers make me proud to be the director of one of the greatest agencies in this country. We will continue to aggressively enforce the law and educate the public in order to make 2020 a better year."

In 2019, four ISP Troopers were killed in the line of duty. Three were the direct result of either a violation of the Move Over (Scott's) Law, driving impaired, or a combination of the two. We continue to honor and remember all of them.

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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## Personal attacks in politics on the rise

POLITICS has never been a place for the thin-skinned, but today candidates are more likely to face personal attacks than any time in recent history.



Scott Reeder

Instead of criticizing a candidate's voting record or stand on issues, politicians are ridiculing things like looks, physical disability or speech.

I was thinking about that recently when former Vice President Joe Biden spoke of overcoming a childhood stutter and former White House Press Secretary Huckabee Sanders tweeted, "IIIIIIIIII hhave absolutely no idea what Biden is talking about."

What kind of person makes fun of a stutter?

I asked Mike Lawrence, who was once press secretary for former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, for his thoughts.

"It just shows a lack of decency for a person to ridicule a challenge that another person has faced," he said.

Lawrence, who lives in Springfield, was born with a cleft palate that was not surgically corrected until he was 22.

"All the way through childhood and college I lived with it," he said. "Kids made fun of me because of the way I talked. I worked hard to speak distinctly."

And he overcame that challenge to become the spokesperson for a sitting governor. That's an incredible accomplishment in anyone's life.

"I always felt bad that neither of my parents lived long enough to see me become press secretary – after overcoming the challenge of a cleft palate."

A recent article in "The Atlantic" explored whether any remnants of

Biden's stutter emerged during the Democratic debates. In the article, Biden described the ways both students and teachers mocked him for his speech as a child, and the ways he'd practice passages from literature in the mirror at night to work on speaking fluidly.

To my way of thinking, those are accomplishments to be extolled. After all, isn't this supposed to be the land of opportunity?

But why are personal attacks becoming more commonplace?

Former Peoria Congressman Ray LaHood says there has been a breakdown in political civility.

"Republicans have moved further to the right and Democrats have moved further to the left and there is less of a desire to work together in a bipartisan manner," he said.

But it goes beyond the polarization of the political parties, he said. The advent of social media has contributed to making political discourse coarser.

"I think Facebook and other social media has contributed to the ability of people to say things that would never otherwise be said of a person. .... President Trump sends out degrading tweets about persons of the other party – and sometimes his own party."

It's worth noting that LaHood is a Republican leveling this criticism of a president of his own party.

It's also worth noting that both Republicans and Democrats bear responsibility for this breakdown in political comity.

Sanders herself has been branded by commentators as "Miss Piggy." Her weight and looks have been disparaged. Criticize what she says, not how she looks, folks.

Is this the new normal? Will personal attacks become an accepted part of political discourse?

I sure hope not. But what can we as voters do?

The most obvious thing is not to reward candidates who behave this way. (They do it because they think it helps them at the polls; they'll stop if voters withhold their support.)

Schools have made it a mission to fight bullying. And I'm glad. But it's a hard lesson to teach when our youngsters see adults electing bullies.

We deserve better and they certainly do.

Perhaps Biden exhibited the best response to a personal attack when he responded this way:

"I've worked my whole life to overcome a stutter. And it's my great honor to mentor kids who have experienced the same. It's called empathy. Look it up."

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and freelance reporter; ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.



### VOICE ON THE STREET

## Question:

**The Super Bowl is set for Feb. 2. The San Francisco 49ers will face the Kansas City Chiefs. Who will you root for? Do you do watch the 'Big Game'?**



**"Usually I kind of watch it, more so for the commercials. And if I had to choose, I would root for the 49ers since my husband likes that team."**

Joanne Lechner



**"I usually do and I am rooting for the 49ers since my dad has family there and I enjoy watching them play."**

Owen Miller



**"They are both great teams and I am pretty excited. The way the teams have been playing it is going to be a great competitive game and I would be happy with either of the teams winning."**

Dave Schabacker

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**Thu., Jan. 23**  
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu is spaghetti with meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert. 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.

**Fri., Jan. 24**  
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu is sirloin steak, pan fried cod, baked potatoes, salad, dessert. The kids menu is peanut butter and jelly, corn dog with chips or chicken nuggets. \*Menu is subject to change. A \$15 donation is suggested.

**Sat., Jan. 25**  
Noon to 4 p.m. — Enjoy a 'Snow Day' at the Flag Township Museum, 518 4th Ave. The museum will host an event — make the biggest snowflake you've ever seen! Registration is not required. There is no activity fee and is suitable for all ages. Museum admission applies to visitors. Refreshments will be served.

**Mon., Jan. 27**  
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.



## FROM THE HEART DAILY CASH WINNERS

Jan. 8 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Jan. 9 - Nolan Shore, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 10 - Jackee Ohlinger, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 11 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 12 - Todd Capes, Rochelle, \$50

Jan. 13 - Matt Wolf (at CHS-Rochelle), \$25

Jan. 14 - Merlin Hagemann, Oregon, \$25

Jan. 15 - Doug Burnette, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 16 - Paige Humphrey, Machesney Park, \$25

Jan. 17 - Laura Owen, Peoria, Arizona, \$25

Jan. 18 - Grace Malyszek, Chana, \$25

Jan. 19 - Tim Remsen, Maple Park, \$50

Jan. 20 - Tina Hoffmann, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 21 - Michael Folkerts, Colorado Springs, Colo., \$25

Jan. 22 - George Gould (at CHS-Rochelle), \$25

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

6:30 p.m. – Group Hope meets in the RCH Health & Wellness Center Conference Room. Provides support with depression and bipolar disorder. Affiliated with the Rock River Mental Health Association. (every Monday)

**Tue., Jan. 28**  
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu is beef tip with noodles, steamed broccoli, salad, bread and dessert. The kids menu is peanut butter and jelly, corn dog with chips or chicken

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**Wed., Jan. 29**  
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**Thu., Jan. 30**  
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu is pork roast, potatoes, carrots, celery and green 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.

**Tue., Feb. 4**  
6:30 p.m. — The Ogle County Democrats will meet at the VFW Post 8739, 1310 W. Washington St., Oregon. We will hear candidates and plan campaign strategy for Federal and State contests. Come in early to order a delicious burger and get a drink at the bar.

## Meetings

**Thu., Jan. 23**  
7 p.m. — The Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club board will meet in Dugdale Lodge for its regular monthly meeting.

**Mon., Jan. 27**  
6:30 p.m. — The Rochelle City Council will meet in regular session in council chambers at Rochelle City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

(Submit items for the Community Calendar to [jsimmons@rochellenews-leader.com](mailto:jsimmons@rochellenews-leader.com))



# Coffee Break

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by Linda Thistle

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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: **K** equals **P**

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# STATE NEWS

## Illinois farmers helped by latest U.S. trade deals, but many questions remain

Experts say gains from China agreement and USMCA need to be proven

BY BEN ORNER  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois farmers will get a much-needed lift from two international trade agreements approved by the federal government this week, but experts are uncertain if their situations will improve in the long term.

After exchanging hundreds of billions of dollars of tariffs for more than a year, the U.S. and Chinese governments agreed to the first part of trade deal on Wednesday.

On Thursday, Congress passed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, better known as USMCA, sending it to President Donald Trump to sign.

The average Illinoisan will likely not be much affected by the deals, experts say. Instead, the largest beneficiaries will be corn and soybean farmers who have been caught in President Trump's trade conflicts with China and Mexico since 2018.

### A cautious step forward

Illinois farmers have been especially hurt by China's retaliatory tariffs in the ongoing U.S.-China trade war, forcing the federal government to issue \$28 billion in aid

nationwide.

Wednesday's trade agreement with China, however, is more of a ceasefire than a peace agreement, said Jonathan Coppess, director of the Gardner Agriculture Policy Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Really what it does is kind of stop the damage that was initiated with this tariff conflict that the president started," he said.

The deal should play out in two phases. Phase One, which began Wednesday, requires China to purchase \$200 billion in U.S. goods over the next two years, including \$32 billion of agricultural products.

Chief among them are soybeans and pork, in which Illinois ranks first and fourth, respectively, in U.S. production.

American soybean exports to China dropped 75 percent between 2017 and 2018, as China bought soybeans from other countries while exchanging tariffs with the U.S.

President Trump, however, said he will not lift America's \$360 billion of tariffs on Chinese goods until Phase Two is negotiated and implemented.

"We see this as a sign of brighter days to come," Illinois Soybean Growers President Doug Schroeder said in a statement.

However, he added, "A long-awaited win for the soybean industry will come when the soybean tariffs are fully rescinded."

Unfortunately, that could be awhile, said Todd Hubbs, a professor of agriculture economics at UIUC.

"It doesn't sound like Phase Two is going to get done anytime soon," Hubbs said, because U.S. leadership could change after November's presidential election.

"I don't think there's any desire on either side right now to ruin the deal, ... (but) I don't see it happening before the election," he said.

Carson Varner, a professor of international business at Illinois State University who also owns soybean land, says farmers like him are willing to suffer in only the short term.

"We'd much rather make our money selling soybeans" than receiving tariff aid, he said.

Varner is hopeful, though, that China and the U.S. can strike a deal. He predicts Phase Two will also allow Illinois to export more pork and agriculture equipment.

"(Trump) knows how to negotiate," Varner said. "I think he told the Chinese he's willing to walk away from a bad deal, and so I am optimistic

that this thing is going to move forward."

### USMCA helps corn farmers, hurts car buyers

Despite President Trump calling the USMCA "one of the biggest trade bills ever made," not much has actually changed from its beginnings as the Clinton-era North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Coppess said.

"We're not talking about major reform of the trade agreement," Coppess said. "If anything, the president has his trade agreement, so we can be assured at least for his time in office that maybe he won't threaten these trading partners again."

The agreement mostly reinforces trade the U.S. already does with Canada and Mexico, especially corn, of which Mexico is America's top buyer and Illinois is America's second-most producer.

"Every step toward USMCA passage is cause for celebration," Illinois Corn Growers Association President Bill Leigh said in a statement.

The USMCA also increases U.S. dairy exports to Canada, but that will impact more dairy-heavy states like Wisconsin.

Both U.S. senators from Illinois, Democrats Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, voted for the bill.

In statements, Durbin applauded its "bipartisan" support, while Duckworth said it "works for farmers and manufacturers and features enforceable labor standards to support American workers."

Duckworth added, however, the deal "is not perfect" because it does not tackle climate change. But Varner argues enforcing U.S. environmental standards on Mexico is demanding too much.

"Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good," he said.

One negative for regular Illinoisans is that the USMCA could increase the prices of new cars, because it ups the percentage of North American auto parts that vehicles must have to avoid tariffs.

Because companies often pass on increased production costs and losses from tariffs to consumers, the average American could see car prices increase between \$470 and \$2,200, according to the Center for Automotive Research.

Varner argues, however, the USMCA's requirements regarding auto parts and higher wage



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**Todd Hubbs**

standards are designed to spur investment in the U.S. and increase domestic manufacturing.

"I think it would cost a lot more if we abandon these deals," he said.

President Trump is expected to sign the USMCA next week. Mexico approved it last year, while Canada is expected to approve it later this year to officially make it binding.

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# SPORTS



## HENSON MOVING ON

Rochelle bowler John Henson advanced to the IHSA DeKalb Sectional next week.

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## RTHS Wrestling

# Repeat performance

Harvey defends Mahomet-Seymour title, earns 100th win at Sycamore

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**MAHOMET** — Rochelle standout wrestler Ben Harvey needed a repeat performance against Riverton’s Grant Ripperda in order to defend his title during the Marty Williams Invitational at Mahomet-Seymour High School on Saturday.

Harvey made slight work of his first four tournament bouts, pinning his way through the 182-pound bracket and earning a rematch with Ripperda for the championship. Harvey defeated Ripperda 8-1 in the finals last season, and the junior had no trouble with the Riverton grappler this season, beating him 7-3 behind three takedowns to win the title once again.

“I knew he wasn’t going to do a whole lot,” Harvey said. “He stayed in a good position the entire match and when I had opportunities to score on him, I was able to take them. I thought the match went well, but there were more opportunities for me to score.” Harvey (29-2) led the Hubs to ninth place overall, scoring 50 of the team’s 243.5 points. Harvey opened the tournament with 50-second pins against Champaign Centennial’s Brandon

Harvey and Ft. Zumwalt North’s Parker Monnig to earn the top seed entering bracket wrestling. First-period falls over Taylorville’s Alex Angel and Belleville West’s Ethan Sperry moved Harvey into the 182-pound finals against Ripperda (17-3).

“I thought my overall performance was better than how I’ve performed in the past,” Harvey said. “I’m starting to ramp things up with the conference tournament and the regional tournament coming up. We have some big duals coming up as well, and it’s been nice to see some of the work I’ve put in pay off finally.”

Three Rochelle wrestlers placed seventh in the tournament including 106-pounder Ivan Pineda (15-13), 152-pounder Zeke Horn (14-17) and 170-pounder Bryan Garza (21-9). 113-pounder Weldon Nay (8-19) finished eighth, while three Hubs including 126-pounder Caleb Nadig (26-5), 220-pounder Gavin Ansteth (17-7) and 285-pounder Zack Capes (13-14) took ninth place.

132-pounder Grant Thompson (15-13) and 182-pounder Noah Messer (14-12) brought home top-12 placements from the tournament, with 145-pounder Ethan Tool-ey (17-14), 138-pounder Keegan Davis-Carter



Junior Ben Harvey won the 182-pound title at the Mahomet-Seymour Marty Williams Invitational for the second straight season on Saturday. Harvey also recorded his 100th high school win during Rochelle’s dual at Sycamore on Thursday.

(24-7) and 145-pounder Wade Samp earning top-16 finishes.

## Sycamore

Rochelle wrestled its final Interstate 8 Conference dual of the season this past Thursday, falling 41-22 against Sycamore. The Hubs (15-3 overall)

went 5-2 across seven conference matchups this winter. Ben Harvey won by fall over Nate Lee in the 195-pound bout for his 100<sup>th</sup> career victory with the RTHS wrestling program.

“It’s weird to think about because I feel like I’ve only wrestling with

the team for one year,” Harvey said. “It’s been three years and we still have one more coming. It’s cool to think about and hopefully there are more wins to come.”

Noah Messer picked up a 3-0 decision over Dominic Bills in the 182-pound bout, and

Ivan Pineda received a forfeit in the 106-pound bout. Caleb Nadig overcame an eye injury in his 126-pound match against Nick Lockhart, winning by 19-7 major decision. Keegan Davis-Carter defeated Sam Carlson in the 138-pound bout via 14-8 decision.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

## RTHS Girls Basketball

# Slow start hurts Rochelle

Lady Hubs fall 67-57 to LaSalle-Peru

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — If the first quarter was any indication, LaSalle-Peru looked ready to blow the Rochelle girls basketball team out of the gym when the Lady Hubs took on the Cavaliers in conference play Saturday afternoon.

Cavalier guard Brooklyn Ficek drained three triples in the first quarter, helping LaSalle-Peru open the game on a 10-2 run and leading the Cavaliers to a 21-5 advantage entering the second quarter. Rochelle fought back to bring LaSalle-Peru within four points after three quarters, but the Cavaliers held on long enough for a 67-57 win. The Lady Hubs dropped their 10<sup>th</sup> straight game and moved to 3-19 overall with the loss.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Afi Gati works between three LaSalle-Peru defenders during Rochelle’s game on Saturday.

“A lot of the slow start was due to our energy level,” head coach Tony Rowan said. “We talk about being the aggressor and not being on our heels. We picked our energy up

over the second and third quarters but we had a big hill to climb. We came close but they were able to push through.”

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## RTHS Cheerleading



(COURTESY PHOTO)

## Lady Hubs take seventh place at Niles West Invitational

The Rochelle Township High School varsity cheerleading team competed in the Niles West Invitational this past weekend, finishing seventh overall. The team includes Baylie Sutton, Morgan Smardo, Lauryn Akey, Liberty Hayes, Megan Thompson, Giselle Hueramo, Hailey Thompson, Zoe Hardcastle, Kylee Brown and Morgan Schabacker. The girls are coached by Trish Rodeghero.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle boys bowling team finished sixth in the IHSA Oregon Regional at Dixon's Plum Hollow Lanes on Saturday. Above from left to right are Dylan Milton, John Henson, Sergio Guevara, Devansh Patel and Logan Ortega.

## Henson earns at-large berth for sectional meet

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
 SPORTS EDITOR

**DIXON** — John Henson was surprised when officials called his name as one of the top 10 at-large sectional qualifiers after the IHSA Oregon Regional at Plum Hollow Lanes on Saturday.

Henson fell behind his competitors after rolling 127 in his fifth game of the regional tournament. The Rochelle junior knew he needed a big finale to keep his chances alive, and he delivered with 202 in the last game to roll a 1,097 series and claim the 10<sup>th</sup> at-large berth. Henson led the Hubs to sixth place in the tournament with 5,122 total pins.

"It was definitely a surprise to me," Henson said. "I knew it was really close... I thought I bowled pretty well. I didn't bowl very well coming out of the first series, and I started struggling in the fifth game, but I knew I had to fight through it."

Henson will represent Rochelle in the IHSA Sycamore Sectional at Mardi Gras Lanes this weekend. He's the second bowler in the last two years from RTHS to reach the sectional series after Brady Shank qualified for the sectional tournament in Rockford last season. Henson will be looking to become Rochelle's first state qualifier since Steven Demoff advanced in 2015.

"I feel pretty comfortable going over to Mardi Gras so I don't feel I'll struggle too much," Henson said. "I won't have my team behind me so it's going to be weird bowling by myself... The key for me will be staying with my form and not falling off on my shots."

Senior Logan Ortega rolled a 1,064



(COURTESY PHOTO)

John Henson will represent Rochelle in the IHSA Sycamore Sectional next weekend after receiving an at-large bid during the regional meet.

series with a high game of 211, while sophomores Sergio Guevara and Devansh Patel each topped the 1,000-pin mark with 1,008 and 1,006, respectively. Henson shot 206 and 246 during his second and third games to open the regional tournament with a 613 series. Sophomore Dylan Milton rounded the Hubs out with 947 over six games.



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# SPORTS

## RTHS Dance



(PHOTOS BY MARCY DELILLE)

### Chellettes finish fourth at Interstate 8 Conference Championship meet

RTHS hosted the Interstate 8 Conference Dance Championship this past week, with the Chellettes taking fourth place. The team also competed in the Morris Invitational this past weekend, finishing sixth overall. The team includes Miranda

Dubek, Ava McGee, Ailyn Miranda, Macy Ramos, Kayden Kannheiser, Kelsey O'Brien, Taylor Ponto, Jasmine Sarabia, Makaila Crump, Kayla Keilman, Jessica Vagle, Erin Decker and Sarah Dreska. The girls are coached by Kass Smith.

# GIRLS: Lenkaitis, Lundquist reach double figures in loss

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Ficek was LaSalle-Peru's go-to shooter in the first half, making four 3-pointers to lead the Cavaliers with 12 points over the first two quarters. The Cavaliers struggled to get standout forward Rhiannon Skoog going, however, and Rochelle's ability to throw multiple defenders at her forced LaSalle-Peru to kick the ball out and settle for perimeter shots. The Lady Hubs held Skoog to only four points in the first half, and despite only making two shots in the opening quarter, seven Rochelle players entered the scorebook in the second quarter including sophomore Josie Lundquist, who finished the game with 14

points and helped the Lady Hubs come within 10 points at halftime with a 34-24 deficit. "I thought the girls defended Skoog phenomenally," Rowan said. "We only let her get one basket in the game and the remainder of her points came from free throws. We were digging her out of the post and forcing her to pass the ball out to their 3-point shooters, and I thought the kids did a good job of contesting her shots." Rochelle continued to surge in the third quarter, as junior guard Sofia Lenkaitis nailed three triples of her own to push the Lady Hubs within four points entering the fourth quarter. Trailing 49-45, the purple and white did everything they could to

keep Skoog out of the paint, but the fouls started to pile up for Rochelle. LaSalle-Peru entered the bonus with about five minutes to play, and the Cavaliers earned the double bonus with roughly three minutes to go. Nearly all of the LaSalle-Peru points in the fourth quarter came on free throws, with Skoog (16 points) and guard Lauren Klein (15 points) swishing the bulk of the attempts. Lenkaitis added a fourth 3-pointer in the final minutes to finish with a game-high 17 points. "The girls were reading each other on cuts and passes," Rowan said. "Defensively, they were flowing with each other. I thought this was our best game in terms of team chemistry,

and I'm hoping that we can build on every aspect of this performance." **Sandwich** Rochelle and Sandwich reunited for their Interstate 8 Conference rematch this past Tuesday, only Sandwich was in full control this time around, winning 51-33 over the Lady Hubs. "The biggest issue for us was turnovers," head coach Tony Rowan said. "Their press was more effective against us this time around, especially in the first half. They disrupted everything we tried doing offensively. We couldn't get into a flow, and I think we had 17 or 18 turnovers in the first half." Sandwich's defensive press stymied Rochelle, as the Indians limited the Lady



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Sophomore Lucy Bunker tries to avoid the LaSalle-Peru double team during Saturday's game against the Cavaliers.** Hubs to four first-quarter points and only 19 points over the first three quarters. While Rochelle outscored Sandwich 14-7 during the fourth quarter, the Indians had already build a 25-point advantage with the score at 44-19. Sofia Lenkaitis led the Lady Hubs with nine points in the game while Josie Lundquist added seven points and five rebounds.

## RTHS Boys Basketball

# Burdin's free throws seal victory over Westmont

## Six-game streak includes Friday night win at Sandwich

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**WESTMONT** — Seth Gould grabbed the final rebound and pushed the ball up the floor as the Hubs feverishly attempted to keep their winning streak alive against Westmont on Saturday. Gould threw the ball up to sophomore Ryan Simmons, who then found Garrett Burdin near the 3-point

line with only seconds remaining in the game. Trailing by one point, Burdin put up the game's final shot as the buzzer sounded. While the shot didn't fall, Burdin was fouled on the attempt, sending the junior guard to the free-throw line with no time left on the clock. Keeping his nerves in check, Burdin sank both free throws and completed Rochelle's 64-63 comeback over the Sentinels on Saturday. The clutch freebies extended the team's winning streak to six games and put the Hubs over the .500 mark on the season (10-9). Burdin scored 16 points for Rochelle, while senior guard Austin Brown led the team with 17 points. "Seth had a huge rebound and Ryan made a great extra pass," Burdin said. "I took the best shot I could and one of their players bumped me in the

arm... I stepped up to the line in a pretty nervous moment, but those moments are what I work for. It was very exciting." The victory was special for Rochelle head coach Tim Thompson, who attended Westmont High School and has looked forward to facing his alma mater for quite some time. The Hubs outscored the Sentinels 25-15 in the third quarter, and the boys

overcame a 31-point performance from Westmont forward Qati Dalipi. Free throws were the difference in the game, as the Sentinels missed six of them and the Hubs only missed one. "I loved that high school so much," Thompson said. "It was nostalgic to walk into the building and it smelt almost the same as it did about 30 years ago. I've been wanting to play them in the regular season, and

the game was everything we could have asked for." **Sandwich** Rochelle went on the road and evened its conference record on Friday with a 58-53 victory over Sandwich behind 17 points from Garrett Burdin and 15 points from Austin Brown. The Hubs outscored the Indians 24-6 in transition points and 16-7 in points off turnovers.

## St. Paul Lutheran School



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The St. Paul Lutheran School boys and girls basketball teams each brought home consolation championships from the Route 31 Tournament in Crystal Lake recently. Both teams went 2-1 over three games in the competition.

# Crusaders win consolation titles at Route 31 Tournament

## St. Paul teams claim fifth-place finishes with 2-1 records

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**CRYSTAL LAKE** — The St. Paul Lutheran School boys and girls bas-

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Concordia Lutheran to take fifth place overall and win the consolation championships. The boys team features Cale Workman, Ethan

Goodwin, Bane Workman, Brody Bruns, Caden Goodwin, Josiah Erickson and Jack Lodico. The Crusaders are coached by John Vandre.

The girls team includes Paloma Albaugh, Abby Metzger, Emma Kennay, Molly Boehm, Erin Murphy, Cambrey Rodeghero, Alivia Henkel and Taelynn

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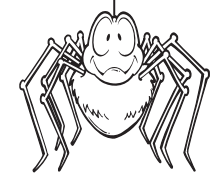
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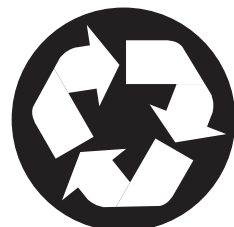
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# FINANCIAL PLANNER

## Tips when choosing your 401(k) investments

**S**AVING for retirement is an essential component of financial planning. Adults can save for retirement in various ways, and one of the simplest, most popular ways to do so is to enroll in an employer-sponsored 401(k) plan.

Enrolling in a 401(k) plan can be a wise decision. According to a recent report from Fidelity Investments, the average 401(k) balance rose 8 percent in the first quarter of 2019. Investors seem to be taking notice of such returns, as Fidelity also noted that the average 401(k) employee contribution reached \$2,370 in the first quarter of 2019, marking a 15 percent increase from the year prior.

When enrolling in a 401(k) plan, professionals may wonder how to choose their

investments. Such plans typically include an assortment of funds. There are a host of factors to consider when choosing 401(k) investments, and the following are some strategies that can help investors make decisions they're comfortable with.

- Read the enrollment brochure. Brochures might not be the most exciting reads, but 401(k) brochures, which should be provided when employees enroll in a plan, typically include a detailed rundown of the investment options within a given plan. As valuable as these rundowns can be, a recent survey from Prudential Investments found that 42 percent of investors don't know how their retirement assets are being allocated. Investors who know how their 401(k) contributions are being



Financial planners can help investors choose the right 401(k) investments for them.

allocated are in better position to address market fluctuations, giving them more control over their money.

- Involve a financial planner in your 401(k). Financial planners can be an invaluable resource that can help investors in myriad ways.

Some investors may be surprised to learn that outside planners can even help them with their employer-sponsored 401(k) plans. Provide a planner with detailed information about your 401(k), including a rundown of the plan's investment

options, and share your retirement goals. A financial planner can then help you choose the funds from your plan that best align with your goals and your comfort levels in regard to risk.

- Monitor your investments. While in-

vestors need to recognize that markets fluctuate, they still need to keep an eye on how their 401(k) investments are performing. Keep an eye out for funds that consistently lose money or provide little to no return, as they're likely not worthy of your investment dollars. Investors should not overreact and immediately move money around when typically strong funds take a dip, but they also should not accept poorly performing funds as part of the risk of investing. It's a balancing act, and savvy investors know to keep their eyes peeled and to make changes when necessary.

Choosing 401(k) funds is a decision to take seriously, and one that can be made simpler by enlisting the help of a financial planner.

## Three investing tips for beginners

**I**NVESTING is a key component of long-term financial planning. By choosing the right investments, investors can ensure their money outgrows inflation, making it possible for them to realize their retirement goals and live comfortably long after they have stopped working.

Risk is a part of investing, and many veteran investors recognize that. However, the fear of losing their hard-earned money might compel would-be beginners to avoid the markets altogether. That can be a costly mistake, and it's one research suggests millennials are making, choosing to keep their money in savings accounts, which provide very little return in terms of interest, rather than invest in the markets. According to a recent analysis from the

NerdWallet, a 25-year-old millennial who is not investing today and does not invest until he or she retires at 65 could lose out on more than \$3.3 million in retirement savings.

It can be nerve-wracking for novices to begin investing their money, but these three investment strategies can help calm those nerves and pave the way for a bright financial future.

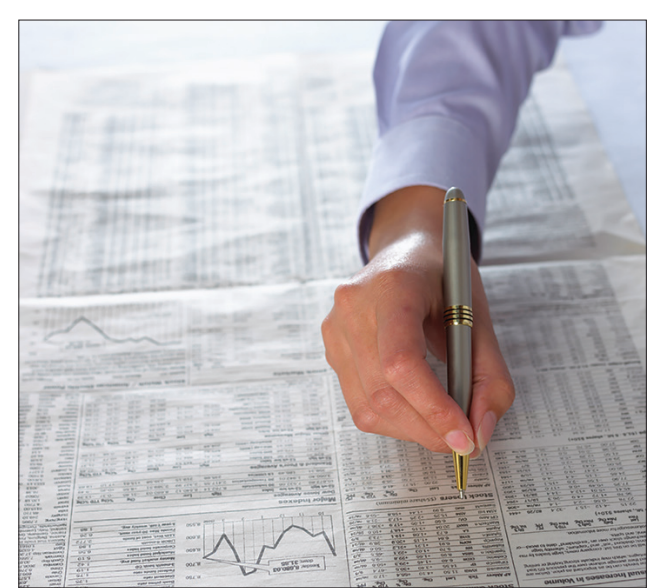
1. Identify your risk tolerance. Young investors may be told that they're in prime position to choose risky investments because they have less responsibilities than older investors and more time in the workforce to make up for losses. While that's true, young investors should only be as risky as they're comfortable being. The financial

experts at Principal® advise beginners to identify their risk tolerance before investing. Investments with a high potential for return, which might include emerging markets and limited partnerships, also generally have a higher potential risk for loss, and vice versa. Investors should only accept a level of risk they're comfortable with.

2. Diversify your investments. Principal® notes that one way to manage risk is choose a mix of investments from various asset classes. For example, stocks and bonds traditionally move in different directions. So when stocks are up, bonds may be down, and vice versa. Investing in different types of assets is known as diversification, which can help investors protect themselves against

risk.

3. Make changes as you age. As investors age, their aversion to risk should grow. The closer you get to retirement the closer you are to needing all the money you have invested and earned over the years. Speak with a financial planner about how to reallocate your investments as retirement draws near. Investing requires risk, but novice investors should not allow that to keep them on the sidelines.



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## Explaining wills and trusts

IT'S never too early for adults to think about estate planning. Estate planning is an important part of money management. While it's easy to think of estate planning as just a way to dictate how your assets are allocated after your death, estate planning also can protect people and their money should accidents or injury make them incapable of managing their finances on their own. Some familiar terms may come up when people begin planning how they hope to transfer their assets. Two more common terms are wills and trusts. Understanding the distinctions between the two can help people as they begin estate planning.

### What is a will?

The online financial resource Investopedia notes that wills are legally enforceable documents that dictate how people want their affairs handled and assets allocated in the wake of their deaths. Wills should include a host of information, including who a person wants to assume guardianship of their minor-aged children should they pass away. This is especially important information to include in a will, as surviving relatives may have to go to court to contest guardianship if parents do not dictate

who they want to serve as guardians in their wills.

### What is a trust?

A trust is a relationship in which another party is given authority to handle a person's assets for the benefit of that person's beneficiaries. When making a trust, a person will need to designate someone as a trustee, who will be tasked with distributing assets in accordance to the terms dictated in the trust. There are many types of trusts, and working with an attorney who specializes in estate planning can help men and women determine which type of trust, if any, is best for them.

### Is it better to have a will or a trust?

Both wills and trusts can be useful when estate planning. In fact, wills are often used to establish trusts, and many people have both a will and a trust. Estate planning is an important part of managing one's finances. A qualified attorney who specializes in estate planning can help people write their wills and, if necessary, establish trusts that can help surviving loved ones in the wake of their death.

## How credit scores can affect your finances for years to come

MONTHLY budgets help people make the most of their money. While a person's income will affect how much they can spend on housing, food and clothing each month, another, more abstract factor can have a big impact on monthly budgets as well. Nearly every adult has a credit score, which can fluctuate daily. Various factors, including a person's age and track record in regard to paying bills, combine to produce a credit score. According to the credit reporting agency ExperianTM, credit scores range from 300 to 850, though most consumers' scores fall somewhere between 600 and 750. The Fair Isaac Corporation create what's known as a FICO® Score, which is used by many lenders to determine prospective borrowers' credit worthiness. FICO® scores are often characterized using five terms:

- Very poor: Scores between 300 and 579
- Fair: Scores between 580 and 669
- Good: Scores between 670 and 739
- Very good: Scores between 740 and 799
- Exceptional: Score between 800 and 850

Some consumers may feel that these are just numbers on a page. But in certain instances, such as when consumers attempt to buy a home, a credit score can have a dramatic effect on a person's monthly budget. When borrowing to

buy a home, borrowers with desirable credit scores may be eligible for considerably lower interest rates than borrowers whose scores fall into the "Very poor" or "Fair" range. Over the length of a standard, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage, a low interest rate can save borrowers tens of thousands of dollars in interest fees. In addition to paying more in interest fees, ExperianTM notes that borrowers with subpar credit scores may have to do even more to earn the trust of lenders. Borrowers whose scores fall into the "Very poor" range may be required to


pay a fee or make a deposit when opening a new credit account, and some might not be approved for credit at all. Borrowers whose scores fall into the "Fair" may be classified by lenders as subprime borrowers, making it hard for them to open new credit accounts or secure loans without a cosigner. Consumers can benefit from knowing their credit scores and how to improve them. Taking measures to improve low or subpar credit scores can put more money in consumers' pockets, both in the immediate and distant future.

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## Why it pays to say 'yes' to 401(k) matches

EMPLOYER-SPONSORED 401(k) plans are great ways to save for retirement, potentially paving the way to worry-free golden years. Such plans are even more attractive when employers offer to "match" contributions. Employers that offer to match employee contributions typically will do so up to a given percentage. For example, some companies may match up to 2 percent. That means that employees who contribute at least 2 percent of their paychecks to an employer-sponsored 401(k) plan will receive an additional 2 percent from their employers. For those who contribute 2 percent, that match will double their contributions to 4 percent at no cost to the employee. Despite the benefits of accepting employers' offers to match, recent data from the retirement planning specialists at Financial Engines indicates that many employees are not taking advantage of these offers when given the chance. A recent survey from Financial Engines found that \$24 billion in 401(k) matches goes unclaimed every year, with the typical employee missing out on more than \$1,300 in matches annually.



Over time, money left on the matching table could deny retirees tens of thousands of dollars, if not more. Accepting an employ-

er's offer to match is essentially accepting free money, making it something all investors should do if given the chance.

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