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## Helping students

State grant money awarded to local libraries

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has awarded more than \$1.2 million in funds to 684 public school districts across the state through the District Library Grant Program. Included in the chosen districts are both the Rochelle elementary and high school districts as well as Kings and Eswood school districts.

The grants were awarded based on a formula of \$0.75 per student with a minimum grant award of \$750. The libraries receiving the funds can use the money on many different things including fiction and nonfiction books, educational CDs and DVDs, as well

as many other resources to improve the technology or Wi-Fi connection of the library.

Jesse White knows the importance of these types of grants first hand since was once a teacher himself.

“As a former public-school teacher and administrator, I know our school libraries are very important in helping students learn and prepare themselves for the future,” said White, in a press release. “Illinois was the first state to implement a school district grant program, and I am pleased that we can continue to provide school libraries with some of the financial resources they need to produce well-educated students.”

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## Fuel bid approvals postponed

BY JENNIFER SIMMONS  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Two separate proposals involving the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel for the City of Rochelle were postponed at Monday night’s city council meeting.

Approval of bid proposals for fuel were put on hold after councilman Bil Hayes voiced concern that the city’s equipment — specifically equipment under warranty — could be voided if the wrong type of fuel was used.

Hayes said most of the machines the city is purchasing is requiring a 6 percent or below biofuel grade. Hayes said most places accept up to a 30 percent biofuel blend.

Street department director Tim Isley explained that when the bid was put out, it was specified what the city’s fuel requirements were.

“The issue is not the #1 or #2 [additive] it’s the biodiesel as the blend. Conserv uses no biodiesel. ... I just read into it recently,” Hayes said. “I guess what my question is, are we getting exactly what our warranty requirements are for the engines that we buying in our new equipment from both places because



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

**Jackee Ohlinger (center) was named the January Remarkable Resident. Ohlinger was acknowledged Monday night during the Rochelle City Council meeting. Amy Hayden (left) nominated Ohlinger for the award, saying since taking the position as executive director of the park district, she has made many impactful decisions that are and will help the quality of life for citizens of Rochelle. Also pictured is Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows.**

it doesn’t say it there and I know that Conserv does it with no biodiesel.”

### Delivered fueling bid

Each year, the City of Rochelle purchases approximately 21,500 gallons collectively of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel. Fuel is purchased from an outside vendor with the ability to deliver, pump and meter fuel to city owned on site above ground storage tanks.

Those tanks are located at the street department office and at the golf course.

Bids were opened Dec. 2. Two sealed bids were received from Blake Oil Company and Conserv FS. The bid from Blake Oil was for \$0.0985 (unleaded gasoline), \$0.1285 (#1 diesel fuel) and \$0.1285 (#2 diesel fuel) all per gallon prices. Conserv FS’s bid was for \$0.30 per gallon for each.

An annual savings of \$3,600 could be expected

with the bid from Blake Oil.

### On-site fueling bid

The City of Rochelle purchases approximately 50,000 gallons collectively of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel each year. Fuel is purchased from an outside vendor with the ability to provide diesel and unleaded gasoline fuel pumps in a clean and safe environment.

Three sealed bids

## Health, life safety bids approved

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – During Tuesday’s monthly board meeting, Rochelle Elementary District 231 approved Health and Life Safety Project bids.

The district has been cited in different areas at several buildings, some issues marked urgent.

“In our most recent 10-year Health Life Safety Survey, the district across five buildings were cited in various areas for improvement,” explained superintendent Jason Harper. “With some of those areas being marked with the highest level of urgency.”

Harper says that some of the areas marked for urgent improvement have already been taken care of, but one very important one remains needing to be done.

Both Tilton Elementary School and Rochelle Middle School have some areas that

still contain asbestos from when the building was built, that needs to be removed and replaced with a newer, safer material.

“A lot of the tile in Tilton and a lot of the caulking around the windows here [RMS] contains asbestos from when it was built years ago, we have to have that removed and contained as we have done in the past,” said business manager Kevin Dale.

This project is currently taking priority over the window replacement project that was already underway at Tilton.

Board members were presented with four different bids prior to the meeting and approved one for a total of \$894,235 broken down for two different companies — the bid for the general contractor, Larson and Larson Building Inc. came in at \$809,445.

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were received and publicly opened Dec. 20 the city clerk. The bid summary is as follows: Benny’s Corner Market \$0.10 discount/rebate off pump pricing  
Clark \$0.09 discount/rebate off pump pricing  
Conserv FS \$0.05 discount/rebate off pump pricing

Monday’s recommendation was to accept the bid from Benny’s Corner Market as after analysis of the proposals submitted, Benny’s best meets the city’s needs. If approved, the city can expect to save a conservative \$3,500 annually with the proposed discounts and rebates.

Council members voted 6-0 on both items to postpone approval until the next meeting when Isley will have more information about fuel effects on engine warranties.

### Other items

A conditional use permit for Living Water Community Church, located at 401 to 405 North Main Street, was approved and Donald Gerald was appointed as a voting member of the Golf Course Advisory Committee with a term of Jan. 14, 2020 to July 1, 2022.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Supporting community



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Stillman Bank recently contributed a \$1,000 donation to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation. As a hometown bank, Stillman Bank takes pride in being able to make investments in the future of our communities. Pictured are Stillman Bank employees presenting Kim Montgomery, executive director of the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, the donation check.





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**ROCHELLE** – The Rochelle Area Community Foundation will accept grant applications from qualified not-for-profit organizations throughout the month of February.

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Organizations qualified to receive funding include 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, schools, libraries, park districts and units of government. Qualified programs or projects will enhance the community, provide services to improve lives and outcomes for people who reside in the Rochelle Township High School District.

On or after Feb. 1, visit [www.rochellefoundation.org](http://www.rochellefoundation.org) and click on the grant seeker tab to apply. An informational session will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 6 at Hicks Hall of the Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Ave. The application period closes Feb. 29.

Questions can be directed to Kim Montgomery, executive director, by phone 815-561-3600 or e-mail [kim@rochellefoundation.org](mailto:kim@rochellefoundation.org).

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## Annual chili luncheon and quilt raffle set

**LEE CENTER** — The Lee Center First Congregational United Church of Christ is hosting its 43rd Annual Chili Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 19.

The menu includes all-you-can-eat chili or soup with toppings, crackers, carrots, salad, cake and drink. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 to 12, and children under the age of 5 are free. Carry outs are available.

New this year will be a basket raffle. A variety of baskets will be available. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Proceeds from the luncheon and quilt raffle will go toward the youth camp scholarship fund and building repair fund.



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# LOCAL NEWS

Special guest



The American Legion Post 403 had its Christmas Banquet on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019. State Representative Tom Demmer spoke on his efforts to develop transportation infrastructure and his role on the budget committee as well as other legislative issues. Pictured From left to right are past commander Gary Tarvestad, past commander Steve Korth, junior vice commander Theresa Crystal, finance officer Eric Welles, commander Chuck Roberts, State Representative Demmer, youth program officer and vice commander John Gruben, chaplain Paul Bearrows, adjutant Hugh McDermitt and Sergeant at Arms Tom Hill.

## BOOKS: School libraries receive grant money

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Many teachers believe that having a functioning library is an essential part in proving students with a quality education.

Locally, Kings School District #144, Eswood School District #269, and Rochelle High School District #212 were awarded \$750, while Rochelle Elementary District #231 was awarded \$1,121.25.

Grants such these are very important to many school libraries throughout the state and that is why Kings librarian and teacher Janet Butler applies to many different grants every year through Jessie White to the state.

Throughout her years of teaching Butler has seen first-hand the effects that state funding can have on a school library.

“This is my 13th year, and over the years state funding has dramatically decreased, so my budget for books has too. We really rely on grant money to help us have a quality library for the students.”

Janet Butler

Without funds from grants like this one, many schools including RTHS would not be able to offer students the great selection of books that they currently do.

mind they are hoping to use the funds from this grant on.

“I have a really nice health set that I am hoping to use the money from that for,” added Butler. “It is all about basic health for families so they can learn about chicken pox, influenza, allergies and different things like that.”

Rochelle Township High School also relies on funds from grants such as these to help complete their collection of different book series.

RTHS librarian Ann Marie Jenkins says that many times she will use the schools’ funding to purchase the first book in a series and if it is a hit then she will use grant funds to finishing purchasing the rest of the books in a series.

Most of the time Jenkins uses grant funds to purchase books that are not normally covered by the school’s budget.

“I usually use the funds on series fiction, graphic novels, or Manga which are Japanese comics translated to English,” explained Jenkins. “We have a comic book club here and they read a lot of those, so there is an audience for sure.”

## BID: Board approves food service agreement with Oregon

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The second bid is for NES Environmental Services in the amount of \$84,790 for the asbestos removal.

**Action Items**

Board members approved the board policy updates. The updates were presented at the December board meeting, and members had the last month to look them over and ask any questions needed. No board members had anything they would like to change, so a motion to approve the new policy updates was passed.

“The board policy updates were presented at the last meeting and sat on the board table for the

required month, so if there is no questions or discussions I would like to look for a motion to accept the policy updates,” Harper said.

The second topic that was discussed during the meeting was a review of the closed minutes for the past six months, and a decision to whether keep them closed or open them up for the public to view. After a short discussion, a motion was passed by the board to keep the last six months closed minutes closed.

Board members also approved the Food Services Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon School District #220. Rochelle Township High School recently had its

food services director retire so a new director was hired to fill the position but since the person does not have the experience as the previous director, the school has decided to go back to the previous agreement with Oregon. While this is a good plan, it is only temporary since the Oregon food services director will also be retiring soon.

“Ms. Boyd retires in five months as well, so we are trying to get as much training as possible during that time for our director,” added Harper.

The district is confident that the new director they hire will gain the experience needed to do the job properly when the time comes.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## CITY: Liquor license request approved

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Jackee Ohlinger was recognized as the January Remarkable Resident. Amy Hayden nominated Ohlinger for the award, saying since taking the position as executive director of the park district, she has made many impactful decisions that are and will help the quality of life for citizens of Rochelle. Council members also approved a request from the Clark Gas Station, 1180 North Seventh Street, for a Class P-2 liquor license. This allows for the sale of packaged alcoholic liquor but not consumption on the premises. "The mayor and council approved an ordinance approving a development agreement with Liquor N Wine on June 13, 2016. The agreement included a moratorium on package liquor licenses for a period of three years following the issuance of an occupancy permit to the operator for the property. The occupancy permit was issued on May 2, 2017 so the moratorium will expire on May 2, 2020," city clerk Sue Messer explained.

The approved request for the Clark Gas Station will go into effect May 3. Council voted 5-1 to approve. Councilman Hayes was the no vote. Council member Don Burke was not present at Monday's meeting.

### Obituaries

**DIXON** — Phyllis Jean Gates, 90, of Dixon, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at her home in Dixon, following a short illness. She worked for Citizens State Bank/Amcore for 50 years, in addition to farming with her husband on the family farm in the Kingdom. Phyllis was born on April 25, 1929 in Mt. Morris, the daughter of Benjamin and Grace Mae (Gibbs) Horst. She attended public schools in Mt. Morris, and graduated from Mt. Morris High School in 1947.



She married Richard Arthur Gates on April 7, 1962 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Morris.

Growing up in Mt. Morris, she attended Trinity Lutheran Church and West Grove Church. Later, after marrying Richard, she became a member of the Kingdom Evangelical United Brethren Church

## Phyllis Gates

of Grand Detour and then Grace United Methodist Church of Dixon. Phyllis was active on numerous committees of Grace United Methodist Church. She was an organist and pianist for Grace UMC for many years, a member of Grace's church choir and also assisted with the church's children's choir.

Farming and agriculture were always special areas of interest for Phyllis, whether partnering with Richard with the family farm or tending to the large family garden each summer. Phyllis was involved in the activities of her children. Her grandchildren held a special place in Phyllis' heart. Phyllis also enjoyed researching family genealogy and traveling with Richard to different parts of the world.

Survivors include two daughters, Michele Ann Gates and Lisa Marie Gates; two sons, Gregory Arthur (Melissa) Gates and Jeffrey Alan (Shannon) Gates; seven grandchil-

dren, Alex, Ashton, Grace, Lauren, Megan, Lyndon and Leyton; three sister-in-laws, Bette Horst, Marilyn (Jim) Jordan and Joan (Lynwood) Jones; many nieces and nephews; and Faith her Husky dog.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband (Richard); twin sons, in infancy; one sister Helma Horst; one brother Leo Horst; and sister-in-law, Kate Pichotta.

A special musical tribute will start at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16 at Grace United Methodist Church (921 East Chamberlin, Dixon) followed by a Celebration of Life Service at Church starting at 10 a.m. with Reverend Rosa Lee, pastor, officiating the services. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon following services.

A memorial has been established. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

## Diane Johnson

**ESMOND** — Diane L. Johnson, 71, passed away Monday, Jan. 13, 2020 at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin with her family by her side.



Diane was born on March 13, 1948 to Jean B. and Dorothy M. (Nawalaniec) Hutson in Woodstock. She graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1966, went to secretarial school and then began working for Fearer, Nye & Chadwick in 1967 and worked there until her retirement in 2017.

On April 18, 1970, she married Larry J. Johnson at the Rochelle United Methodist Church.

Diane was a devoted member

of the Esmond United Methodist Church, lay delegate to the annual conference of the UMC and member of the Esmond Women's Society. She was very active over the years in Northern Illinois Tres Dias and cherished her weekly time with her reunion sisters. She loved spending time with her family and traveling with Larry especially their annual trips to Mexico.

Diane is survived by her husband of almost 50 years, Larry of Esmond; two children, Jodi (Dan) Facchini of Chicago, and Jeromy (Kelly) Johnson of Decorah, Iowa; two sisters, Barb (Paul) Bearrows of Rochelle and Patricia Kromrie of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two brothers, Craig Hutson of Elgin and Michael (Jennifer) Hutson of

Rockford; and five grandchildren, Lexi, Mia and Rocco Facchini and Caleb and Kaya Johnson.

The visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 17 at the Esmond United Methodist Church, 675 Main St., Esmond, with Pastor Dave Rogula officiating. Burial will follow the service at Greenview Cemetery in Esmond.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Diane's memory to the Esmond United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Susan Tilton

**ROCHELLE** — Susan Kay Tilton, 61, of Rochelle, lost her battle to lung cancer at her

home peacefully on Jan. 12, 2020. She was born June 21, 1958 in Rochelle, to the late Duane and Gussie (Starnes) Tilton.

Susan enjoyed her time in the garden doing yard work, cooking and especially baking.

She is survived by her sisters, Diana L. Acres of Rochelle, Lori G. (Jon) Davis of Mt. Morris; and brother, Barry Tilton of Rochelle; her two nephews, Corey and Donnie Acres; and two nieces, Misty Korf and Heather Tilton. She was a great aunt to seven nieces and nephews. Susan is also survived by her extended family, John and Renee Hubert of Rochelle and their five children Ashlee, Jay,

Nicole, Jacob, and Johnny; as well as her four extended grandbabies, Ayvah, Sophia, Olivia and Grace-lynn.



She is preceded in death by her parents, Duane and Gussie (Starnes) Tilton and her nephew, Michael Tilton.

Family was serviced by the Beverage Lyons Family Funeral Home, 704 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Online condolences maybe made at [www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com](http://www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com)

All condolences may be sent to John and Renee Hubert at 313 Willis Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068.

## Mershon named to UW-Whitewater Dean's list

**WHITEWATER, Wisconsin** — Noah Mershon from Rochelle, has made the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"We're proud to congratulate all those hardworking students who earned Dean's List recognition for the fall semester," said interim Provost Greg Cook. "UW-Whitewater is a university that strives for excellence, and these students have embraced that mindset. Their placement on the Dean's List is a reflection of their strong record of academic achievement in classrooms, laboratories and out in the field."

The Registrar's Office reports 3,755 students were selected for the Dean's List for the fall semester. About 12,400 students are currently enrolled at the university's Whitewater and Rock County campuses.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Man cited for failure to reduce speed

On Jan. 10 at 8:04 p.m., Rochelle police cited Harry A. Allen, 74, of Rochelle, for failure to reduce speed. He posted I-Bond. His court date is set for Feb. 21.

## Woman arrested for driving while license revoked

On Jan. 10 at 3:21 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Big Mound Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Lindsey Roberts, 34, of Oregon, for driving while license revoked. Roberts was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

### Jan. 12

On Jan. 12 at 6:05 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to 116 Primrose Lane in reference to a domestic dispute. After an investigation, deputies arrested Dyanna Merritt, 38, of Davis Junction, for domestic battery. Deputies also arrested Dennis Vineyard, 47, of Davis Junction, for domestic battery and violation of bail bond conditions. Merritt was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she is being held in lieu of bond. Vineyard was treated at Rochelle Community Hospital for his non-life-threatening injuries before being transported to Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

### Jan. 13

On Jan. 13 Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to a check welfare in the 500 block of South Regulator Street in Creston. After an investigation by deputies, Heather Misch, 34, of Creston, was arrested for domestic battery. Misch was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

## State police charge driver after stop on interstate

**OGLE COUNTY** — Lou Vergil Robinson, 74, of Hermitage, Tennessee, was stopped by Illinois State Police for a motor carrier safety inspection on Jan. 8 at 10:53 a.m. on Interstate 39 southbound at milepost 99 in Ogle County and charged

with operating without no USDOT authority, improper use of registration, no record of duty status, and overweight on registration.

Robinson and the vehicle were placed out of service. Robinson was released on an I-bond.

### 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.

### Car slides under semi on icy pavement



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**On Saturday at 8:51 a.m., the Illinois State Police were called to a personal injury crash on Interstate 39 northbound at milepost 79. The investigation revealed a 2005 red Pontiac Grand Am driven by a 15-year-old juvenile of Fairview Heights was traveling next to a truck tractor/semi-trailer when the juvenile lost control of the vehicle on the icy roadway and slid under the semi-trailer. The juvenile and passenger, Kevin A. Lawrence, 41, of Fairview Heights, were treated for minor injuries. The juvenile driver was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, improper lane usage, no valid registration, and no valid license/permit. Lawrence was cited for permitting an unauthorized person to drive. Paw Paw Fire Department/EMS assisted at the scene.**

## Plan to attend Discover 4-H Day

**OREGON** — Come Discover what 4-H is all about. The Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors along with several Ogle County 4-H Clubs are planning an exciting day to share 4-H with you.

Discover 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ogle County Farm Bureau. Everyone is invited to attend, however you must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 to be a Cloverbud, and 8 years old by Sept. 1 to be in 4-H.

During this afternoon, you and your parents will have an opportunity to speak to 4-H volunteers and 4-H members actively involved in the 4-H program. There will be free hands-on activities that will include leather stamping, aerospace, International exploration, scribebots, and more. Test your hands with 4-H Jeopardy to see what you already know about the variety of 4-H projects. You will also be able to see some of the many exhibits our 4-H members displayed during the 4-H project show this past summer. You can also learn how to contact a 4-H club in your area.

4-H is a youth organization for boys and girls that are between the ages of 8 and 18 as of Sept. 1. The 4-H program offers over 100 different projects for youth to choose from. These projects range from computers, visuals arts, foods, wildlife, photogra-

phy, rocketry, animals, entomology, woodworking and much more. The 4-H program emphasizes the importance of "learning by doing" by allowing 4-H members the opportunity to select project areas that are of interest to them.

Additionally, 4-H offers a Cloverbud program for youth ages 5-7 as of Sept. 1. 4-H Cloverbuds participate in hands-on learning activities to explore art, plants and animals, science, and the environment.

To learn more about the 4-H program and the 4-H Cloverbuds make arrangements to attend "Discover 4-H" on Saturday, Jan. 25. If you are unable to attend, but would like additional information about 4-H please feel free to call the University of Illinois Extension of Ogle County at 815-732-2191.

Anyone needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program can contact the Ogle County Extension office.

4-H is an informal youth education program conducted by University of Illinois Extension. U of I Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension staff at 815-732-2191.



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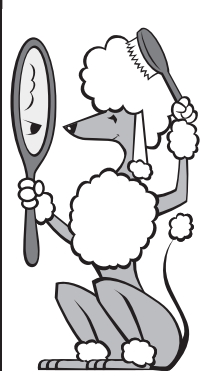
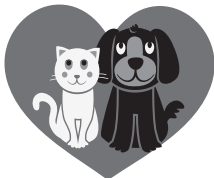
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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## It's not easy being the child of a politician

IT'S got to be rough to be the child of a politician.

I was thinking about that this past week after reading the obituary of former Illinois State Sen. Pat Welch.

Welch was a politician I covered for many years when I was a statehouse bureau chief for a chain of newspapers. For much of that time he was also a single dad raising a son who had an ornery streak a mile long.

It can't be easy to be raising a kid in an environment where everyone knows your family's business.

One oft told tale in LaSalle County was how Pat took his then-young son, Danny, to a political function where then-U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon was speaking. When the event was over, Welch and Dixon spoke quietly and a waist-high Danny kept tugging on his Dad's shirtsleeve asking to go home.

When his Dad kept putting him off, Danny walked behind Dixon, reached between the senator's legs, gripped his crotch and tugged hard.

Welch ended up taking his son home, and was left with a story to share.

It's not so bad when a parent tells the story, but when a child of a politician becomes the subject of vicious gossip the repercussions can be devastating.

For years, I would receive phone calls from Welch's political adversaries about his boy.

The malicious calls were an effort to hurt the senator by attacking his child.

I never printed any

of the assertions. Why? Because the child isn't the one holding public office and none of us get to choose our parents. Besides that, it's got to be hell to be raised in a fishbowl where everyone knows your mistakes.

Former State Sen. Mike Jacobs of East Moline is the child and grandchild of state lawmakers and he knows that feeling well.

"You always know people are watching you," he said. "Sometimes I think politicians' kids think they have to live up to an impossible standard. It's tough."

Danny Welch didn't live up to that impossible standard. In 2007, his Dad returned to his Springfield home and found his 25-year-old son hanging from a tree in his backyard.

After learning of the suicide from the Sangamon County coroner, I declined to write about it. After all, the kid wasn't a public figure and by that time Welch was no longer in office.

In case you are wondering why I am writing about it now, it's because Danny and both of his parents have died. It serves as a cautionary tale of why it's a good idea to afford youngsters of public figures their privacy and a little bit of kindness.

That's been my policy for more than 30 years. The only exception I make is if the parent somehow uses their elective office to get their child special treatment.

Jacobs noted that despite the challenges there are also blessings to growing up in a political family.

"I got to observe the give and take of politics at a young age. Whenever I would go out with my Dad, people would be buttonholing with concerns. I learned a lot. There are plenty of negatives, but I tell

the children of elected officials to embrace the positives."

Recently, Ronald Reagan's daughter Patti Davis wrote in the Washington Post: "Unfortunately, for political sons and daughters, the fear of how you will be perceived as you go about your life, as you pursue your dreams and goals, underlies everything. It's a toxic way to live. You have to constantly second-guess yourself, as in, 'If I were anyone else, this would be a great opportunity, but it's probably just being offered because of who my father is, and even if it isn't, it could look that way.'"

No one should be forced to live that way.

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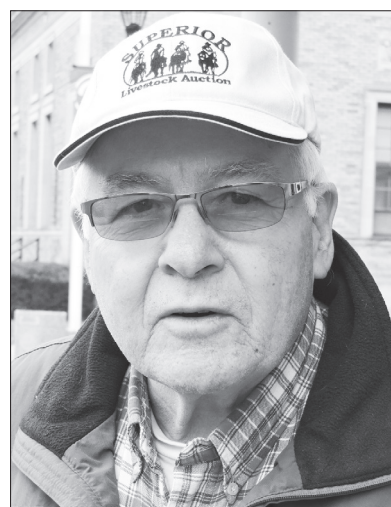
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Jeff Corbin



**"I haven't gotten one yet, but I usually do. If I do get one it will probably be within the next month."**

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# STATE NEWS

## New gun dealer regulations to take effect Friday

Law signed by Gov. Pritzker last January subject of constitutional lawsuit

BY PETER HANCOCK  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

**SPRINGFIELD** — New rules governing how retail gun dealers do business go into effect Friday and include the types of records they must keep, how weapons and ammunition are to be stored and the kinds of video surveillance and security systems they must maintain.

The rules, established by the Illinois State Police and scheduled to be published in the Illinois Register on Friday, will go into effect almost one year to the day after Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the Firearm Dealer License Certification Act into law. The Act requires firearm dealers who have a federal firearm license to also obtain a state certificate and comply with state regulations.

Pritzker signed the bill, the first of his administration, after it passed during the 2018 legislative session. Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner was in office when it passed, but Democratic Senate President John Cullerton



**Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks during a ceremony Jan. 17, 2019, in Chicago marking the signing of a bill requiring anyone who holds a federal firearms license to also obtain a state "certificate of license" and comply with state regulations. Those regulations, with modifications made over the past year, are scheduled to go into effect Friday. (Credit: @GovPritzker on Twitter)**

used a procedural maneuver to hold onto the bill because Rauner had vetoed similar legislation that spring.

The bill was viewed at the time as a response to rising gun violence in parts of Illinois, especially Chicago. It was aimed at preventing theft or other diversion of guns from firearms dealers and to crack down on so-called "straw purchases" in which someone buys a gun on behalf of some-

one else who is legally prohibited from owning a gun.

ISP initially proposed administrative rules in August and held a public hearing on Oct. 24 in Springfield. But those proposed rules sparked fierce pushback from gun dealers around the state who said compliance would be excessively expensive.

### Concerns

Of particular concern

was a proposed rule that would have required dealers to maintain video surveillance at several points in their stores. Dealers would have also had to maintain those recordings for 90 days and back them up to an offsite storage system such as a cloud or server.

"I know stores that have over 125 cameras in there," said Todd Vandermyde, executive director of the Federal Firearm Licensees of Illinois, a gun dealer trade association. "You're not requiring a backup system, you're requiring a backup generator."

He went on to describe the rule as requiring such a dealer to be able "to upload 125 high-definition Netflix movies simultaneously."

**"Hundreds of dealers have paid \$1,500 license fees, confident that they could meet the letter of the law, and now they find that they can't because of the rules that have been proposed."**

**Valinda Rowe**

Gun dealers also complained about other proposed rules that would have required them to have written plans for storing all inventory, both during business hours and after closing, and to keep ammunition in a restricted area of the store not accessible to customers. Some gun shop owners said compliance would be impossible.

"Hundreds of dealers have paid \$1,500 license fees, confident that they could meet the letter of the law, and now they find that they can't because of the rules that have been proposed," Valinda Rowe, spokeswoman for gun rights advocacy group Illinois-Carry.com, said during the hearing.

Following that hearing, ISP revised many of the proposed rules, eliminating the requirement for backup storage of video surveillance, according to a copy of the rules provided by ISP. But that pushed the rulemaking process beyond Jan. 2 when gun

dealers were to come into compliance with many portions of the new law.

As a result, ISP is using its emergency rulemaking powers, which allow regulatory agencies to put rules into effect immediately, for a maximum of 150 days, while final rules are being drafted. Those proposed final rules could be subject to another public hearing, further revision, and review by the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

The law is also the target of a lawsuit filed by the Illinois State Rifle Association, as well as several gun shops. Plaintiffs argue the law places "onerous restrictions" on firearms dealers that would force many stores to close and others to pass the higher costs on "to those who would be seeking to exercise their constitutional right to keep and bear arms."

That lawsuit is pending in Sangamon County Circuit Court.

## Pritzker administration announces sales figures for first days of adult use cannabis

**CHICAGO**—The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has announced that statewide adult-use cannabis sales from Wednesday, Jan. 1 through Sunday, Jan. 12 totaled \$19,709,351.00. Dispensaries across the state rendered 495,385 transactions over the 12-day period.

Date	Sales	Transaction
Jan. 1	\$3,176,256.71	77,128
Jan. 2	\$2,252,586.51	56,762
Jan. 3	\$2,209,065.01	55,161
Jan. 4	\$2,004,019.43	51,174
Jan. 5	\$1,189,252.18	30,954
Jan. 6	\$796,005.71	20,303
Jan. 7	\$1,251,626.91	31,560
Jan. 8	\$1,314,924.17	33,270
Jan. 9	\$1,334,605.13	33,683
Jan. 10	\$1,689,682.73	42,822
Jan. 11	\$1,617,198.64	41,033
Jan. 12	\$874,121.97	21,535
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,709,345.10</b>	<b>495,385</b>

As part of the state's focus on equity, 25 percent of cannabis sales tax revenues will support the Restore, Reinvest and Renew (R3) program, which aims to address the impact of economic disinvestment, violence and the historical overuse of the criminal justice system. The Department of Revenue expects to have a tax revenue estimate by the end of February, when initial tax payments from dispensaries are due.

"Illinois had a far more successful launch of cannabis than many of the other states that have legalized, but this is about more than

money, it's about starting a new industry in a way that includes communities left behind for far too long. Members of those communities will have the opportunity to apply for licenses to open a dispensary, become a craft grower or infuser, or transport product under the new law. Illinois is the only state in the country to take an equity-centric approach to the legalization of cannabis and I thank all those who worked hard to make the launch a success," said Toi Hutchinson, Senior Advisor to Governor Pritzker for Cannabis Control.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the Illinois Department of Agriculture opened the application process for Cannabis Infuser, Transporter and Craft Grower licenses, including social equity applicants. The applications are available on the Department's website here. IDOA will begin accepting completed applications on Friday, Feb. 14 and all Cannabis Infuser, Transporter and Craft Grower applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. CST on Monday, March 16, 2020. Licenses will be awarded to applicants by July 1, 2020.

Social equity applicants will receive additional points on their application and will have access to technical assistance, grants, informational workshops, low-interest loans and fee reductions and waivers. Additional information about the timing and location of workshops will be available in the coming weeks.

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See page 3 for more details

RTHS Boys Bowling

# Breaking through

Guevara rolls career-high 266 as Rochelle edges Geneseo for first win

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Thursday’s nonconference bowling match against Geneseo was one that Rochelle sophomore Sergio Guevara won’t forget anytime soon.

Guevara struggled to find his rhythm over the first and second games, rolling 159 and 124 as the Maple Leafs claimed both games and surged ahead of the Hubs. Guevara didn’t give up, however, and the right-handed sophomore caught fire in the final game, shooting a career-high 266 to help Rochelle not only take the third game, but edge Geneseo out for the series win by a final score of 3,298-3,291. The Hubs (1-11) earned their first victory of the season.

“It felt pretty great,” Guevara said. “Coach [Jim] Lyles was telling me to focus and not think about the little things like missing my spares. I focused and found my mark in the third game.”

Rochelle fought val-

“Coach [Jim] Lyles was telling me to focus and not think about the little things... I focused and found my mark...”

Sergio Guevara

iantly in the opening game, with senior Logan Ortega and sophomore Devansh Patel each topping the 200 mark. Geneseo’s Sebastian Einfeldt made the difference, though, recording 236 and leading the Maple Leafs over the Hubs 1,117-1,093 in the first game. Ortega finished with 219 for Rochelle, while Patel started his series with 212.

The Maple Leafs extended their advantage in the second game, winning 1,117-1,061 behind 211 from Jacob Endless and 204 from Einfeldt. Junior John Henson paced Rochelle in the middle game, firing a series-high 210 while sophomore Maddex Ramos added 194.

“We have more momentum going into the conference meet and that’s going to help a lot,” Henson

said. “I’ve been focusing more this season... I was staying consistent with my form. I was hitting my mark and keeping my shoulders back.”

Guevara was the only bowler on either team to surpass the 200-pin threshold in the third game, which the Hubs claimed 1,138-1,057 to erase their 80-pin series deficit. Sophomore Dylan Milton rolled 194 in the final game, with Ortega adding 193 to finish with a team-high 594 series. All six RTHS bowlers ended the match with 500-plus series totals for the first time this season.

“Everybody’s really pumped for the conference meet now,” Guevara said. “I think I’ve been more consistent than I was last season and I’ve been hitting my mark more often.”

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Logan Ortega rolled a team-high 594 series when Rochelle topped Geneseo for its first match victory of the season on Thursday.

RTHS Girls Basketball

## Sandwich surges past Lady Hubs

### House, Bunger lead Rochelle in loss at Ottawa

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Lady Hubs defended Sandwich well during the first half of their Interstate 8 basketball game against the Indians on Saturday.

Rochelle had an opportunity to snap its losing streak, trailing Sandwich by only five points entering the second half. The Lady Hubs came within one point of the Indians midway through the third quarter, but a 9-0 run from Sandwich sparked a significant late-game surge resulting in a 61-39 victory for the Indians and an eighth consecutive loss for Rochelle (3-17).

“The girls did a great job of keeping players in front of them for about 75 percent of the game,” head coach Tony Rowan said. “They rebounded defensively and they handed Sandwich’s pressure throughout the game. Our feet stopped moving in the third quarter and they were getting to the free-throw line. Their free-throw shooting was the deciding factor in the game.”

Junior guard Sofia Lenkaitis was aggressive in

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Sofia Lenkaitis drives the baseline against Sandwich’s Claire Roberts during Rochelle’s girls basketball game against the Indians on Saturday.

the first half for the Lady Hubs, using her left-handed dribble and her quickness to attack the basket and score multiple layups. Lenkaitis led Rochelle with nine points at halftime, with the team trailing Sandwich

25-20. Lenkaitis opened the third quarter with a 3-pointer that ignited a 7-3 run and cut the score to 28-27.

“Sofia gave it her all in terms of shooting gaps and trying to deflect passes,”

Rowan said. “She’s really bought into playing hard, and not only has she earned more minutes, but she’s produced a lot more recently.”

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T-Byrd Lanes

### Russell, Challand roll perfect 300 games in league play

Local bowlers Kevin Russell (left) and Austin Challand (right) recently tossed perfect 300 games during league action at Rochelle’s T-Byrd Lanes. Russell threw his perfect game in the Tuesday Night Service League a few weeks ago, while Challand recorded his 300 in the Thursday Night Classic League on Jan. 2. Russell has three sanctioned 300 games for his career, while Challand has two.





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**Troy  
Papke**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Wrestling*

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

*A: This is my first year.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: How everybody works their fingers to the bone and pitches in for their team.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: English with Mr. Harrington because he makes the class fun and interesting.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: Jesse Owens because he persevered through the hardships and struggles of his*

*time and overcame them.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?**

*A: My dad because he puts himself in front of others.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: To be a park ranger at a national park out west where I can wake up to the sunrise and the cool mountain air.*

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

*A: How my coaches and my teammates help me out when I'm struggling and how I'll return the favor when they're struggling.*

**Josey  
Weber**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Wrestling*



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

*A: Four years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: I enjoy going to meets the most.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: Biology because I like the way my teacher makes the class fun.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: Toby Inman because he helps me become a better wrestler and he's so good at the sport.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**

*A: Cassie Inman because she was a wrestler for her high school and I want to be as good as she was when she wrestled.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: To be a horse trainer because it's what I've grown up doing.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Texas because I'd be able to my horses to so many rodeos.*

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

*A: Representing my school.*



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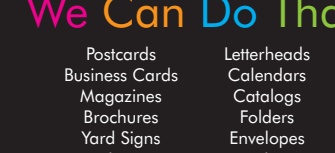
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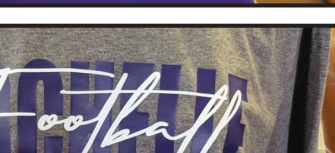
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# SPORTS

## GIRLS: Lenkaitis stands out despite Sandwich loss

From page 1

Sandwich guards Claire Roberts (16 points) and Ava Knepper (15 points) sparked the Indians midway through the third quarter, taking advantage of slow defensive rotations from the Lady Hubs to draw contact and put Rochelle in foul trouble. Sandwich drew eight fouls in the third quarter alone, and many of the team's points in the 9-0 run came from bonus free throws.

"They did a great job of attacking the rim throughout the game," Rowan said. "A lot of the game came down to hitting free throws. We made the effort defensively, but we were a step slower or a second behind on a lot of plays, and those resulted in a lot of fouls drawn for them."

The Indians also got forward Josie Ness (16 points) going after a slow first half, and the team's three-pronged threat helped Sandwich outscore Rochelle 20-10 in the third quarter and pull ahead 45-30. The Indians remained relentless in the fourth quarter, with Knepper and Roberts initiating several dribble-drives that resulted in layups or hand-offs for Ness to finish. Lenkaitis led all scorers with 17 points in the game.

**Ottawa**  
Junior guard Sam House stepped up for the Lady



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Junior Sam House looks for a driving lane against Sandwich defender Sophia Datoli during Rochelle's girls basketball game against the Indians on Saturday. House stepped up with a team-high 10 points in Thursday's loss to the Ottawa Pirates.**

Hubs on Thursday, scoring a team-high 10 points and finishing 5-for-11 from the field in Rochelle's 40-28 loss against the Pirates. House also led the Lady Hubs with six rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots.

"Sam's really developed

her confidence," Rowan said. "She's coming into her shot and she's more relaxed out there. Now that she has a little more free reign on offense, she's picking her spots and picking them well."

Ottawa opened the game with a dominant

first quarter, outscoring Rochelle 14-1 behind Regan O'Fallon (13 points and 11 rebounds) and Ella Marvel (11 points). The Lady Hubs struggled to find their offense throughout the game, trailing the Pirates 24-7 at halftime and 33-15 after three quarters.

Sophomore Lucy Bung-er recorded nine points, five rebounds and two steals for Rochelle. Bung-er and House combined for eight of the team's nine made field goals in the loss. The Lady Hubs finished with 27 turnovers.

"The fun thing about

Lucy is she gives 100-percent effort all of the time," Rowan said. "It really hits home because of the effort and the dedication she has, both during the season and over the offseason. She played with maximum effort and she was all over the floor."

### RTHS Wrestling



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**The Rochelle wrestling team took ninth place in the XLV Sycamore Invitational on Saturday, with several Hubs bringing home medals from the tournament. Rochelle will continue its schedule with dual matches against Winnebago, Belvidere and Sycamore this week.**

## Harvey, Nadig lead Rochelle at Sycamore invite

### Hubs finish ninth overall behind 10 tournament medalists

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**SYCAMORE** — An illness limited Rochelle standout Ben Harvey from wrestling in peak form over the last few weeks. The 182-pounder had fresh legs on Saturday, though, recording four consecutive victories by fall before bowing out with a second-place finish in the XLV Sycamore Invitational. The Hubs placed ninth in the 16-team tournament with 212 points.

Harvey (21-2) didn't take any of the first four opponents he faced beyond the first period. The

junior needed only 15 seconds to defeat York's Luigi Allegrini before topping Bloomington's Jake Rush in 29 seconds to enter the championship division. Wins by fall over Yorkville's Dayne Wood-in and Downers Grove South's Cole Gantner moved Harvey into the winner-take-all match against Mundelein's Rudy Osornio, who escaped with a 4-2 sudden victory in overtime.

"It could have been a better tournament," Harvey said. "I started off a little sloppy but I made it through the first four matches. I didn't have the

best week of practice, but I needed to keep working on the simple things like my conditioning since I'm coming off an illness... I thought my bar on top was good but I need to take more shots in neutral when I'm tired."

Sophomore Caleb Nadig (21-3) also brought home a second-place medal for Rochelle in the 126-pound bracket. Nadig opened his tournament with decisive victories over Yorkville's Brody Williams (19-4 tech) and Marengo's Connor Ray (fall) to reach the championship division. Nadig suffered his only loss

of the afternoon in the first championship pool match, conceding an 8-1 decision to Belvidere's Antonio Alvarado. Nadig finished the tournament strong, beating Grayslake North's Jake Jozwiak and Downers Grove South's Joe Straus by decision.

"I need to keep working and today showed that there's a lot I can improve on," Nadig said. "My loss was frustrating. I felt that it was a winnable match, but there were a lot of little things that I need to get back in the wrestling room and work on. I was wrestling loose and getting to the ties and the shots I

can get to... I found my offense and worked to that throughout the day."

Senior Zack Capes (9-11) finished fourth in the 285-pound bracket, locking down a fall victory over Yorkville's Gabe Taylor along the way. Seniors Keegan Davis-Carter (20-4) and Gavin Ansteth (13-4) placed fifth in their respective brackets, with Davis-Carter wrestling in the 138-pound bracket and Ansteth competing in the 195-pound bracket.

Senior Hezekiah Jefferson (4-4) and junior Grant Thompson (12-8) took seventh place in their respective brackets, with

Jefferson battling in the 195-pound bracket and Thompson grappling in the 132-pound bracket. Junior Ivan Pineda (11-11 at 106), senior Zeke Horn (11-12 at 152) and senior Bryan Garza (18-5 at 170) all placed eighth in their tournament brackets. Top-8 wrestlers at the Sycamore tournament received medals for their performances.

Junior Noah Messer (12-7) finished 11th in the 182-pound bracket, while three wrestlers placed 12th including freshman Weldon Nay (7-13 at 113), sophomore Ethan Tooley (13-10 at 145) and senior Wade Samp (1-7 at 138).



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330 Acres MOL  
Ogle County Farm Land

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**Thursday February 20th, 2020**  
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**Land Location:** This Farm is located at 4756 & 4780 S Center Rd., Rochelle IL 61068 - These parcels are located adjacent to the addresses above. No Building sites included with this auction. This auction will be held indoors off site. **For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-739-9150.**

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**Auctioneers Note:** This property will be offered in two parcels, both approx. 77.5 Acres without any buildings. These two parcels are in a great location and have very good productivity. All announcements made day of the auction take precedence over any and all prior statements and or advertising. **PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS: Parcel 1:** Approx. 77 Acres, all tillable, with a Pl# 126; **Parcel 2:** Approx 77Acres, all tillable, with a Pl# 123 **Sale Order:** We will offer parcel 1, followed by parcel 2, followed by the combination of 1 & 2 totaling approx. 155 Acres.

**TERMS:** A minimum deposit of 10% of the purchase price in the form of cash, certified check, bank draft or personal check shall be made by the successful Bidder(s) on the day of sale for parcels 1, 2 or the combination of them. At such time, the successful Bidder(s) shall enter into purchase contract. On or before **April 1, 2020**, the Buyer(s) shall pay the balance of the purchase price in full. A copy of the purchase contract will be available for inspection at the closing desk on the day of the auction, or by contacting the auctioneer. **POSSESSION:** Buyer(s) to receive full possession of both parcels upon closing. The current tenant has interest in renting this property back for 2020 season, should the buyer need someone to operate it. **TAXES:** Seller(s) pays all 2019 Taxes due in 2020, in the form of credit at closing based upon the latest available information. No further pro-rations will be made after closing. **NOTE:** All announcements given on the day of sale shall take precedence over any, and/or all previous advertising or descriptions. The method, order of sale and bidding increments shall be at the sole discretion of the auctioneer. This auction will be recorded. **SURVEY & DEED:** Seller(s) will provide certified survey, commitment letter of title insurance in the amount of the purchase price and stamped Trustee's deed to Buyer(s) at time of closing. **BIDDING:** Bidding on both parcels will be on a per acre basis, with the final sale price based upon surveyed acres. **BIDDERS:** Bidder(s) should rely upon their own inspections and not upon any description or nomenclature of the auctioneer. Seller(s) assume no liability for errors or omissions in this or any other property listing, advertising, promotion or publicity statements and material. Although information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable, the aforementioned Seller(s) make no guarantee as to accuracy of the information herein contained or in any other property listing or advertising.

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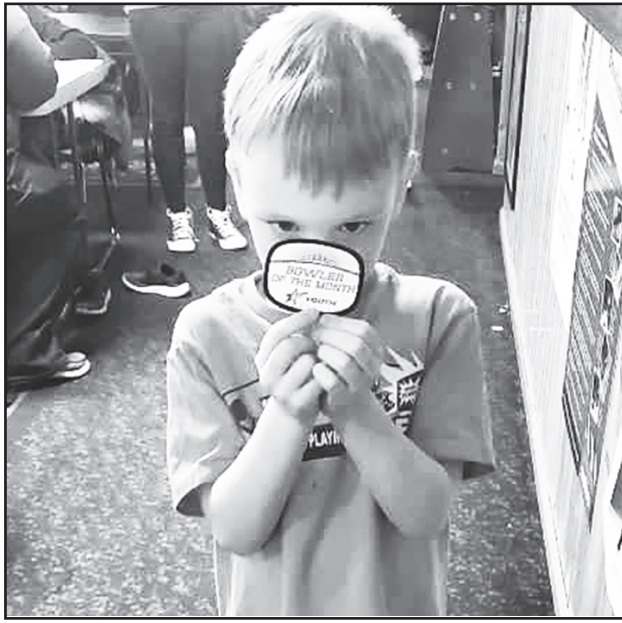


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# SPORTS

## T-Byrd Lanes



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

### Local youth, bumper league bowlers bring home awards

T-Byrd Lanes awarded several local league bowlers recently. Emma Slack (November) and Parker Phelps (December) received Bumper Bowler of the Month honors. Addy Newlin and Sam Tracey (Week 11) took home Youth Bowler of the Week awards while Landyn Dummer and Chloe Rodriguez

(Week 10) also won Youth Bowler of the Week awards. Nathan Julian (Week 9) received Youth Bowler of the Week as well. Lailah Barber and Anessa Rollin (Week 10) took home Bumper Bowler of the Week awards. The winners are pictured above from top left to bottom right.

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Boys Basketball

# Hubs rally over Ottawa for third straight win

Gould returns from injury, scores 14 off the bench in 70-62 victory

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**OTTAWA** — Senior guard Seth Gould’s return couldn’t have come at a better time for the Rochelle boys basketball team.

Gould scored 14 points off the bench Friday evening, helping the Hubs dominate the second half against the Ottawa Pirates and walk away from the prestigious Kingman Gym with a 70-62 victory. Rochelle (7-9) has won three consecutive games.

“That gym is an amazing place to play,” said

Gould, who’s missed the last several weeks with a hand injury. “I knew I had to come out and give a great effort. It was a difficult adjustment coming off the bench, but it’s helped me get back in shape so I don’t tire out too quickly. I felt energized and more dynamic than I was as a starter.”

The Pirates led 39-30 at halftime before Rochelle flipped the game around in the second half, outscoring Ottawa 40-23 and 20-11 during the fourth quarter. The Hubs overcame a tremendous scoring performance from Ottawa

standout Myles Tucker, who led all players with 36 points on 15 made field goals in the game. Drew Kaufman added 17 points for the Pirates.

“We went into the locker room and we told each other that we aren’t losing this game,” Gould said. “We needed the game and we were all focused. We played really hard in the second half and we played as a team. I feel like I can get our team some more rebounds once I get my full legs back... It felt amazing to get back out there. I’m tired of sitting on the bench.”

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Senior guard Landan Martin remained hot for Rochelle, following his 34-point performance against Morris with a 22-point effort and eight rebounds on Friday. Senior point guard Austin Brown finished with 19 points for the Hubs, and Garrett Burdin grabbed seven rebounds in the Rochelle victory. Sophomore Ryan Simmons sunk two triples for six points.

## RTHS Spirit



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

### Rochelle dance, cheer teams place in varsity invitationals

The Rochelle Township High School dance and cheerleading teams took the floor this past weekend, with both teams placing well in their respective competitions. The dance team (left) finished sixth out of 16 schools at the

Huntley Invitational, while the cheer team placed 14th out of 26 schools in the Buffalo Grove Invitational. The dancers are coached by Kass Smith, and the cheerleaders are coached by Trish Rodeghero.

## Rochelle Wrestling Club

# Young grapplers compete in Oregon, Sycamore

Junior Hubs claim 15 titles across two local tournaments

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**OREGON** — The Rochelle Wrestling Club crowned two champions during the Oregon Hawk Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 11. Chase Marruffo and Steel Manning each went undefeated to take first place in their respective brackets. Eight club members competed in the tournament.

Marruffo (3-0) led Rochelle in the Tots Division, while Nehemiah Andronic (1-1) placed second and both Xander Gonzales and Danny Johnson took fourth. Manning (3-0) spearheaded the charge in the Bantam Division, with Garrett Miller finishing fourth. Vaughn Manning (2-1) took second place in the Intermediate Division and Montana Contreras placed fourth.

steth, Dominic Escatel, Zachary Johnson, Aidan Lopez, Deegan Schabacker, Roman Villalobos, Grant Gensler, Brandyn Metzger, Kaiden Morris, Tommy Tourdot and Xavier Villalobos.

Marruffo (3-0) and Rowen Villalobos (3-0) led Rochelle in the Tots Division. Elliot Huff (2-1) and Nehemiah Andronic (2-1) both finished second in their respective brackets, while Silas Alsop (1-2), Felix Belmonte (1-2) and Danny Johnson (1-2) took third. Quade Dickey finished fourth.

Ansteth (3-0) and Escatel (3-0) earned titles for Rochelle in the Bantam Division. Quaid Heitz (2-1) and Landon Johnson (2-1) both took second in their respective brackets, with Gavin Smtih (2-1) and Emilyn Voight (1-2) each placing third. Garrett Miller and Lindzi Kirk finished fourth.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Rowen Villalobos (left) and Aidan Lopez (right) show off their first-place medals from the Sechrest Good Guys Tournament in Sycamore on Sunday. The Rochelle Wrestling Club fielded 15 champions across two tournaments this past weekend.

### Sycamore

The Rochelle Wrestling Club sent a fleet of junior grapplers to the Sechrest Good Guys Tournament in Sycamore on Sunday, Jan. 12. Thirteen Rochelle wrestlers won championships throughout the day including Chase Marruffo, Rowen Villalobos, Quentin An-

dronic (3-0) and Roman Villalobos (3-0) earned titles in the Novice Division, with Tony Milburn (2-1) and Brenden Voight (2-1) taking

second in their respective brackets. Brandin Kirk (1-2) placed third.

Tourdot (3-0), Xavier Villalobos (3-0), Metzger (3-0), Gensler (3-0) and

Morris (3-0) dominated their respective brackets for Senior Division cham-

pionships on Sunday. Weylin Nay placed fourth in his bracket.