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City seeking accurate Census count

Accurate count ensures city doesn't miss out on tax dollars

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – The beginning of a new decade means many things for many different people, but one thing that it means for the entire United States is that it is once again time for the country to take their census count.

Every 10 years, the United States takes a count of every person residing in the country to collect data that is used for many different reasons including determining where \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed. The entire United States, including Rochelle, will begin its count by sending out letters to all residents between March 12 and April 1 inviting them to respond.

Then, follow up letters and reminder post cards will be sent out through the entire month of April. For anyone who has not responded by the end of April, Census takers will then be sent out to their homes.

Once people have received their letters or been contacted personally by the Census takers, there are a few different ways to respond.

“For most people, they will receive a letter inviting them to respond and then at some point they will get an actual census document that will be English on one side and Spanish on the other,” explained Sue Messer, assistant to the Rochelle city manager. “There will be a unique ID number on it, and then you can either respond online, by phone, or you can request a paper census.”



For the 2020 census, the United States is trying to stray away from the phone and paper census by encouraging more people to respond online.

The City of Rochelle is doing everything in their power to help ensure the upcoming count is as accurate as possible. For the previous count that was taken in 2010, it's estimated that only 84 percent of the population of Rochelle responded. It's very important that the count is as accurate as possible so that the city does not miss out on valuable federal funding.

At first, a response rate of 84 percent doesn't sound that bad, but when the numbers are broken down, it becomes apparent just how much of an impact 16 percent can have on a community.

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Plans in place for pilot program

City to start trap, neuter, release program to address stray, feral cat issue

BY JENNIFER SIMMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — As early as the end of February, the City of Rochelle is hoping to begin a pilot program to begin dealing with the feral cat issue within the city.

On Monday night, Jenny Thompson presented information on the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) program the city wants to implement to address the large number of feral cats throughout the city.

“Since being asked to research some options for feral and stray cats in our community, I've been working closely with a couple different organizations including TAILS in DeKalb and Spay Illinois Clinics in Lisle as well as a



handful of individuals and volunteers locally in the community who are involved in these types of programs,” Thompson said. “Throughout conversations with these individuals we have put together a program called TNR – or Trap, Neuter,

Return.” Thompson explained that through the program volunteers would humanely trap cats within a specified colony – or area – on a designated day and hold them overnight. The cats would then be picked up the next morning by

SpayIL for transport and taken to the facility in Lisle where they would be spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies, receive a flea treatment and have their ears tipped.

Cats would then be returned to Rochelle, picked up by the same volunteers to be held overnight before being released into the area they were originally found.

According to Thompson the city has budgeted \$5,000 for 2020 for the pilot program. “There is some cost involved in the program,” she said. “SpayIL charges \$52 per cat and includes the spay/neuter, ear tip, flea treatment and rabies vaccination.”

There is a minimum of 12 cats needed to transport to Lisle with a maximum of 25 – if the maximum is reached for the trip, the

amount to the city would be \$1,300.

“Along with budgeting the \$5,000 for 2020, we are pursuing some grant opportunities and we have at least one local individual, Krista Stewart, who has offered to do some fundraising through her business,” Thompson added.

Benefits of TNR

A TNR program would help minimize reproduction and overpopulation of stray and feral cats within the community as well as the spread of disease. The TNR program also reduces nuisance behaviors such as spraying and fighting among the stray and feral cats and helps to continue keeping natural rodent control in place.

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(A SPAGHETTI SUPPER WAS HELD IN MARCH. PHOTO FROM ROCK MYATT FACEBOOK PAGE)

Serving up spaghetti for R.O.C.K.

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held next month to help raise funds for kids to attend a Rochelle based retreat that takes place every summer.

R.O.C.K. — Reaching Out to Christ's Kids — is a retreat that takes place every June and July in either Oregon or Leaf River. The retreat aims to help teenagers between the ages of high school and 20-years-old develop their faith or even lead them to Christ. The retreat includes many different games and activities, music and food for attendees.

Whether religious or not, everyone who attends has something to gain such as strengthening relationships with everyone they attend with.

“Going on the weekend really strengthened my relationship with all of my friends there as well as my boyfriend at the time who I ended up marrying,” explained Miranda Daugherty, R.O.C.K board secretary. “Even if they don't get a whole bunch out of it as far as religion goes, they get a whole bunch out of it as far as friendship, and that is always important.”

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On the fast track



Cub Scout Pack 553 held its annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Lincoln School. Kiwanis Club members Ric Taylor, Lanet Erickson and Jody Taylor presented the pack with a check in the amount of \$500 that was used to fund the derby, buy trophies and ribbons. The boys had a great time. The Arrow of Light parents along with some Boy Scouts ran the concession stand. Derby winners (from Lion pack to Arrow of Light) are Lion - Chase, Tiger - Nicky, Wolf - Matrix, Bear - Benjamin, Webelos - Braylon, and Arrow of Light - Bryson.



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LOCAL NEWS

Students recognized on first semester honor rolls

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School has released its first semester honor roll and high honor roll.

Honor Roll

Freshmen: Brady D. Adams, Cassandra C. Aguilera, Ava L. Albers, Brayana Anguiano Mosqueda, Elizabeth R. Atkinson, Avery C. Auld, Kevin Bahena, Dylan R. Benge, Alexander R. Burnette, Lily R. Burriell, Storm L. Devers, Lenna M. Drew, Haylyn C. Easterbrooks, Magaly Escutia, Addison E. Friestad, Sophia A. Hall, Damen L. Harrington, Jasmin L. Hernandez, Natalia A. Hueramo, Hayden R. Inman, Kyce M. Jaradat, Rorie L. Jensen, Nicole K. Jorgensen, Vanesa L. Ledezma, Cailyn N. Licastro, Karina Lopez, Katie Lopez, Michelle Y. Lopez, Ava J. Lynn, Ceceilia Martinez, Ava R. McGee, Ailyn K. Miranda, Antonio A. Molina-Tobias, Daniel Monfils, Giselle Montoya, Brandon A. Moody, Adeline F. Morrisette, Baldemar I. Nambo, Torrin L. Nantz, Evin Y. Odle, Colton T. O'Rorke, Shawn S. Patterson, Jenna Ramos, Macy M. Ramos, Kyra J. Rimstidt, Kalee C. Rodriguez, Drew L. Sanders, Felix A. Schlenbecker, Morgan L. Smardo, Trey J. Taft, Abigail I. Tarvestad, Chloe E. Treadway, Ocean L. Walker, Aiyanna S. Washington, Bennett J. Wengelewski, Alyssa R. White, Riley A. White

Sophomores: Layan Al-Haj Ali, Jacob W. Andrist, Andrew M. Baiocco, Alexis P. Bergeson, Johany Cervantes, Margaux F. DaCosta, Adriannah Y. Davis-Carter, Jordin L. Dickey, Andrew E. Estes, Noah M. Garrelts, Alexander P. Gilbert, Jesus D. Gonzalez, Sergio J. Guevara, Jonathan P. Hansen, Lauren C. Jackson, Hayleigh M. Jones, Faith E. Lohse, Jaime Martinez, Grant E. Messer, Anthony B. Monroy, Luciana M. Monroy, Luis M. Nambo, Melissa Nambo, Kiley M. O'Brien, Michelle Ocampo, Luke A. Orlikowski, Max D. Orlikowski, Cinthia Pacheco, Gabriel W. Page, Logan J. Popp, Sierra E. Ramos, Jack A. Richolson, Caleb M. Ritter, Sherlyn C. Rojas, Daniel J. Senne, Regan E. Underwood, Ethan A. Wells, Bryce C. Whitehead, MeLisa S. Young

Juniors: Sihode M. Agbetobu, Jesus J. Aguilera, Vanessa A. Avolio, Chelsie A. Baker, Olivia G. Bohannon, Skyler M. Boyd-Scarborough, Nadia L. Castillo, Sophia G. Castillo, Ava C. Coglianese, Allison L. Cole, Heidi B. Cruz, Luke J. Ellis,

Alexander J. Gellings, Eddie L. Griffin, Anastasia R. Hall, Elise M. Hayenga, Graciela J. Hernández, Kiya K. Herrera, Nathalie Herrera, Keegan M. Kaspar, John D. Knapp, Lindsey M. Lidren, Isabella G. Lodico, Kaden B. Lovett, Jacklynn G. Muraira, Damian Nava-Barrientos, Noah J. Norris, Caroline J. Petry-Fanella, Ivan G. Pineda, Alivia S. Ramsey, Aniket Ranjan, Alexis R. Sanford, Kristyn R. Sulser, Amelia R. Thibeault, Mirella J. Vazquez, Gabriella L. Walker, Grace R. Yates, Marco Antonio Zepeda

Seniors: Nicholas B. Albers, Britney R. Baez, Kaylie D. Bargman, Brayden S. Bonilla, Austin D. Brown, Jonathan E. Bryant, Juan M. Cacioue, Kevin Cacioue, Braden K. Casey, Jacob A. Childers, Angel Cruz, James R. Doering, Jacob A. Eul, Reese N. Finnestad, Parker M. Hale, Skylar R. Harper, Breanna M. Heisner, Jasmine R. Hennessee, Cole L. Hensley, Taite L. Hintzsche, Evan U. Horner, Bianca G. Hueramo, Victoria M. Lopez-Perez, Tucker K. Louis, Mac J. Mancillas, Landan L. Martin, Jason A. McQuillian, Carlos Nambo, Avri E. Olsen, Lillian E. Portzen, Gyvanziel A. Quinonez, George Rodriguez, Paige A. Rowland, Alondra I. Rubio, Marianna M. Russell, Christopher J. Sedlock, Allison L. Seebach, Dylan M. Stover, Cameron J. Ward, Madison E. Young, Uzziel Zarate,

High Honor Roll

Freshmen: Hisham Abdallah, Viwassi O. Agbetobu, Lauryn M. Akey, Jack S. Anderson, Arian A. Avila, Cheryl Bialas, Ellie M. Carmichael, Bradley P. Cooney, Landon D. DeLille, Miranda M. Dubek, Rivers R. Estock, Nolan Fonfara, Casandra Garcia, Garrett T. Gensler, John Green, Owen C. Haas, Kailey A. Harris, Anastasia E. Harvey, Kaitlyn N. Henson, Rylee R. Jackson, Thomas J. Koziol, Marcus A. Lara, Elijah C. Metzger, Miraya E. Montes, Isabella J. Nauman, Grecia Orozco, Yuelma Ortiz, Zalak B. Patel, Layla O. Pelan, Amelia Pixler, Mikayla L. Preston, Gisselle Robles, Aidan M. Rodriguez, Emil Rodriguez, Austin P. Salter, Samantha R. Sanford, Wade A. Smith, Baylie C. Sutton, Paul A. Swartz, David A. Wanner, Matthew R. Wentz, Marisa J. Whaley, Jace C. Whitehead, Ahtziri C. Zepeda

Sophomores: Braden A. Alfano, Julia G. Berry, Lucy Bunger, Nathan K. Burdin, Andrew B. Buskohl, Miguel Cruz, William

J. Drobick, Riley K. Flanagan, Peter W. Forsberg, Sylvia M. Hasz, Emma M. Hicks, Ella R. Hintzsche, Marlen Hueramo, Kayden A. Kannheiser, Adam U. Kemp, Ashley K. Knight, Tanner D. Lager, Joshua P. Lloyd, Jaela J. Ludwick, Josephine M. Lundquist, Abigail I. Luxton, Ella C. McKinney, McKenna A. Montes, Madison P. Ost, Devansh K. Patel, Braeden W. Peska, Schuyler R. Podolski, Taylor O. Ponto, Maddex Ramos, Rylen Ramos, Lindsey N. Rissman, Leslie Rodriguez, Zachary J. Sanford, Alyssa M. Schwanert, Ryan W. Simmons, Hayden K. Smith, Gwen K. Sullivan, Carly C. Summers, Zoey M. Tabor, Megan E. Thompson, Lillian J. Weston, Jason Zheng

Juniors: Oscar Aguirre, Kendal R. Ansteth, Garrett E. Burdin, Ethan J. Burgholzer, Madison R. Carmichael, Sterling K. Devers, Afi Y. Gati, Melanie G. Gonzalez, Trevor A. Goodwin, Clare C. Green, Morgan M. Haas, Benjamin R. Harvey, Lauren G. Hopkins, Ellie M. Kinn, Crue W. Larsen, Sofia N. Lenkaitis, Barbara M. Martinez, Sawyer B. McGee, Noah W. Messer, Lauren E. Ponto, Ayah Sbeih, Jesenia C. Solano, Andrew S. Stith, Ayden M. Theiss, Megan M. Thiravong, Jillian C. Thomason, Hailey E. Thompson, Lizbeth Ugalde, Samuel E. Villalobos-Nazario, Mary L. Wall, Zane E. Walters, Spencer F. Warborg, Emily G. Ward, Faith E. Worthington, Ariel J. Zuercher

Seniors: Zachary J. Akey, Kaylee A. Brown, Kylee M. Brown, Ruby Cervantes, Jordan M. Dobberstein, Sarah M. Dreska, Margaret J. Duval, Hannah G. Eldred, Ethan B. Etes, Sean L. Flanagan, Cara R. Forsberg, Arlette Garcia, Martin Garcia, Seth L. Gould, Austin R. Greifenkamp, Nicholas J. Hansen, Gabrielle C. Harding, Caitlin M. Hensley, Benjamin P. Hickey, Zeke T. Horn, Jaderi Ibarra, Charles J. Jandak, Nicholas A. Jensen, Stephanie K. Kessel, Baxter Konstans, Caitlin R. McMurray, Ilse M. Molina, Johnathan V. Nguyen, Isaac A. Ochoa, Madelyn D. Ohlinger, Kaitlynn M. Ost, Levi R. Patrick, Olivia P. Ramos, Lillian G. Robertson, Jocelyn Robles, Tristan E. Rogers, Macey R. Ryan, Rigel A. Salas-Duran, Juanita D. Saldana, Brandi E. Salinas, Kylee B. Sanderson, Morgan R. Schabacker, Emma L. Smith, Michael B. Story, Katelyn B. Streng, Derek J. Tilly, Katelyn Van Hise, Logan F. Weston

SERVE: Fundraiser set for Feb. 15

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Along with Daugherty, the current pastor and youth pastor at the Rochelle First Presbyterian church have attended previous R.O.C.K. retreats.

With the main goal of bringing awareness to what R.O.C.K. is while also earning funds to waive the expenses for multiple kids looking to attend or volunteer in the future, R.O.C.K. will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser next month. The fundraiser will take place Feb. 15 at the Rochelle First Presbyterian Church, located at 1100 Calvin Road, from 4 to 7 p.m. The dinner will include spaghetti and gourmet desserts from Tyson Foods.

The servers at the event are all kids who have previously attended a R.O.C.K. retreat so they can help answer first hand any questions guests may have.

"People can talk to the kids directly to get a first-person experience of what a R.O.C.K. weekend is like," explained Daugherty. "We will describe some of the music we play on the retreat as well as having some of our fun costumes out."

Attendees can ask the R.O.C.K. kids anything they would like to know about the retreats.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 through 12, and free for kids five and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door, online at www.meetyouatthetop.org, by phone at 845-825-2848, or in person at Printing Etc.

Funds earned through the event will be used to help cover the fee for future kids looking to attend either as a guest or as a volunteer.

"The funds that we make will go to paying the fee for kids to attend R.O.C.K., it is about a \$100 for kids volunteering and attending," added Daugherty. "So, we have sort of a scholarship set up and last year we were able to cover five kids in full for the two weekends."

New this year, everyone that attends a R.O.C.K. retreat will receive their own Bible and t-shirt.

While this is an annual event that is based in Rochelle and takes place two times a year, the goal of R.O.C.K. is to start up a Wisconsin-based R.O.C.K. within the next five years.

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LOCAL NEWS

CENSUS: Funding based on numbers

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“That 16 percent over 10 years equates to approximately \$150 million in federal funding to the city’s general fund the city is missing out on,” added Messer. “The biggest portion of our city general fund goes to emergency response services as well as the streets department.”

Every person in the Census count matters because many things provided by the state and country are based off population.

One main reason that people decide to not participate in the Census count is out of fear of their information being given out to other organizations. The city wants everyone to know that the questions on the form are for data collecting purposes only, and federal law protects their information from being given out to anyone or any other organization.

“One thing to tell people worried about confidentiality is that their data is protected by federal law and the only thing that can be produced as a result of the Census is data,” said

Messer. “Nothing would directly tie their answers back to any person or home, and it even protects their information from other government agencies and law enforcement.”

For anyone in need of assistance completing his or her census form, or in need of a computer to complete their form, the City of Rochelle is hosting many workshops at different locations and on different days throughout the community during the Census collecting months. A card with a list of all of the locations, days and times can be picked up at either the City Hall or the Rochelle Utilities Office.

The state of Illinois is also in need of a few more Census counters to go around to houses that have not responded through the mail or by phone. The starting pay is \$17 an hour and it offers flexible hours and paid training.

Ogle County has currently hired 86 percent of its Census takers for 2020, but anybody looking to apply to fill the final positions can do so online at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

Obituaries

ROCHELLE — John Joseph Pluemer, 82, passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

John was born on Nov. 5, 1937 to Leonard and Bernadine Pluemer in Potosi, Wisconsin. He proudly served with the United States Air Force from 1956 - 1960. John married Anne Walsh in 1960, she preceded him in 1995. In 1998 he married Carol Hartweg Stockton in Rochelle.

John was a CPA serving in several senior financial roles for various firms over 33 years. He enjoyed gardening, cooking and fishing and was a very competitive pinochle player. He was a

member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Rochelle.

John is survived by his wife, Carol, of Rochelle; four children, Joan (Mike) Lorenz of Waukesha, Wisconsin, Lynn (Jerry) Meisner of Shorewood, Wisconsin, Tom (Martha) Pluemer of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and Matt (Carrie) Pluemer of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; four step children, Greg Stockton of Sandwich, Ryan (Lily) Stockton of Rochelle, Jill Stockton of Euless, Texas, and Blake (Bobbi) Stockton of Rochelle; two brothers, Herb and Steve Pluemer; two sis-

ters, Margaret Dastur and Alice Kay; eight grandchildren, Emily and Sarah Lorenz, Maggie and Joe Meisner, Elizabeth and Alison Pluemer and Molly and Collin Pluemer; eight step-grandchildren, Nichole Baehr, Luke Stockton, Brock Bidlingmaier, Calyn Milz, Jon Stockton, Christopher Stockton, Allison Stockton and Wyatt Stockton; and eight step great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his first wife, Anne; two brothers, Larry and Michael, and step grandchild,

Grace Stockton.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 236 Kelley Drive, Rochelle. The memorial mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with Father Ruben Herrera officiating. A memorial service including burial with graveside service will be announced and held in Tennyson, WI at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in John’s memory to Serenity Hospice & Home, St. Patrick Catholic Church or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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

John Pluemer



Johnny White

ROCHELLE — Johnny M. White, 48, of Rochelle, passed away Jan. 23, 2020. John was born on June 6, 1971 in Chicago.



He moved to Sycamore with his parents who adopted him, his aunt and uncle, Richard and Donna White. He went to Sycamore schools until he dropped

out to work and help his parents. He loved fishing, hunting, camping, BBQ and having big family gatherings. He met his wife, Stephanie White, in 1998. John and Stephanie got married June 1, 2009. They were together for 20 years.

John was survived by his wife, Stephanie White; three daughters, Mckenzie White of Dekalb, Amanda Nuckles of Rochelle, and

Alexandra Moreland of Brookport; two sons, William (Jessica) Keck and Michael Moreland of Rochelle; nine grandchildren; one sister, Penny (Scott) Brandt; one brother, Richard (Sharon) White; as well as two nieces; four nephews; and a very big family in Chicago.

He is preceded in death by both his parents, Richard and Donna White; his grandparents; and siblings; and brother,

Carlos Lopez.

Visitation will be held on Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Homes, 704 North 6th St. Rochelle. A funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home.

Visit www.beverage-lyonsfamilyfh.com.

Rita Wright

MESA, Arizona — Rita Wright, long time resident of Rochelle, died at home in Mesa, Arizona, on Jan. 11, 2020 where she lived with her daughter, Valerie Bemann.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Wright (July 30,

1926 to Sept. 15, 2018).

Rita and Mel moved their family in 1966 from Denver, Colorado, when Melvin’s employer, Swift and Company, relocated him to Rochelle. They remained residents of Rochelle until 2014.

Both Rita and Mel

were active in the community of Rochelle. They both were members of the garden club, delivering meals on wheels, and visiting the homebound. They both enjoyed traveling worldwide. Rita worked at Tilton Elementary serving lunches to the students for many years. She was an active member of St Patrick’s Catholic Church. She enjoyed music, gardening, needlework, and spending time with her family.

Rita is survived by three sisters; her four

adult children; four granddaughters; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A service is planned on Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1244 Power Rd., Mesa, Arizona 85206

Donations in memory of Rita can be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 E. Ohio Street Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611 or online.

A link to her tribute page can be found at pulmonaryfibrosis.org.



Several locals named to Aurora University Dean’s list

AURORA — Aurora University congratulates the more than 1,300 undergraduate students who earned Dean’s List honors for the fall 2019 semester.

The Dean’s List recognizes students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (*) have earned a perfect 4.0. Students included on the Dean’s List completed a minimum of 12 semester hours for a letter grade in the term.

Local students include Clarissa Dodillet, freshman, undecided; Christine Newman-Askins, junior, elementary education; Tiffany Newman-Askins, junior, elementary education; and Kelsey Thompson*, sophomore, nursing, all of Rochelle.

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LOCAL NEWS

Five refuse treatment following single vehicle crash

On Jan. 24 at 8:28 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies along with Ashton EMS responded to the 7000 block of East Flagg Road for a single vehicle crash with injuries. After an investigation, it was determined that Sarah Stoecker, 23, of Chillicothe, had lost control of her Ford SUV while driving westbound on Flagg Road causing her vehicle to travel into the south ditch striking a utility pole. All five occupants were checked by Ashton EMS and refused treatment. Travis House, 23, of Chillicothe, was the front seat passenger of the vehicle and was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. House was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.



ed to the intersection of East Macklin Road and North Stillman Road for a single vehicle rollover crash. After an investigation, it was determined Beth Sawyer, 46, of Holcomb, was attempting to turn southbound on to North Stillman Road from East Macklin Road. Sawyer did not successfully complete the turn and crashed her vehicle into the south ditch, causing her vehicle to turn onto its driver's side. Sawyer was checked by Stillman Valley EMS and refused to be transported. Sawyer was then placed under arrest for driving while under the influence of alcohol and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 27

On Jan. 27 at approximately 11:30 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 17000 block of East Illinois Route 38. After further investigation, Isabella Adamski, 23, of DeKalb, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Adamski was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she received citations for driving while license suspended, no valid insurance, expired registration and failure to wear seat belt.

Jan. 26

On Jan. 26 at 9:27 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies, along with Stillman Valley EMS, responded



Kishwaukee College held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the college's new food pantry, Kody's Cupboard, on Jan. 22. Pictured front row left to right, are Albert Warnaar, Kishwaukee College student government president; Kathy Spears, board secretary; Dr. Laurie Borowicz, Kish president; Cris Luna-Trujillo, student trustee; and Michelle Rothmeyer, vice president of student services. Several Kishwaukee College students are pictured in the back row.

College holds ribbon cutting for new food pantry on campus

MALTA — Kishwaukee College held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the college's new food pantry, Kody's Cupboard, on Jan. 22.

Kody's Cupboard has been developed to provide supplemental resources to alleviate hunger and meet basic needs for the Kish campus community. The pantry is located in the student involvement office (C1128) and is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Kish is committed to providing supportive services for our students," said Michelle Rothmeyer, vice president of student services. "Studies show that hunger and food insecurities prohibit students from achieving their college goals. Our students have also shared with us their concerns, which is why we decided to bring a food pantry to

campus."

Reducing barriers is an important factor in students achieving academic success. Kody's Cupboard is one way the college is helping to combat food insecurity and hunger. The food pantry will provide free supplemental food and personal care products to the Kishwaukee College campus community regardless of need. Students, including GED and ESL students, are eligible for items in the pantry.

"The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a food pantry for campus, an initiative developed by the staff and faculty. It's one way that we take some of the stress off from going to college," remarked Kathy Spears, board secretary. "It has been embraced by the faculty and staff at the college and we believe this resource will prove a

benefit for Kishwaukee College students."

Kody's Cupboard is currently accepting donations of unopened, nonperishable food items, baby food and personal care products. Food donations can be dropped off at the student involvement office (C1120) on the Kishwaukee College campus.

Through the generosity of donors, the Kishwaukee College Foundation has already contributed \$1,800 toward Kody's Cupboard. Monetary donations can be made out to the Kishwaukee College Foundation and submitted to the administrative office (C2160).

For more information on giving or about Kody's Cupboard, contact administrative assistant Madeline Sandgren at msandgren@kish.edu or 815-825-9528.

Man arrested for operating uninsured vehicle

On Jan. 24 10:39 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Patrick M. Dean Jr. 36, of Rochelle, for operating an uninsured motor vehicles. He posted an I-bond. His court date is set for Feb. 28.

On Jan. 24 at 3:36 p.m., Rochelle police cited Steven J. Fox, of Milwaukee,

Wisconsin, for disobeying a stop sign. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Feb. 28.

On Jan. 25, Rochelle police arrested Cristian Garcia, 26, of Rochelle, for disorderly conduct. He posted an I-bond. His court date is set for

Feb. 28.

On Jan. 26 at 6:33 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Jose J. Tochimani, 32, of Sterling, for trespassing and a Lee County warrant. He was transported to jail.

On Jan. 27 at 11:07 a.m., Rochelle police cited Marco A. Villanueva, 27, of Montgomery,

for overweight axle. He posted an I-bond. His court date is set for Feb. 28.

On Jan. 27 at 8:54 a.m., Rochelle police cited Eric D. Musgrove, 40, of Joliet, for overweight axle. He posted I-bond. His court date is set for Feb. 28.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Glitch in automatic voter registration system cause for concern

A glitch in the state's automatic voter registration program that resulted in more than 500 people who said they weren't U.S. citizens being added to the voter rolls should have alarm bells ringing for voters and politicians throughout Illinois.

For about 18 months, a programming error in the Illinois Secretary of State's automatic voter registration program sent data to the Illinois State Board of Elections from people who indicated they weren't U.S. citizens.

Of the 545 who were improperly registered to vote, 16 people cast 19 ballots. That's a huge problem that raises a host of new questions about the state's ability to hold secure elections. It could also put the people who voted at risk for deportation. That's unacceptable.

Former Gov. Bruce Rauner signed the state's automatic voter registration program into law in 2017. However, implementation of the program has been problematic, despite delays. And one of the results was exactly what critics had feared.

Yes, implementing a statewide "motor voter" program was a big task and involved a number of state agencies. But checks should have been put in place long before the Secretary of State's office began sending information over to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Secretary of State Jesse White needs to publicly explain what happened, how it happened and what is going to be done to make sure the problem is fixed.

On the heels of the 2016 voter data breach, the latest election security issues raise serious questions about how prepared the state is for the next election.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker says he wants a full investigation. That's a good place to start. It also seems like a good time to check in on the state's REAL ID program. Errors there could have serious consequences as well.

White's office has been working to get residents signed up for the new federally-compliant REAL ID, a cumbersome process that travel experts have said could create chaos come next October when millions of people planning to fly for the holidays could be turned away from airports if they don't have federally-compliant

identification.

The REAL ID cards are modified versions of the regular state-issued drivers; license and identification cards. Starting in October, REAL ID cards will be required for all airline travel, including domestic flights. The federally compliant ID cards will also be required to get into federal buildings and military bases.

Lawmakers and the governor should push to get this mess sorted out before early voting begins Feb. 6 for the March 17 primary.

Brett Rowland has worked as a reporter in newsrooms in Illinois and Wisconsin. He most recently served as news editor of the Northwest Herald in Crystal Lake, Illinois. He previously held the same position at the Daily Chronicle in DeKalb.



Brett Rowland

Letter to the Editor

Thanks the community for contributions to Salvation Army

Dear Editor, The Salvation Army would like to thank those who helped with the Christmas collections.

Thanks to the 86 volunteers who participated in

mannung the collection buckets, collecting over \$5,200. Most of this money is kept in the community and distributed to needy families.

Also, thanks to Walmart, Walgreens and Petro for allowing the bell ringers to raise money at their facilities. Keep them

mind when shopping. Last, but not least, thanks to the community for being so generous. Much of the money collected came from the young people. Thanks to parents for teaching children to be generous.

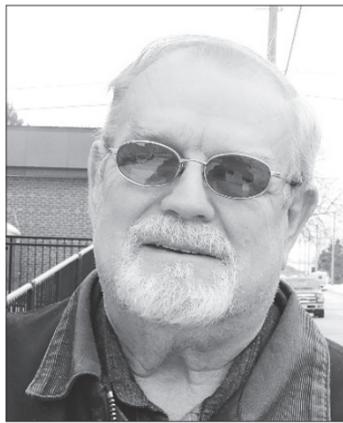
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Question:

Groundhog Day is Sunday, Feb. 2. Punxsutawney Phil is expected to come out of his burrow and predict whether we will have six more weeks of winter or if spring will arrive early. What do you think? Will we experience six more weeks of winter or an early spring?



"I think there will be six more weeks of winter because it is a calendar so there is automatically six more weeks. Not to mention that he always sees his shadow."

Paul Bearrows



"I hope that we are in for an early spring. It hasn't been too bad so far but I am hoping for spring to arrive early."

Vince Perez



"I think there will be six more weeks of winter. Since it has been so mild so far, I think it is going to get bad soon."

Sandy Suderblom



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| Feb 8 | Speech regionals | Feb 25 | Career Tour VII |
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| Feb 14 | Dismiss RTHS 11:30
School Improvement meetings
KEC AM in session, no PM session | Mar 5 | Band / Choral Pops Concert, auditorium |
| Feb 15 | Speech Sectionals | Mar 6 | Dismiss 11:30 am
School Improvement meetings |
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SPORTS



RETURNING TO STATE

The RTHS dance team will compete at state for the second straight season.

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RTHS Wrestling

Conference standouts

Eight varsity, four junior varsity matmen earn Interstate 8 awards

BY RUSSELL HODGES
 SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Senior heavyweight Zack Capes literally swung the momentum in his favor when he battled Sycamore's Zechariah Hollingsworth in the semifinal round of the Interstate 8 Conference Championships on Saturday.

Hollingsworth got the better of Capes in Rochelle's dual against Sycamore earlier this season, but the 285-pound Hub grappler was looking for revenge at the conference tournament. Despite trailing in the second period, Capes worked a big throw on Hollingsworth, putting him to the mat and ultimately pinning him to clinch a spot in the championship bout.

"I wrestled hard and I stayed in there," Capes said. "I was a lot more cautious of the ties this time around. My coaches and I went over some ties in practice and I learned what I should and shouldn't do. It felt great to get that win, and it really boosts my confidence."

Capes placed second in the 285-pound bracket and was one of eight varsity wrestlers to medal for the Hubs on Saturday.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle wrestling team saw eight varsity grapplers earn medals during the Interstate 8 Conference Championships on Saturday. Above from left to right are Ivan Pineda, Keegan Davis-Carter, Bryan Garza, Zack Capes, Zeke Horn, Ben Harvey, Gavin Ansteth and Caleb Nadig.

Rochelle crowned two conference champions including sophomore Caleb Nadig, who fought hard for a 4-2 decision over Sandwich's Evan Reilly in the title bout. Nadig (29-6) opened the day with an 11-3 major decision against Sycamore's Nicholas Lockhart.

"It feels great," Nadig

said. "I took third in our conference tournament last season and I wanted to be a conference champion this season. I made sure to be prepared for this. I knew I was a better wrestler than [Reilly] and I knew I needed to stay in control. I needed to keep myself protected and score the points when I could."

Junior Ben Harvey (34-2) brought home Rochelle's second conference title, recording back-to-back pins against Morris grappler Drayden McKerrow and Ottawa's Cedric Fairrow for the 182-pound title. Harvey, who topped Fairrow 6-3 in Rochelle's dual with the Pirates earlier this season,

said he was looking forward to the rematch for a couple of reasons.

"It's nice to come out on top," Harvey said. "We performed really well as a team today. I really wanted to hurt him. When I beat him the last time, he talked a little bit and that stuck with me... It was nice to go out there and get the

job done."

Senior Keegan Davis-Carter (25-8) took second in the 138-pound bracket, defeating Kaneland's Christian Duffing with an 18-2 tech fall before dropping a 6-2 decision against Sandwich's Aidan Linden in the finals.

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RMS Wrestling

Royals place second at NCJC Championships

Seven middle-schoolers take home conference titles

BY RUSSELL HODGES
 SPORTS EDITOR

SYCAMORE — The Rochelle Middle School wrestling team saw seven Royals take home first-place finishes during the North Central Junior Conference Championships at Sycamore High School on Saturday.

RMS took second place as a team with 155 points.

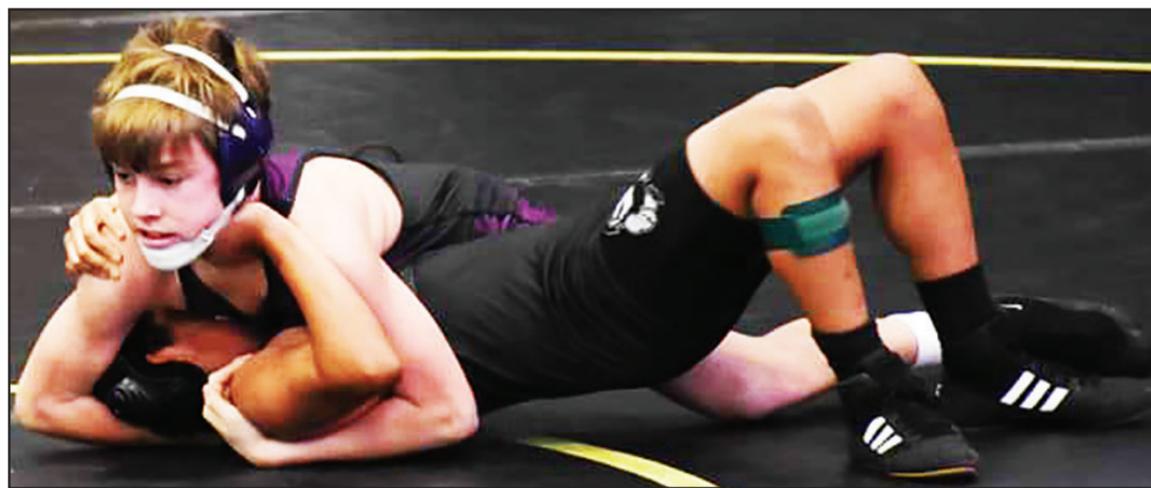
Sixth-grader Deegan Schabacker and eighth-grader Tommy Tourdot were two of the seven Rochelle champions. Schabacker recorded three straight pins to win the 80-pound title, while Tourdot, a three-time champion, earned two victories to claim the 85-pound title.

"It feels good," Schabacker said. "I enjoy coming to practice, and I think my endurance has improved the most. I think I do well when I'm on bottom."

"It feels good knowing I have a whole team behind me," Tourdot said. "I keep my head up and tell myself that no one will beat me, and I keep wrestling no matter what the situation is. I've improved on being offensive and drilling hard in practice."

Seventh-graders Xavier Villalobos and Grant Gensler dominated their respective brackets on Saturday. Villalobos won the 90-pound championship with two straight pins, and Gensler picked up two pins and a major decision to earn the 95-pound title. Seventh-grader Eli Koonce won all three of his matches to take home the 100-pound championship.

"It was amazing and the experience was so much fun," Villalobos said. "My coaches were in my corner supporting me and my teammates were there supporting me. I feel like I do well at staying calm when I'm in



(PHOTO BY LORI DAMASK)

Seventh-grader Grant Gensler pins his opponent during the North Central Junior Conference Championships on Saturday. Gensler won the 95-pound title.

tough positions. I always look for the advantage."

"It felt pretty good," Gensler said. "It felt even better knowing that my team was cheering me on. I think I've improved the most on my feet. I feel that I'm not necessarily great at one thing, but I'm good at a lot of things."

"It feels good that my

work paid off," Koonce said. "I think I'm very dedicated to wrestling. I think I've improved the most mentally. I enjoy being out here with my teammates and progressing as a wrestler."

Two Royals brought home titles in the heavier weight classes including seventh-grader Kaiden

Morris and eighth-grader Quentin Berry. Morris won by fall twice to earn the 185-pound title, with Berry also totaling two pins to receive the 215-pound championship.

"I don't think I get as tired during my matches this season," Morris said. "I think I'm able to

pin my opponent pretty quickly. It feels good to win, and I enjoy winning."

"It feels good," Berry said. "I enjoy the contact of the sport and being able to dominate. I think I've learned to take better shots this season."

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The Rochelle dance team took second place in the IHSA 1A DeKalb Sectional on Saturday, and the Chellettes will compete at the IHSA State Championships for the third time in four seasons. 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.

Chellettes returning to state championships

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SENIOR captain Erin Decker and her Rochelle teammates were anxiously awaiting the results of the IHSA 1A Competitive Dance Sectional at DeKalb High School on Saturday. Those uncertain feelings faded in a matter of seconds when officials announced that Rochelle placed second out of 17 schools, meaning the Chellettes would get to representing RTHS in the IHSA State Championships for the second straight season and the third time in four years.

"It was pretty emotional for all of us," Decker said. "Sarah [Dreska] and I were thinking that this could be our last performance with our team. We were really nervous to find out the results because we knew who our biggest competitors were, but we were all really excited to find out we placed second. We're glad to have the chance to go back to state again."

The Chellettes performed the lyrical jazz routine, choreographed by head coach Kass Smith, that they've been perfecting throughout the competitive dance season. Rochelle scored 86.80 points at the sectional meet, improving on their Interstate 8 Conference performance by nearly seven points (79.87). Burlington Central won the sectional title with 89.33 points. The Chellettes tied for the eighth-best score among all 1A teams in sectional competition.

"It was the most emotional I've ever been," senior Sarah Dreska said. "It was exciting to realize that the sectional wasn't our last time performing together. We can get even better during practice this week, and we can score even higher than we did at sectionals. I think we were more in sync with each other at the sectional, and I think we were more prepared. We worked really

hard to perfect our routine and perform better than we did at the conference meet."

This season's lyrical jazz routine is set to the song "Heart Cry" off the album Perpetual Emotions by the EDM artist Drehz. Coincidentally, the performance, which runs nearly three minutes long, was originally choreographed to display multiple emotions including sadness, anger and happiness. However, the team revised the routine just before the sectional to express all sadness, and the girls said the tonal change helped to improve the overall performance.

"When [Kass] chooses our choreography, she knows how we dance and she knows how to put together a routine that fits our strengths," junior Kayla Keilman said. "I think our style really complements our strengths... Our mentality definitely changed during the season, and we have this saying that, if the whole team looked like one dancer, what would that dancer look like. When we think about that, something switches on for us and makes us work so much harder."

The IHSA State Championships will begin on Friday, Jan. 31 and continue through Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington. The IHSA has assigned Rochelle to report at 10:49 a.m. on Friday before a scheduled 10:59 a.m. stretch, 11:06 a.m. full floor appearance and the team's preliminary performance at 11:27 a.m. Qualifying teams will advance to the finals on Saturday, where teams will perform one last time before final results are given.

"Coach Smith is a huge reason why we perform the way we do and why we go as far as we do," Decker said. "She really pushes all of us to perform better and better each time we're out there, and it doesn't matter if it's for a game, a competition or practice. When we run through our choreography, she tells us what we can fix, and we fix it."

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SPORTS

RTHS: Cook, Messer win JV championships for Hubs

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Four Hubs finished third in the varsity brackets including 106-pounder Ivan Pineda (16-16), 152-pounder Zeke Horn (20-18), 170-pounder Bryan Garza (24-12) and 195-pounder Gavin Ansteth (21-9). 132-pounder Grant Thompson (18-17) placed fourth in his bracket for the Hubs, who took third as a team with 137.5 points.

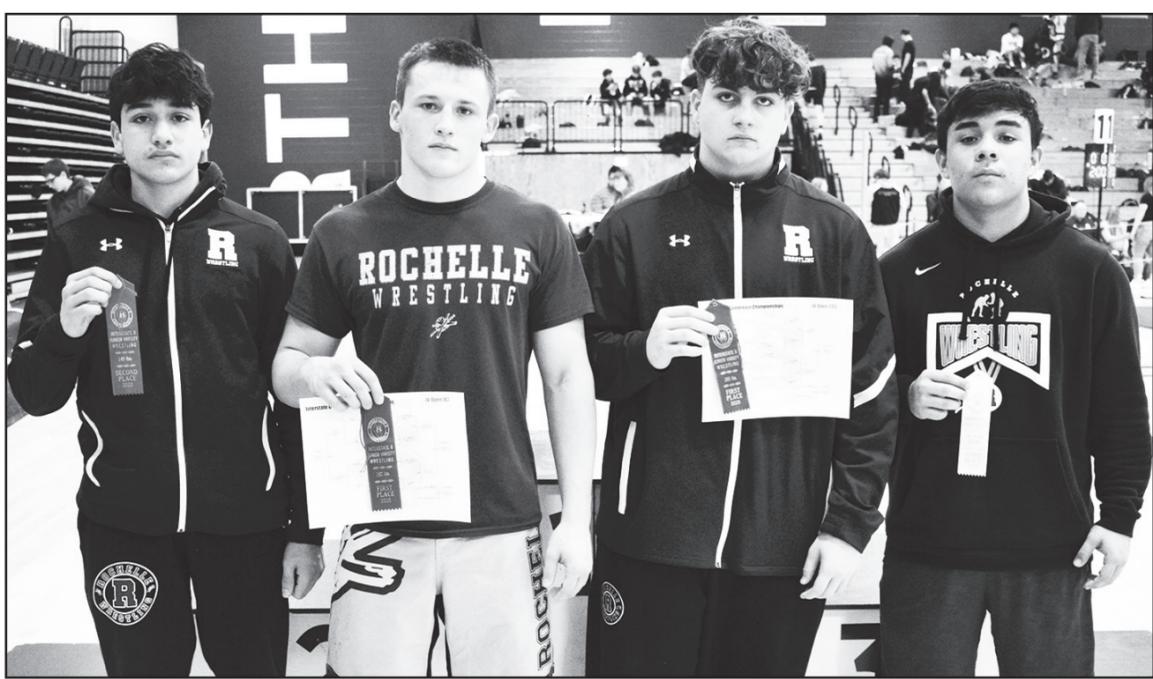
JV

Rochelle fielded four junior varsity wrestlers who earned top-3 ribbons on Saturday. 182-pounder Noah Messer and 285-pounder Jaden Cook both finished first in their respective brackets, going a combined 4-0 with

four pins. 145-pounder Reese Kirk took second with two pins on the day, while 182-pounder Marc Gallinar finished third with two pins.

Four junior varsity wrestlers finished just outside ribbon positioning. 126-pounder Wesley Brown and 182-pounder Matthew Dewey each finished fourth, while 160-pounder Troy Papke and 138-pounder Bryton DiSimoni both placed fifth.

Rochelle will host Princeton for Senior Night on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for its final regular season dual meet this winter. The Hubs (17-4) are assigned to the IHSA 2A Sycamore Individual Regional scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle wrestling team had four grapplers take home junior varsity ribbons during Saturday's Interstate 8 Conference Championships. Above from left to right are Reese Kirk, Noah Messer, Jaden Cook and Marc Gallinar.



(PHOTO BY LORI DAMASK)

145-pounder Leo Stoffel works against an opponent during the NCJC Championships on Saturday. Stoffel took third place in the bracket and helped Rochelle finish second overall.

RMS: Middle-schoolers shine at conference meet

From page 1

Six Rochelle wrestlers finished second in their respective brackets including sixth-graders Colten Manning and Tony Milburn, who took second in the 65-pound and 70-pound divisions. 105-pounder Brandt Waters, 112-pounder Roman Villalobos, 119-pounder Brock Metzger and

185-pounder Alex McBride also placed second on Saturday.

Two Royals including 75-pounder Owen Tooley and 145-pounder Leo Stoffel took third in the conference tournament. 95-pounder Brendan Voight finished fourth, while 105-pounder Rhett Watson and 215-pounder Lauro Cabral each placed fifth. 119-pound-

er Brady Jozefowicz and 112-pounder Gavin Neale each finished sixth in the tournament.

Rochelle will continue its schedule with dual meets against Dixon and Byron before facing Genoa and Oregon in a triangular meet next week on Feb. 3. The Royals conclude the season against Sandwich on Feb. 11.

St. Paul Lutheran School



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Lady Crusaders take sixth place in Dundee Tournament

The St. Paul Lutheran School junior varsity girls basketball team competed in the Dundee Tournament this past weekend, finishing sixth overall with a loss against Immanuel Belvidere in the consolation finals. The team includes Alison Dyer, Paloma Albaugh, Cambrey Rodeghero, Hailey Bungler, Jillian Bruns, Ashley Dickey and Brooklyn Sarver. The girls are coached by Kenzie Peters and Natalie Schulte (not pictured).

Chili & Pie Supper scheduled

ROCHELLE — The RTHS Athletic Booster Club will be hosting its Chili & Pie Supper on Saturday, Feb. 1 in the main commons.

The supper will start at 3:30 p.m. and continue until all the food is sold out. The event will feature RTHS head football coach Kyle Kissack's famous

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Larry and Jan Cich at the January birthday party.

Senior Moments

JANUARY always seems like the longest month to me. I guess we shouldn't complain too much because at least we didn't have all the snow and the horribly frigid temperatures that we had last January. So far we have actually been very fortunate. Let's hope it keeps up.



Connie Dougherty

Those celebrating their birthdays in February include the following: Barb Brieltz, Virginia Brickner, Shirley Brown, Vivian Carlson, Barb Cargill, Gloria Covelli, Mike Dailey, Peggy Downey, Phyllis Dyer, Debra Ehren, Jane Elliott, Shirley Frahm, Chris Grennan, Roland Hagemeyer, Barb Hintzsche, Evelyn Hintzsche, Carol Jacobson, John Kaminski, Sherry King, Juanita Manly, Doris Kay McIlvoy, Agnes Meister, Dan Miller, Lois Newman, Tom Plumb, Celesta Reed, Ramona Reineck, Charles Reints, Denise Richardson, Jack Roberts, Nancy Savage, Sally Sawicki, Marla Spratt, Arnold Stangeland, John Swanson, Wanda Ussery, Kathy Windland and Sally Young.

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Biscuits and gravy will be served on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7 a.m. There will also be Danish, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. All are welcome to join. Carryout is available - just call and it will be ready for you to pick up. There is no charge for biscuits and gravy, but donations are accepted.

Movie Day will be held on Friday, Feb. 21 at 12:15 p.m. This month's movie is "Casablanca" starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

The movie won three Academy Awards including Best Picture in 1943. It's a timeless classic and has now been made into a 4K resolution scan. By doing this they have achieved the richest, most dynamic image possible, rendering the most romantic movie of all the time the most beautiful it's ever been.

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"Casablanca" February feature movie at senior center

ROCHELLE — The Hub City Senior Center will host Movie Day on Friday, Feb. 21 at 12:15 p.m. This month's feature will be "Casablanca" starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. This movie won three Academy Awards including best picture in 1943. Set in December of 1941, this story is about a cynical upscale nightclub and gambling den owner (Humphrey Bogart) who protects an old flame (Ingrid Bergman) and her husband (Paul Henreid) from the Nazis in Morocco. Movie time snacks will include popcorn, pop, candy and a special treat. Plan to attend.



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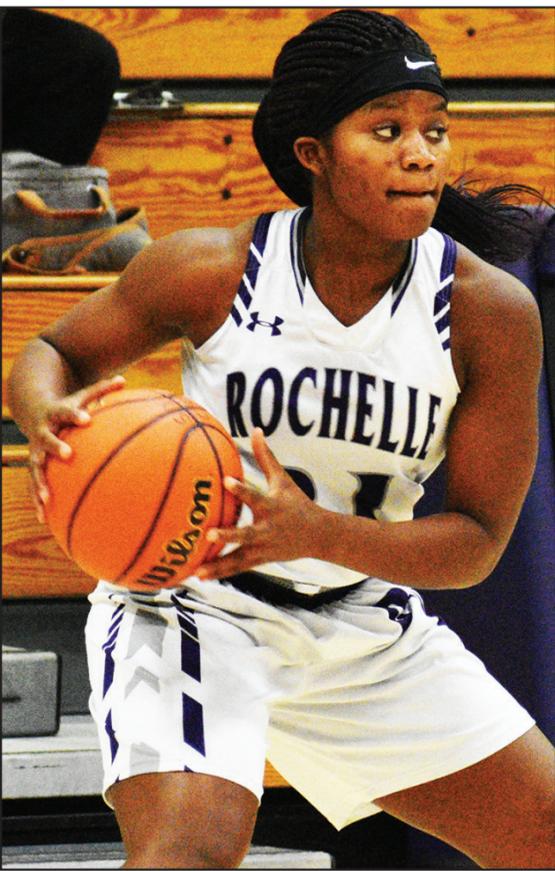
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SPORTS

RTHS Girls Basketball



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Junior Afi Gati scored seven points in Rochelle's game against Sycamore on Monday.

Lady Hubs lose to Sycamore, Rock Falls

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—On an evening where Sycamore basketball standout Kylie Feuerbach surpassed the 2,000-point mark for her career, the underdog Lady Hubs made the favored Spartans work for everything when the two Interstate 8 Conference teams played Monday night.

Rochelle's first encounter with Sycamore resulted in the Spartans throttling the Lady Hubs 75-23. Monday's rematch was far more competitive, and despite rallying with some big shots in the fourth quarter, the purple and white were still unable to match Sycamore, falling 60-45 and dropping their 12th straight game. The Lady Hubs are now 3-22 overall.

"I thought the girls had a better mindset tonight," head coach Tony Rowan said. "When the kids come in and play for each other, they forget about who's on the other side of the court. They really committed to playing for each other this game, and it really showed in their effort tonight. Multiple kids were able to score and play positive minutes."

Sycamore blew Rochelle out in the conference matchup earlier this season behind a barrage of 3-point shots throughout the first half. Monday was a different story, however, as the Lady Hubs contained the perimeter much better and forced the Spartans into more contested shots. While Rochelle stepped up defensively, Sycamore's superior length and athleticism made scoring difficult for the Lady Hubs, who trailed 14-6 after the first quarter.

"We definitely wanted to limit their perimeter shooting," Rowan said. "I know they have us outdone in terms of team athleticism, but we really defended well in our man-to-man. I was proud of our defense tonight, and when you're playing against a great team, even the slightest rotation mistake or miscommunication will

be capitalized on."

Sycamore increased its lead to 31-16 by halftime. With the Spartans still ahead, Feuerbach earned a standing ovation during a stoppage of play in the third quarter after scoring her 2,000th career point on a layup. Feuerbach led all players with 20 points in the game.

Rochelle trailed 46-26 entering the fourth quarter, but the Lady Hubs didn't fold, getting key baskets including 3-pointers from Bella Lodico and Sam House as well as a 3-point play from forward Afi Gati. Junior Sofia Lenkaitis sunk a 3-pointer before Rochelle called a timeout with the Lady Hubs within 11 points at 55-44 with 51.2 seconds remaining. Sycamore closed the game on a 5-1 run to ice the victory. Lenkaitis led Rochelle with 10 points.

"We were flowing without the basketball," Rowan said. "We may not have had Sycamore on its heels, but we stayed true to ourselves. We took good shots and we attacked and spaced the floor when and where we needed to. We played for each other defensively, and having a few days off definitely helped our legs as opposed to playing back-to-back games."

House totaled nine points on three triples for the Lady Hubs, with sophomore Josie Lundquist scoring eight points and Gati adding seven points.

Rock Falls

The Lady Hubs battled Rock Falls on the road this past Friday, falling 51-17 and moving to 3-21 overall. Rochelle struggled offensively, shooting only 19.4 percent from the field and going scoreless in the entire third quarter. The Rockets led 26-12 at halftime and 40-12 after three quarters.

Sofia Lenkaitis scored five points for the Lady Hubs and two players including Mary Coglianese and Lucy Bunger totaled three points. Afi Gati led Rochelle with two steals and Elise Hayenga grabbed a team-high five rebounds.

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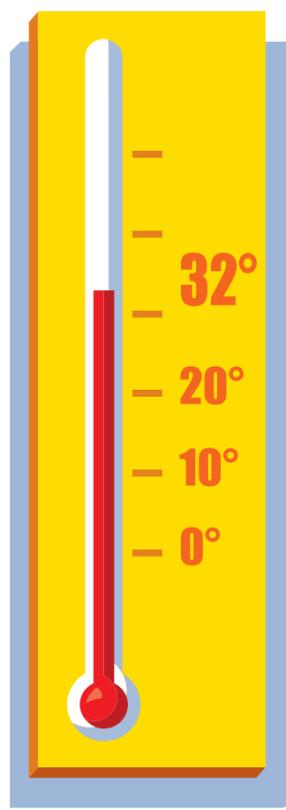
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