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Saluting veterans

Wreaths Across America ceremony held Sunday at cemetery

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE

Wreaths Across America, a national program that aims to honor America's veterans, took place Sunday afternoon and many members of the community came out to show their support.

The ceremony took place Sunday at 2 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. It began with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Girl Scout Troop 1168, the National Anthem performed by Daughters of the American Revolution member Debbie



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

Paul Davis, PVT United States Marine, salutes the wreath laid in honor of the United States Marine Corps.

Katzman and a presentation of opening remarks.

Following the opening remarks was the presentation of the wreathes for each of the branches of the military.

"We had wreath laying for each of the branches of the armed forces with either a veteran from that branch or someone such as a family member of a veteran representing that branch," explained Lydia Roberts, vice reagent of the daughters of the American revolution Rochelle Chapter.

During the ceremony, Rochelle mayor John Bearrows gave a small speech and a moment of silence was taken to remember each of the

veterans in the cemetery. To end the ceremony everyone in attendance joined together in a closing prayer led by Reverend Ruben Herrera, of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, followed by the playing of Taps.

Wreaths

After closing the ceremony, family members of the veterans in the cemetery laid their wreaths, followed by anyone in attendance who volunteered. Wreaths were placed on the veteran's grave and their name read out loud.

A total of 150 wreaths were laid on the graves of veterans to honor them and their service. The DAR believe that there could still be even more veterans in the cemetery that were either unmarked or missed during the identification process.

The Wreaths Across America program aims to honor veterans of the past, present and future.

"One thing that was really neat representing the past, present and the future. We had a World War II veteran from the Army Air Corps lay the Air Force Wreath," added Roberts.

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Rec center design options reviewed

BY RUSSELL HODGES

STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE — The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District held its monthly board meeting Monday evening at Rochelle City Hall. The meeting included a public hearing for the sale of \$1.1 million in general

obligation bonds for continued maintenance and improvements at park district facilities around the area.

The park board approved a series of small measures Monday including its \$7,500 municipal advisory agreement with Raymond James and personnel policy changes for employees. Executive Director Jackee Ohlinger said the park district is looking at design proposals for inside the new community center at Helms South, and Ohlinger said the park district is currently negotiating potential partnerships for the community center.

Work continues on the community center, and the project remains on schedule for completion around Labor Day 2020.

reparing new students Alelping

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – It may seem early, but Rochelle Township High School re-

eighth grade curriculum night. During Monday night's

cently hosted the annual

RTHS board meeting, principal Chris Lewis spoke about the eighth-grade curriculum night and how the staff prepares incoming students for choosing their schedules as they make the transition into RTHS.

During his report he also discussed this week's finals dates and the winter break

that would follow, from after school Dec. 20 until students return on Jan. 7 as well as the student celebration for the graduating seniors who achieved the title of student scholars.

"These are designated Illinois state scholars because they rank in the top 10 percent of the 2020 Illinois High School. They are selected based on their SAT scores as well as the six-semester class rank," Lewis explained.

RTHS had seven graduating seniors rank as student scholars this year — Margaret Duval, Sean



(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

Rochelle Township High School Board President Tom Huddleston (left) and board member Bill Ravnaas look over information provided about a new scoreboard for the Doug Creason Athletic Complex.

Flanagan, Cara Forsberg, Charles

Jandak, Micah Koziol, Madelyn

Ohlinger and Morgan Schabacker.

During the special report section of the meeting, the districts updated ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Rating) was discussed. For the second year in a row RTHS received a commendable rating, which is the second tier from the top, right under exemplary. This means that the school has at least a 67 percent graduation rating and no underperforming sub groups.

Old business

Two items that were discussed at

the previous month's meeting were both passed by board members and adopted

Monday. The first item was the 2019 Tax Levy worksheet that was under a five percent increase in local revenue, so a truth in Taxation Hearing was not required. The second item was the new board policy updates by the Illinois Association of School Boards. These policies were also discussed in the previous month's meeting and were passed and adopted by the members of the board.

Superintendent

report

Board members accepted the resignation of Danae White as Key Club Advisor, which will take affect at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, and Michaela Hacaga as Assistant Cheer Coach that will go into effect immediately.

Several employment positions were also filled. Stephanie Guerrero was hired as a

van/bus driver for the district. Ruben Ramirez was hired as a substitute van/bus driver.

See RTHS page 4

fire victims

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE-Members of the Rochelle Community and Rochelle Township High School are helping the

family of an RTHS senior who lost everything in a fire earlier last week get back on

Donate their feet.

Two adult females and a five-year-old child were injured in a fire that destroyed everything they owned including their home located in Shangri-La trailer park early in the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 10. Two of the three injured family members were treated at a Rockford hospital for burns.

See FIRE page 7





Making builders out of students

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE - Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K along with kids and faculty from Kings Consolidated School District gathered in the Kings School gymnasium for a special ceremony last week to welcome the newest Kiwanis Builders Club.

Kiwanis is a national organization that aims to help serve the children of the world, by offering clubs for kids of all different ages and grade levels to get involved with helping out their community. Kiwanis's current clubs include the K-Kids for elementary students, Builders Club for middle school students, Key Club for high schoolers, Aktion club for adults with disabilities and the Circle K for anyone over the age of 18.

There are currently three Builders clubs in Ogle County — one at Rochelle Middle School, one in Creston and now one in Kings.

The main goal of these clubs is to teach kids different values while also helping out their communities.

"It is all about community service," explained Ric Taylor, division 13 lieutenant governor. "At this level, we are trying to teach the kids to be involved, come up with ideas, and raise money that can be used on anything they would like."

The Builders Club at Kings School already has



Ogle County Sheriff's Deputy Lieutenant Danielle Hardesty speaks with students at Kings School.

16 members including a president, vice president and even a service project/public relations committee.

During the ceremony, there were presentations from Dennis Swinton, past lieutenant Governor and current member, Taylor, Don Horner the Golden K president and Ogle County Sheriff's Deputy Lieutenant Danielle Hardesty.

The presentations ranged from who the Kiwanis are, what they do, and how the different

clubs fit into the Kiwanis International Organiza-

"I am going to talk about how the clubs fit into the international Kiwanis because we are in 80 different countries and then it breaks down into different districts and divisions," added Taylor. "We want the kids to know that what they do here is very very important but that they are also part of a much bigger organization."

The Rochelle Kiwanis alone raises approximately \$15,000 a year through many different fundraising events.

At the end of the cer-

emony the Builders Club certificate was presented to the club president Anna Toczylowski as well as offering the kids an opportunity to earn a Challenge Coin from Lt. Hardesty. The Challenge Coin is a gold coin that has the sheriff's patch on one side and the Ogle County

Blackhawk on the other "You have till the end of Christmas break to think about a way you can help someone, then have your parents take a picture," explained Hardesty. "Then submit your photo to me through my e-mail and the top three submissions will receive their very own Challenge Coin."

"At this level, we are trying to teach the kids to be involved, come up with ideas, and raise money that can be used on anything they would like."

Ric Taylor







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Kiwanis Division 13 Lieutenant Governor Ricin's Taylor and Kiwanis member Dennis Swinton present in the gymnasium of Kings School about the Kiwanis and the new builders club that was being set up at

pictured with Builders Club leaders Susan Hunter (left) and Melissa Ost.





their school.

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Open for business

Ribbon cutting held for Benny's Corner Market

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN

STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE - Benny's Corner Market and Mobil gas station held a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony outside in the sunshine Friday morning.

The new Benny's Corner Market and Mobil Gas station located at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Flagg Road in Rochelle has been open for business since the first week of November. But the official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was done out front of the building on Friday morning.

The establishment, which is owned by Tim Hayden and his family, aims to provide customers with all of the choices that would be at a traditional gas station, as well as offering local and fresh

"We got all of the traditional options one would expect at a gas station, as well as partnering with other businesses such as Headon Meats and South Moon BBQ," explained Tim Hayden, co-owner. "We also have a fresh blend all natural smoothie machine as well as other healthy food options."

The owners want their business to feel more like a corner market than a convenience store.

At the ceremony, there were many different people and organizations in-



Tricia Herrera from Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, Liquor and Wine owner K.P. Patel, Mayor John Bearrows and co-owner Tim Hayden cut the ribbon in front of their new business Benny's Corner Market and Mobil Gas Station on the corner of Route 251 and Flagg Road.

cluding Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows, representatives from Holcomb Bank, Unity Hospice and the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce. Speeches were given at the ceremony by Hayden, Liquor n Wine onwer K.P. Patel and Bearrows.

"This is about more than the tax revenue or any other taxes, but more importantly it is about a local family who has made a generous investment into their community and we as a city are so thankful for that," expressed Bearrows.

"We got all of the traditional options one would expect at a gas station, as well as partnering with other businesses such as Headon Meats and South Moon BBQ."

Tim Hayden

The Hayden family is very thankful to everyone who came out to the ribbon cutting ceremony and is very excited for the future of the business.

"Thank you to everyone who came out, we are very

glad to be here and we think that this will be a great addition to the community. Lots of people drive by this location as it is the first spot into town from a couple of different directions," added Hayden.

Preschool screening dates planned

OGLE COUNTY — Preschool screenings for children ages 2 years 6 months to 5 years of age (who are not enrolled in kindergarten) will be held throughout Ogle County as listed below.

This screening is a routine check of your child's general development in the areas of language, concepts, and motor skills. A hearing and vision screening are also available. Each screening takes about one hour. Appointments are necessary. Parents are strongly encouraged to be on time for their scheduled time slot or they may be asked to reschedule if more than 10 minutes late.

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Meridian School District

Call Highland Elementary School at 815-645-2230

Dates/times: Feb. 24 from 10:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*A Spanish interpreter will be available on Feb. 25 upon request.

Location: Stillman Fire Department, 200 S. Rural Street, Stillman Valley

Oregon School District

Call OCEC at 815-234-2722 extension 1000 Dates/times: Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; May 5

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open for any families unable to attend other dates/

*A Spanish interpreter will be available on May 5 upon request.

Location: United Methodist Church, 200 S. 4th

Rochelle school district

Call Central Elementary at 815-562-8251, En espanol: llamar Lincoln Elementary 815-562-4520 extension 8 Dates/times: March 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; May 18 from 10:45 a.m. to 4:30

p.m.; May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *A Spanish interpreter will be available on March 16, April 6 and May 19 upon request.

Location: Hicks Hall - Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Avenue, Rochelle

Polo School District

Call Centennial School at 815-946-3811 Dates/times: April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; April 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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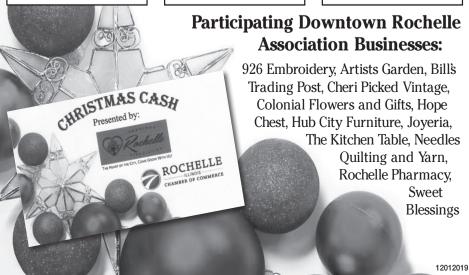
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RTHS: New hires announced

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Michael Belmonte and Mae Furman were hired as Focus House paraprofessionals.

Kathern Dummer was hired as a volunteer assistant girls bowling coach, Danielle Young was hired as a volunteer assistant boys bowling coach and Caleb Bryan was hired as a volunteer assistant bowling coach. Several volunteer wrestling club coaches were also

hired. Those included John Nadig, Dan Escatel, Victor Ochoa, Cory Marruffo, Brian Andronic, Michael Voight and Corey Ansteth. Duncan Powers was hired as a Spanish/ELL teacher

for 2020-21 and Joseph Howard was hired as Key Club advisor for the 2020-21 school year. With some of RTHS future students being placed at

Focus House through the court system, RTHS is trying to assign more teachers to help the students. "Their enrollment is increasing with some perspective

students in the court system being placed out there," explained Jason Harper, superintendent of the district. "So, we are going to add two more paraprofessionals to help alleviate some things."

The final topic from the superintendent was the need to extend the current advertising policy for district extracurricular offerings as well as the need to replace the football field scoreboard sooner than later.

Harper explained the current scoreboard is falling apart and has already had to have parts spray painted so it is beginning to look faded in some parts. As well as the looks of it, the rivets on are beginning to rust and fall off.

The district was going back and forth debating if they wanted to replace the old scoreboard with a new digital score board, or to get a new version of the current one without digital screens. Board members are leaning towards replacing it with another standard scoreboard since the cost outweighs the benefits a digital scoreboard

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EAST MOLINE —

Marie L. Kloster, 86, East Moline, passed away on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 at Genesis Med-

ical Center Illini Campus, Silvis. Funeral

services were held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at

Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline. Visitation was from 3 p.m. until service time. Graveside services were held at 12 p.m. Wednesday at Lawn Ridge Cemetery, Rochelle.

In lieu of flowers and

Marie Kloster

gifts, memorials may be made to Hawyard Wesleyan Church 10655 Nyman Ave., Hayward, WI 54843.

Marie Roosen was born March 16, 1933 in Kingsford, Michigan, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Major) Roosen. She married Leonard

A. Dedrickson on July 17, 1954. He died Nov. 23, 1986. After the death of Leonard, Marie returned to college and received her Masters from NIU. She married Vernon F. Kloster in 1991. He died in 2011. Marie taught Elementary School at Lincoln School

in Rochelle. She loved traveling and learning from the people she met along the way. Marie was a devoted Christian and volunteered with hospice. She loved her family especially her grandchildren. Marie enjoyed playing bridge, reading, dancing and history.

Survivors include her children, David A. Dedrickson (Debbie) of Beaverton, Oregon, Roger Dedrickson of Portland, Oregon, Susan Wiesenauer of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, Anne (Bob) Graham of Palatine, and MaryBeth (John) Stopoulos, East Moline; grandchildren, Nolan Dedrickson, Ethan Dedrickson, Bridgette (Zach) Huebener, Claire (Nate) Paddock, Rolen (Sarah) Wiesenauer, Marie (Jeremy) Kaiser, Anthony Stopoulos and Peter Stopoulos; great-grandchildren, Violet, Asher, Rose, Oliver and Drew; and sisters, Lillian Scott and Helene Dennis.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, MerfRoosen and Betty Lou Roosen.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vanhoe.com.

Marguerite Nye

ROCHELLE Marguerite "Maggie" G. Nye, 78, passed away in her sleep at home Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 after a long illness.

Maggie was born on April 29, 1941 to E. Kevin and Marguerite (Peltier) Glynn in



Chicago. In 1959, she graduated from Aquinas Dominican High School and in 1964 she graduated from the University of Iowa with her B.A. in sociology. She was an Illinois Licensed Social Worker and worked for the Rochelle Community Hospital and Serenity Hospice. On June 9, 1964, Maggie married Philip Hastings Nye, Jr. in Chicago. Maggie served on the Ogle County Board from 1982-1992 and again from 2008-2018. She is believed to be the first elected woman to have served on the board. During her service, she served as Chairman of the Juvenile and Probation Committee, Chairman of the H.E.W. Committee and the Courthouse Restoration Committee.

Maggiewasamember of St. Bride's Episcopal Church in Oregon, a member of the Rochelle Community Hospital Auxiliary and a member of many boards including CASA Board, Village of Progress Board, Shining Star Board, the Ogle County Drug Court Advisory Board and the HOPE Board.

She was an avid reader, accomplished oil painter and enjoyed traveling with her husband, Phil.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Kevin Glynn.

Maggie is survived by her husband of 55

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years, Phil Nye, Jr.; three children, Marguerite (James) Conboy of Denver, Colorado, Philip Nye, III of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mose (Michelle) Nye of Park Ridge; brother, Mose (Doreen) Glynn of Palos Heights; sister, Karen (Larry) Glynn of Du Quoin; and five grandsons, William Conboy, Philip Nye, IV, Mose Nye, Jr., Jack Nye and Charles Nye.

The visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St.,

Rochelle. The memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21 at St. Bride's Episcopal Church, 1000 Rt. 64 West, Oregon, with Father Eldred George officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Maggie's memory to St. Bride's Episcopal Church, Village of Progress Foundation, P.O. Box 418, Oregon, IL 61061 or HOPE of Ogle County, P.O. Box 131, Rochelle, IL 61068.

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

Lawrence Tastad

ROCHELLE

Lawrence (Larry) Julius Tastad, 96, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019. Larry

was born to Lars and Josephine (Gittleson) Tastad in Lee County on the Gittleson

family farm on Nov. 16, 1923.

Larry married Gladys Schnorr on Jan. 11, 1947. Theirs was a love story for the ages and an example of love and partnership for all to live by.

Larry is survived by his wife of 72 years, Gladys; three daughters, Linda Tastad of Lakewood, Colorado, Brenda Brown of Alpharetta, Georgia, and Donna Tastad of Rochelle; his wuffy tuffies, Josh (Jennifer) Brown of Richardson, Texas, Kelly (Daryl) Hannon of North Aurora, and Tracy Wilson of Rochelle; great-grandchildren, Sasha Caramella, Rylie and Hunter Hannon, Madison and Brady Jozefowicz, and great-great grandson, Noah Holman.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Vernon, and grandson-in-law, Daryl Hannon.

Larry devoted his life to agriculture working numerous jobs in the industry through farming, selling seed corn, fertilizer sales, and ag equipment mechanics. He owned and operated several grain elevators

through the years. He devoted years of his life to his work with Maplehurst and Country Pleasure. Larry loved to work and held various jobs over the years to fill his Winter months.

Larry was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle for 73 years. He was chosen as Rochelle's Community Leader in 1993 and supported his community endlessly.

Most importantly. Larry had an undying love for his family. He supported his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren without fail. He was the best story-teller and bunny drawer anyone would ever meet.

Few encountered Lar-

ry that did not have a story to tell. All who knew him loved him and he never had a negative word to say about anyone. Larry's life was one of servitude. His humility, integrity, and faith will serve as an example for all who knew him. Well done, good and faithful servant. A memorial service

will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 20 at the First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle, with Pastor Doug Forsberg officiating. The visitation will be prior to the service from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be in Larry's memory to the First Presbyterian Church.

Visit www.unger-

horner.com to sign the online guest book.

Agnes Meister

ROCHELLE—Agnes Emma Meister, 92, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at the Mendota Lutheran Home.

Funeral Services are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Visit www. UngerHorner.com.

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Man cited for speeding

On Dec. 13 at 8:04 a.m., Rochelle police cited Nicholas D. Underhile,

19, of Rochelle, for speeding 65 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Jan. 24.

On Dec. 14 at 5:09 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Ariel M. Burke, 22, of Rochelle, for speeding 67 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. She posted an I-Bond. Her court date is set for Jan. 24.

On Dec. 14 at 9:36 a.m., Rochelle police cited Andrew C. Speerly, 34, of Millington, for speeding 48 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Jan.

> On Dec. 14 at 12:40 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Michael D. Ramsey, 55, of Rochelle, for driving

with a suspended license. He posted I-Bond. His court date is set for Jan. 24.

On Dec. 16 at 11:45 p.m., Rochelle police cited Martin Chavez-Magana, 23, of Rochelle, for speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Jan. 24.

Driver arrested for driving while license suspended

On Dec. 16 at approximately 7:27 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block South Illinois Route 251 for a registration violation. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Mulibwa Mwanza, 26, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Mulibwa was then transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Dec. 16 at approximately 11:30 a.m., deputies

conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Illinois Route 251 for an equipment violation. After a brief investigation deputies issued Athena Sellers, 31, of Rockford, a citation, with a return court date for driving while license suspended.

Fire marshal stresses holiday safety

SPRINGFIELD – The holidays are here and that means many will be decorating their homes. Hanging up decorations is fun, but keep in mind, holiday decorations

can increase your risk for a home fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) more than two of every five home decoration fires occur due to decorations being placed too close to a heat source. More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.

"More than half of home decoration fires in December are started by candles," says State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve. Before you head to bed or out for the evening, blow out all lit candles," says Fire Marshal Perez. "Turn

off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed."

Here are some tips to keep in mind to stay fire safe when decking the halls this holiday season.

Be careful with holiday decorations. Make sure decorations are either flame retardant or flame resistant.

Keep lit candles at least 12 inches away from decorations or anything that can catch fire.

or outdoor use or both. Replace any light strands that have worn or broken cords. Make sure to read

Keep children and pets away from lit candles.

Check to make sure your lights are rated for indoor

the recommendation for number of light strings you can string together. If you have a real Christmas tree, make sure to check water levels daily. It is not

water the first day it is in the stand. Keep real Christmas trees away from a

unusual for a tree to drink two gallons of

heat source. It can dry out the tree quickly. After a busy cooking day on Thanksgiving, before firing the oven back up preparing the next holiday meal, make sure to clean it. In case of an oven fire, turn off the oven and keep the door closed until it is cool. Clean cook tops as left-over grease

can catch fire.

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. but Christmas and Christmas Eve follow closely behind.

If you are planning to host family and friends during the holidays, make sure they are aware of your fire escape plan. Show them where all the exits are in your home and make sure they are aware of the meeting spot's location.

Sheriff releases statistics from Thanksgiving patrol

OREGON—The Ogle County Sheriff's Department issued 103 citations during its recent Thanksgiving Day enforcement period.

Sheriff Brian VanVickle also said there were four DUI arrests. The enforcement campaign took

place Nov. 22 through Dec. 2.

The offenses also included:

Five arrests for driving with a suspended or revoked license; five drug related arrests; seven citations for uninsured drivers; two citations for illegal transportation of alcohol; and 49 citations for speeding

During the mobilization, extra emphasis was placed on enforcement during late-night hours, when statistics show the most unbuckled and impaired driving fatalities occur.

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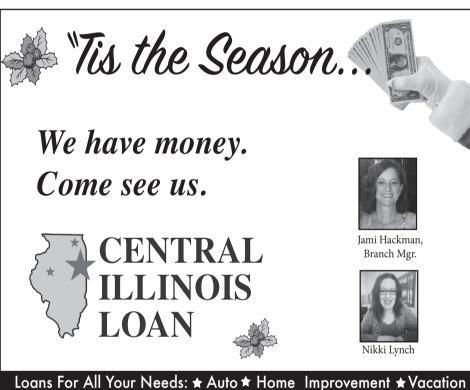
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Drizzle

softest 8 yr. old you will ever meet. I have not had an easy life. I was going to be shot!! But, thankfully, I was taken to a shelter...covered in ticks and in bad shape. I stayed there for months and months, begging someone to adopt me, but no. Finally I got to come to Tails, and I am really hoping to find a family. I'm a truly nice girl who loves people, walks nicely on a leash, and adores treats and having my belly rubbed. I've hung out with some of the bigger dogs here at Tails and we got along well. I'm not much into play, but enjoyed their

company. I so badly want a home with someone who isn't gone

for long periods and who might even teach me some things with

hand signals. I'm so scared my day will never come but maybe, just

maybe there is someone out there for me.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Not always jolly

VE been a journalist for more Lthan 30 years and have found myself writing about St. Nicholas, the jolly old elf, several

And it's never pleas-

I know. I must sound like I'm about to mutter "bah

humbug" and extol the virtues of debtor's prisons and work-

houses.



But there are certain things that bring joy to others which bring me nothing

but aggravation. The obligatory holiday feature story is one

During my first year out of journalism school an editor sent me to cover a Santa parade in the Galvez Mall in Galveston, Texas. I enjoyed chatting with the kids waiting for a glimpse of St. Nick. After all, one of the things that makes Christmas so special is the wonderment of children

But when it comes to interviewing the fellow portraying Santa, not so much.

The interview went something like this:

Where are you from? The North Pole. No, where are you from?

The North Pole. How cute. Now, please just tell me your name so I can move on to my next assignment.

After a 15-minute standoff, he finally relented and told me his name, hometown and why he dresses up like Santa once a year. (It wasn't a particularly inspiring tale. I think he was in it for the money.)

Flash forward five vears and I decided to do a first-person piece on what it is like to be Santa. (The other stories in this column I can blame on editors, but this one is all on me.)

I dressed up in the red suit and cap, attached a beard with an elastic strap, and watched hundreds of kids line up to sit on my lap at the Davenport, Iowa, public library.

I was told the key to being a good Santa is being non-committal. So, whenever a youngster wiggling on my knee reeled off a wish list, I would say something like, "Be good and I'll see what I can do."

And then a little girl crawled on to my lap.

I asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

She looked me in the eye and replied, "I want a new Dad. My old Dad left and my Mom is really lonely."

Her mother was standing nearby looking a bit bewildered by the request.

I looked into the girl's hopeful eyes and sputtered. I finally said, "There are just some things beyond Santa's power."

The next day, the top editor of the paper wandered over to my desk and suggested I stick with the "hard news" stories and leave the human-interest features to others.

And then several years after that I was writing about homeless children for the Las Vegas Sun.

I quoted an 8-yearold boy saying, "I don't know if Santa will know where to go this year. We keep moving every week. I guess I've been good. I go to sleep on time every night."

Although I turned the story in several days in advance, the editor didn't get around to reading it until 45 minutes before deadline.

He wandered over to my desk, "Is this kid kind of slow? Eight seems awfully old to believe in Santa. Go find out if he thinks Santa is a real."

I've been asked lots of questions, mostly good, by editors over the years. But this is without a doubt the dumbest.

I found myself driving across Las Vegas on deadline to a school that serves the homeless. I talked the principal into calling the boy into the office.

When the perplexed youngster entered the office. I dropped down on my haunches and asked, "Richard, do you think Santa is a real person or just an idea?'

He gave me his answer and I found myself barking into a telephone receiver minutes before the presses began to roll, "He says, Santa is real!"

Yes, Santa is real, not just in the hearts of all good people, but even in the mind of the most cynical journalist.

Scott Reeder, a veteran statehouse journalist, works as a freelance reporter in the Springfield area; ScottReeder1965@gmail.



VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

The minimum wage in Illinois jumps to \$9.25 on Jan. 1 as part of a multiyear plan to increase to \$15 per hour by 2025. By July 1, 2020 the wage will increase to \$10 per hour. How do you feel about this increase? Do you think moving to a \$15 minimum wage will be detrimental to businesses throughout the state - especially small businesses?



"It will probably slow down some businesses but they will adjust. The increase is needed."

Allan Hann



"The wage increase is necessary, but it will definitely have an impact on small businesses."

Deb Kelly



"I think that the raise is good, especially since the cost is always going up. With the new year the price of merchandise is going to go up regardless, so why not increase the wages as well."

Theresa Mcnutt

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COMMUNITY

FIRE: Donations being collected

From page 1

Since the fire occurred, Rochelle Township High School is collecting both monetary donations as well as donations of clothing and shoes from students and staff that will be given to the family during this time of need. As well as collecting donations at the high school, there is also a Facebook donation page that has been set up to collect funds from the

The Facebook page has a goal set at \$5,000 and has currently raised \$725 from 17 people in five days. If anyone would like to donate funds they can do so through the donation page at facebook.com/ donate/2463202783922570/2463202810589234/.

Donations of clothes and shoes are also appreciated. The child wears size 5 and a shoe size 3. Both adults are XL, size 18, one is a shoe size 9 and the other is a shoe size 6.

SALUTE: Honoring vets

From page 1

"Then we had retired veterans laying some of the wreaths, a brand new active duty marine that just graduated from boot camp [on Friday] and then we had a young man in Boy Scout troop 553 lay a wreath to represent the future."

A wreath was also placed in honor of all the veterans who have been declared prisoners of war or missing in action.

The Daughters of the American Revolution said that the amount of support they felt from the community was a heartwarming experience.

"It was quite amazing

how the whole community first of all helped in purchasing the wreaths and then second of all coming out to place the wreaths and take part in the ceremony. It was a really heartwarming thing to see the community so involved,"

expressed Roberts.

This is an annual event that takes place across the country and the Wreaths Across America Organization is already getting ready for next year. From now through Jan. 15, 2020 when someone purchases a wreath, the organization will match the amount of that purchase. Wreaths can be purchased for \$15 each by visiting Wreathsacrossamerica.org/IL0136P.



CALENDAR

Wed., Dec. 18

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

Thu., Dec. 19 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes Christmas Dinner roasted turkey breasts, ribeye roast, mashed potatoes, sweet potato mash, turkey gravy, sausage stuffing, real whole cranberry sauce, cheesy cauliflower bake, roasted veggies and dessert. There is a suggested \$10 donation. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.

8 p.m. — VCCT will present "In-Laws, **Outlaws and Other** People (That Should Be Shot)" in the hangar at the Flight Deck. This show will include dessert. Tickets are available at the door or online at vcctrochelle. org.

Fri., Dec. 20

2 to 4 p.m. — Rochelle Community Hospital will host an open house to thank Dr. Surjit Thiara for his 30 years of service and wish him well in his retirement. The community is invited to attend. The open house will be held in the RCH cafeteria.

6:30 p.m. — VCCT will present "In-Laws, Outlaws and Other People (That Should Be Shot)" in the hangar at the Flight Deck. This show will include dinner. Tickets are \$35 and are available in advance at vcctrochelle.org.

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FROM THE HEART **DAILY CASH WINNERS**

Dec. 7 - Lester Miller, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 8 - Matt Hussey, Rochelle, \$50

Dec. 10 - Dennis Neal, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 9 - Dorothy Vargen, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 11 - Ashlynn Tinsley, Johnson Tractor/Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 12 - Joni Spartz, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 13 - Shane Huber, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 14 - Super Lube, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 15 - John Greenfield, Rochelle, \$50

Dec. 17 - Dave Louis (grandkids), Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 18 - L.O.T.S., Dixon, \$25

Dec. 16 - Betsy Adams, Dixon, \$25

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

Sat., Dec. 21 2 p.m. — VCCT will present "In-Laws, Outlaws and Other People (That Should Be Shot)" in the hangar at the Flight Deck. This show will include dessert. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or online at vcctrochelle.org.

6:30 p.m. — VCCT will present "In-Laws, Outlaws and Other People (That Should Be Shot)" in the hangar

at the Flight Deck. This show will be the VCCT Gala fundraiser dinner event. Tickets are \$60. Appetizers, dinner, cash bar, musical performances, show and silent auction will be held. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Visit vcctrochelle.org.

Sun., Dec. 22 12:30 p.m. - VCCT will present "In-Laws, Outlaws and Other

People (That Should

Be Shot)" in the hangar at the Flight Deck. This show will include brunch. Tickets are \$35 and are available in advance at vcctrochelle.org.

Mon., Dec. 23

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

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

<u>Meetings</u>

Thu., Dec. 19

7 p.m. — The Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club board will meet for its monthly board meeting. The meeting will be held in Dugdale Lodge, located at the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club. Club members are welcome to attend the board meeting.

(Submit items for the Community Calendar to jsimmons@rochellenewsleader.com)

The Kitchen

Table will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday.





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by Linda Thistle

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THIS WEEK: ◆ DIFFICULTY

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CryptoQuip

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

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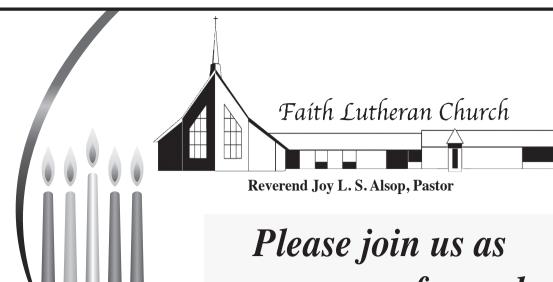
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Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday, December 15

4:00 p.m. St. Paul School Children's Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship

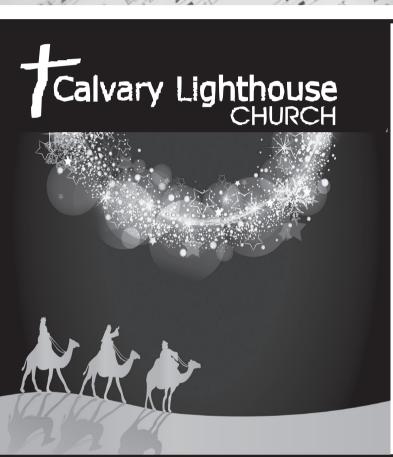
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 a.m.Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship



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December 10

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December 15

Choir and Drama Team's Christmas Program 10:30 am

December 22

"Making Everyday Christmas" 10:30 pm "Caroling Around Town" 5:00 pm

December 24

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

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7:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service 675 Eychaner Road, Esmond, IL

Lighthouse United Methodist Church

8:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Service 4962 S Daysville Road, Oregon, IL

Malta United Methodist Church

4:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service 201 E Sprague Street, Malta, IL

Oregon United Methodist Church

4:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service 200 S 4th St, Oregon, IL **Reynolds United Methodist Church**

Friday 12/20 7:00 pm Nativity Feast of Light Service

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Rochelle United Methodist Church

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STATE NEWS

Pritzker expected to sign letter consenting to refugee resettlement

New Trump administration policy requires state and local consent

By PETER HANCOCK CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD -Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Monday he fully supports allowing

refugees to resettle in Illinois and he is expected to sign a letter to the Trump administration to that effect in the coming days.

Such a letter of consent is now required from state and local officials under an executive order that President Donald Trump issued earlier this year. Under that order, state and local officials have until Dec. 25 to issue written statements of consent.

"As the great grandson of a Jewish refugee from Ukraine, the president's attacks on immigrant families are deeply personal to me," Pritzker said in an email statement. "I will always embrace refugees with open arms, and under my administration Illinois will always be a welcoming state that values the contributions immigrants make in our society."

Pritzker's comments came after the humanitarian aid organization World Relief and 77 Illinois pastors who are part of the Evangelical Immigration Table sent letters to Pritzker and 14 other governors urging them to support refugee resettlement, even as the Trump administration sharply curtails the number of refugees allowed into the country.

The executive order states it is the administration's policy to consult with state and local governments, "to identify the best environments for refugees, but also to be respectful of those communities that may not be able to accommodate

"Some states and localities, however, have viewed existing consultation as insufficient, and there is a need for closer coordination and a more clearly defined role for state and local governments in the refugee resettlement process. My administration seeks to enhance these consultations."

Executive order

refugee resettlement."

"State and local governments are best positioned to know the resources and capacities they may or may not have available to devote to sustainable resettlement, which maximizes the likelihood refugees placed in the area will become self-sufficient and free from long-term dependence on public assistance," the order states. "Some states and localities, however, have viewed existing consultation as insufficient, and there is a need for closer coordination and a more clearly defined role for state and local governments in the refugee resettlement process. My administration seeks to enhance these consul-

Jenney Yang, vice president of advocacy and policy at World Relief, said during a phone interview that the United States is poised to allow only 18,000 refugee resettlements in the current federal fiscal year, the lowest number in the nation's history.

"The U.S. has traditionally been the world's leader when it comes to re-

settling the largest number of refugees, and it's a role that the United States has played for many years," Yang said. "... And when the United States closes doors, it actually leads to other countries closing their doors as well."

According to a tally kept by World Relief, 24 other governors and more than 60 municipalities have already submitted consent letters. Among the local communities listed is DuPage County. In addition, the U.S. Conference of Mayors sent a letter Nov. 25 to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urging the administration to rescind the executive

Yang said many communities in Illinois have traditionally welcomed refugee resettlement.

"It's not just the Chicagoland area, in which most people think refugees are going," she said "It's places like Aurora and DuPage and Moline, which is where Global Relief has offices. But it's important for people to understand that there's a variety of communities and Illinois that have supported refugee resettlement for over a decade."



Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks during a ceremony Aug. 22 in his Springfield office during which he signed a bill to raise the minimum wage for public school teachers in Illinois to \$40,000 by 2023. Pritzker on Monday said he would sign a letter of consent to allow refugees to resettle in Illinois. The letter is required by the Trump administration. (Capitol News Illinois photo by Jerry Nowicki)



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IDNR announces snowmobile trail grant recipients

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has announced \$597,742 in grant funding for development, rehabilitation, operations, and maintenance for snowmobile trail projects in the state through the Illinois Snowmobile Grant Program (SNOW) and the Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund Grant Program (STEF).

SNOW grant funds were awarded to: Freeport Park District (Stephenson County) in the amount of \$33,242 for snowmobile trail rehabilitation;

Lena Community Park District (Stephenson County) in the amount of \$60,000 for snowmobile trail operations and maintenance;

Rockford Park District (Ogle, Stephenson, Winnebago counties) in the amount of \$101,000 for snowmobile trail operations and maintenance; and

Winnebago County Forest Preserve (Winnebago County) in the amount of \$49,500 for snowmobile trail devel-

STEF grant funds were awarded to: Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs (IASC) in the amount of \$354,000 for snowmobile trail insurance, purchase of a new groomer, groomer operations and maintenance, and snowmobile trail maintenance in various counties in Illinois.

SNOW provides financial assistance to eligible local units of government (as noted in Section 3010.10 of the Illinois Administrative Code) to assist them in the purchase, construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of public snowmobile areas, trails and facilities in Illinois. The snowmobile grant program is funded entirely by snowmobilers through their registration fees and is implemented and authorized by Sections 8-1 and 9-1 of the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act [625 ILCS 40/8-1 and 9-1].

STEF provides financial aid to eligible private snowmobile clubs/organizations in Illinois (as noted in Section 3020.10 of the Illinois Administrative Code) for the purpose of assisting them in the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of snowmobile trails and facilities on public lands, designated roadways or private land opened to such use. Funds for the grant program are derived from revenue generated in the State Treasurer's "Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund."

For information on how to apply for a SNOW or STEF grant, visit:

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SPORTS!



BOWLERS HIT THE LANES

Both the Rochelle boys and girls bowling teams hosted home meets Tuesday.

See page 3 for more details

RTHS Wrestling

Dominant at home

Hubs record 15 pins during triangular sweep over Plano, Oregon

BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—There were more than enough pins to go around Tuesday evening, when the Rochelle wrestlers dominated their triangular meet with the nonconference Oregon Hawks and the Interstate 8 Conference Plano Reap-

The Hubs weren't happy with losing against the Kaneland Knights this past week, and they avenged their lone conference loss with a decisive 66-12 win over Plano that featured pins from 10 different varsity wrestlers. Rochelle added five more pins during its match against Oregon, resulting in a 57-21 victory that propelled the Hubs to 6-2 overall.

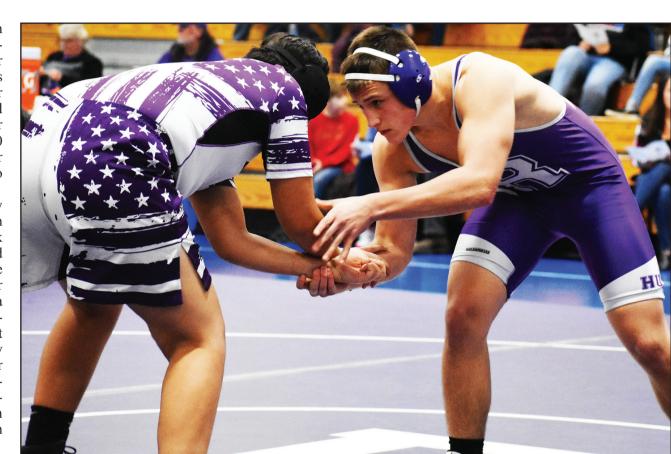
"I thought we came out and wrestled really well," senior Zeke Horn said. "We had a tough loss against Kaneland and we didn't want to feel that again. We came back stronger and we wrestled harder to get ourselves in shape. We came out here and we wanted to win badly."

The Hubs were clinical in their takedown of the Reapers on Tuesday,

starting the match with six consecutive pins including Horn's fall over Plano's William Collins at 160 pounds. Senior Bryan Garza followed with a swift victory over Andrew Harrelson at 170 before junior Noah Messer rolled over Plano's Angelo Hernandez at 182.

Junior Ben Harvey (195) and seniors Gavin Ansteth (220) and Zack Capes (285) continued the pin parade to put the Hubs ahead 36-0. After junior Ivan Pineda took a forfeit at 106, the Reapers snapped a 42-point drought with Anthony Vitro's 10-7 decision over Hub freshman Josey Weber at 113 and Cain Hernandez's 14-9 decision against freshman Weldon Nay at 120.

Sophomore Caleb Nadig (126) and junior Grant Thompson (132) responded with back-toback pins for the Hubs, and despite the Reapers notching their first and only fall at 138, Rochelle closed the match with pins from senior Keegan Davis-Carter (145) and sophomore Ethan Tooley (152). The 10 pins are the most in any dual match this



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Noah Messer locks hands with Plano's Angelo Hernandez during Rochelle's triangular meet with the Reapers and Oregon Hawks on Tuesday.

season for the Hubs, who are 2-1 over their first three conference duals.

"I think we're definitely up there and I think we can beat every team in our conference," Horn said. "We beat LaSalle-Peru and they were ranked in the state. I think we can

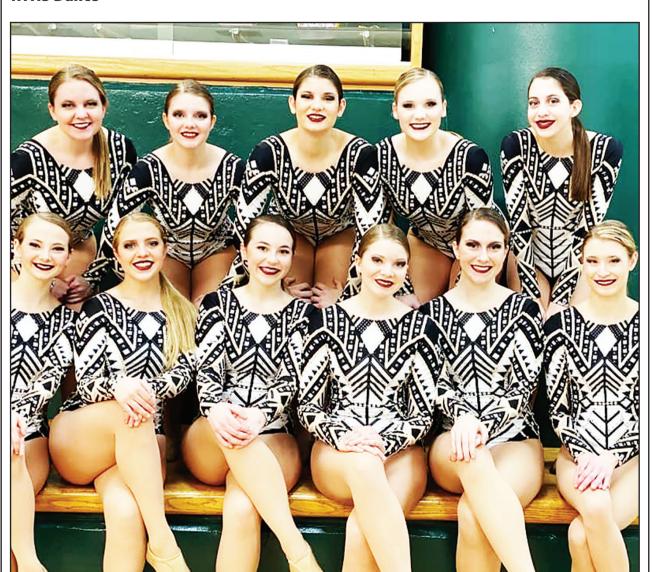
win the conference this season."

Rochelle had no trouble with a short-handed Oregon squad, scoring the first 24 points of the match on two pins from Harvey and Ansteth and two forfeits for Messer and Capes. The Hawks rebounded

with three straight victories at 106, 113 and 120 before the Hubs won six bouts over the final seven. Nadig, Davis-Carter and Garza each pinned Hawks for Rochelle, while Horn wrestled his first match of the season at 152 pounds, winning by fall over Gabe

Eckerd. "I think cutting to 152 will be a good move for me and the team," Horn said. "Hopefully I can stay in better shape there. It helps fill our lineup once Diego [Escobar] cuts to 160. Our lineup will be set and we'll be good from there."

RTHS Dance



Chellettes earn third-place finish in Waubonsie Valley Invitational

The Rochelle Township High School varsity dance team performed at the Waubonsie Valley Invitational in Aurora this past weekend, bringing home a third-place finish. The team features Erin Decker, Sarah Dreska, Makaila Crump, Jessica Vagle, Kayla Keilman, Kayden Kannheiser, Taylor Ponto, Kelsey O'Brien, Jasmine Sarabia, Ailyn Miranda, Ava McGee, Macy Ramos and Miranda Dubek. The girls are coached by Kass Smith.

RTHS Girls Bowling

Sycamore rolls past Lady Hubs

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle girls bowling team returned home for an Interstate 8 Conference match against the Sycamore Spartans on Monday. Sycamore cruised over the Lady Hubs, winning 3,116-2,163 and dropping Rochelle to 0-5 on the

Sycamore's Maddie Lathrop fired 202 and Megan Kolberg shot 201 in the opening game, which the Spartans took over Rochelle by a score of 975-658. Sophomores Anna Samo (137) and Alyssa Mickley (136) paced the Lady Hubs in the first game.

Three Spartans exceeded 200 in the second game including Delaney and Alexis Jones, who rolled respective scores of 200 and 201 to help Sycamore win the middle game 1,110-691. Mickley recorded Rochelle's top score (128)

in the second game.

Sycamore closed out the



Sophomore Anna Samo fires her ball down the lane.

sweep with a 1,031-814 victory in the final game behind Lathrop's 212 and 200 from Alexis Jones. Senior Cassie Moore stepped up with a 169 in the last game for the Lady Hubs, while junior Kiya Porter bowled 150 and Mickley added 143. Mickley (407) and Moore (387) finished with the top two threegame totals for Rochelle.



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Miranda Dubek

Year: Freshman

Sport: Dance

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

A: I have been dancing since the summer of fourth grade.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Learning new moves and

expressing myself through dance.

Q: What is your favorite

school subject and why?

A: Ceramics because I like making hands-on projects.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My aunt because she has always done everything she can to

make me happy.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a lawyer because I

want to go into something I'm good at.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Hawaii because I like

spending time in warm weather. Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I enjoy making new friends and getting to know all of the people here.

Macy Ramos

Year: Freshman

Sport: Dance

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 being a part of the team and learning new skills for people to watch at performances.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Art because I can be creative and make things in my own style.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My mom because she is a very hard working and



successful person and she loves what she does.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a clothing designer or an interior designer.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Paris because I've always wanted to visit a beautiful city.

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

A: I enjoy that I'm active in school and that I'm a part of a great team.





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T-Byrd Lanes













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T-Byrd Lanes awards local league bowlers

T-Byrd Lanes recognized eight more local league bowlers with awards recently. Logan Frye and Bryson Stewart were each named Youth League Bowlers of the Week (8) while Ryan Spangler and Blake Rollin took home Bumper League Bowler of the Week (8) honors. JJ Groves and Tucker Phelps were named Youth League and Bumper League Bowlers of the Week (9) and Paige Roe won the High School Bowler of the Week (5) honor. Seth Pritchett was named Bowler of the Month for November. The players are pictued above in order from top left to bottom right.

RTHS Bowling

Rochelle teams host I-8 Conference matches

Ortega, Porter lead varsity groups at Cavalier Classic

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Both the Rochelle boys and girls bowling teams were at home Tuesday evening for Interstate 8 Conference matches. The Hubs battled the LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers, falling by a score of 3,486-2,996 to drop to 0-10 on the season. The Lady Hubs faced the Kaneland Knights, keeping the match close but coming up short by a score of 2,482-2,216 to move to 0-6 overall.

Lady Hubs

Rochelle had opportunities to claim the first two games, finishing only a few pins short in each game. Kaneland took the opener 771-724 behind 164 from Faith Thomas, while sophomore Alyssa Mickley led the Lady Hubs with 153 in the first

The Knights leaned on Alexis Vittal during the second game, with Vittal scoring 204 to propel Kaneland over Rochelle 787-743 despite 176 from Mickley and 147 from senior Cassie Moore. Mickley rolled 158 to finish with a 487 series for the Lady Hubs, who fell 924-749 in the third game. Vittal recorded 228 to end the evening with a

match-best 581 series.

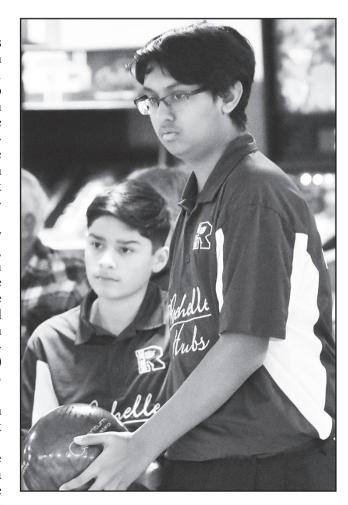
The Rochelle girls bowled against Dixon and Morris this past week. The Lady Hubs fell to the Duchesses at Plum Hollow Lanes by a score of 2,943-2,276 on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Rochelle battled the Redskins on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Echo Lanes, falling 3,164-2,182.

Mickley led the Lady Hubs against Dixon, throwing a 493 series with a high score of 195 in the second game. Sophomore Alyssa Schwanert added a 380 series with a high score of 161. Riley Kavanaugh finished with 560 and a high score of 203 for the Duchesses.

Mickley was the high Rochelle roller against Morris, totaling a 461 series with a high score of 169. Schwanert added a 424 series and sophomore Anna Samo finished with a 404 series. Angel Heck dominated for the Redskins, bowling a 694 series and a high score of 267.

Hubs

LaSalle-Peru had three players roll over 200 in the first game included Landen Miller, who bowled 238 to lead the Cavaliers over the Hubs 1,146-1,039. Senior Logan Ortega spearheaded Rochelle's opening-game





(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle boys and girls bowling teams hosted home matches at T-Byrd Lanes on Tuesday, with the Hubs facing LaSalle-Peru and the Lady Hubs playing Kaneland. At left, sophomore Devansh Patel looks for his mark. At right, senior Cassie Moore rolls her ball down the lane.

effort with 221, while junior John Henson added 206.

Miller's strong series continued in the second game, where he recorded 235 and helped LaSalle-Peru take the middle game 1,159-986 over Rochelle. Sophomore Dylan Milton had a breakout game for the Hubs, totaling 204 with Ortega adding 190.

Miller (244) and Dylan Wyzgowski (243) dominated the third game for the Cavaliers, who won 1,181-971 to complete their sweep over the Hubs. Sophomore Devansh Patel scored 197 in the final game for Rochelle. Miller ended the evening with a match-best 717 series.

Cavalier Classic

The Rochelle boys and girls bowling teams competed side-by-side during the Cavalier Classic at the Illinois Valley Super Bowl on Saturday. The Hubs placed 11th with

4,767 pins while the Lady Hubs finished 10th with 3,060 pins.

Logan Ortega ended the tournament as Rochelle's high roller for the Hubs, placing 22nd with a 1,104 six-game series. Kiya Porter led the Lady Hubs with 556 pins to take 40th in the female competition.

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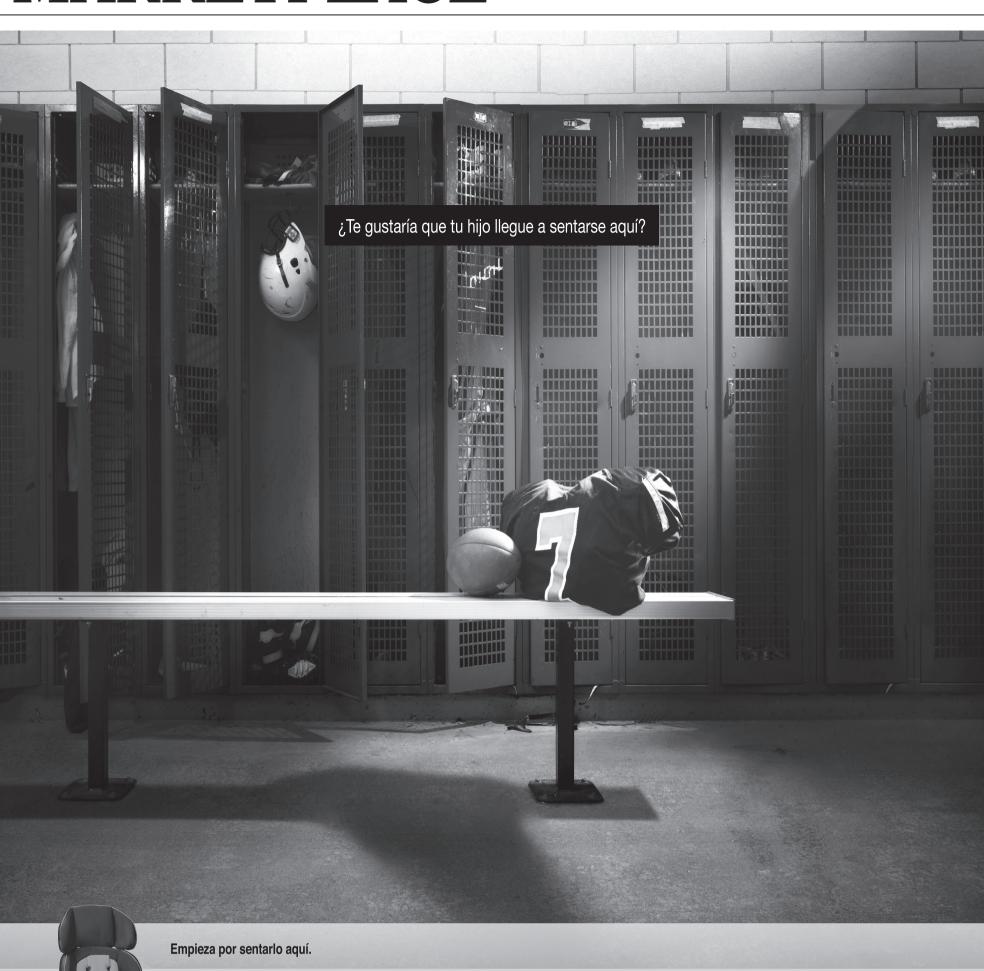
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