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# City budget passes

BY JENNIFER SIMMONS  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — By a unanimous vote Monday night, Rochelle City Council approved the 2020 budget. And for the third year, that budget has been balanced.

Going into Monday night's meeting, Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows opened the meeting with several statements, including one pertaining to the agenda item of approval of the city's 2020 budget.

"I just want to thank the city manager, staff and all the department heads that worked so very diligently to get a balanced budget this year. I know there were projects that were cut, there were projects that were added and they

"This is the most important thing you do. Passing the budget is the blueprint for where we are going to go in the future and I think everything we've done follows with the strategic plan and the strategic priorities that you set forth for staff."

**Jeff Fiegenschuh**

did a lot of work prioritizing, they put in an extremely large amount of hours into working on the budget," he said. "We're very happy that this is the third year in a row that we've had a balanced budget. When you look at the numbers they are not exactly balanced but the reason that is, is because there are some projects that

are going to be paid for with reserve cash rather than tax money, it's reserve cash. It is a balanced budget. That's pretty impressive that in this day and age we can have a budget like we have and have it balanced, that's very commendable."

The final proposed 2020 General Fund revenues are budgeted



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

**Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh discusses several of the highlights of the 2020 proposed city budget at Monday night's council meeting.**

at \$11,210,836, representing an increase of approximately 2 percent compared to the approved 2019 budget. Budgeted expenses total \$11,158,089 which is

approximately 2 percent higher than the 2019 budget resulting in a budget surplus of \$52,747.

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## In Conor's memory

18th Annual basketball tournament held in O'Rourke's honor

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** — The 18th Annual Conor O'Rourke Memorial Basketball Tournament was held at Steward Elementary School over the weekend to both help raise funds for a good cause while remembering Conor and the game he loved to play.

Conor passed away in July 2002 at the age of 10 due to complications with his cancer treatments. Later that year in December, two Steward Elementary School board members came up with the idea to create an event to help raise money and remember Conor at the same time.

That is how the idea for the annual memorial basketball tournament began.

"At the time, the current playground needed to be updated, so the funds were used to completely update the playground as well as dedicate it in the name of Conor O'Rourke," said Jennie O'Rourke, mother of Conor. "Now the first \$2,000 is donated to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago and the rest goes to the Steward Educational Fund."



**The 18th annual Conor O'Rourke Memorial Basketball Tournament was held at Steward Elementary School this past weekend.**

Since the inception of the event, it has raised over \$135,000 and added a Saturday morning blood drive held in honor of the many blood donations Conor received during his treatments.

The tournament consists of between 8-and-12 sixth

grade schools from around the area, both big and small schools. The main tournament is bracket style and spread over two days, but there are also separate competitions such as a free throw contest.

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## Two treated for burns following early morning fire

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** — An early morning fire at Shangri-La Trailer Park resulted in two people being transported to Rochelle Community Hospital and then on to Rockford hospital for treatment of serious but non-life-threatening burns Wednesday.

The fire occurred at 3:18 a.m. this morning at 6137 Sunflower lane located at the Shangri-La trailer park. The fire was caused by a space heater. By the time that firefighters arrived on scene the whole trailer was engulfed in flames, but the residents had already escaped the building.

"It was fully involved by the time they arrived on scene and the people had already escaped, but they were already partially burned," said Rochelle firefighter Brian Edwards.

The fire completely destroyed the trailer, along with damaging two surrounding trailers and a car that was parked nearby.

The Rochelle Fire Department, as well as Ogle-Lee units and an ambulance from Ashton all responded to the call.

## Tax levy adopted

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** — Before the monthly Rochelle Elementary 231 Board of Education meeting Tuesday night, members held a special meeting to present the Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Levy.

The board will be requesting \$9,670,475, which is a five percent increase from last year. This tax levy was then certified and adopted during the action items section of the monthly meeting that was held directly after the special meeting.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BALL: Annual tournament raises funds for school, children's hospital

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Everyone who participates in the tournament receives a medal and gets their name called while everyone in the audience cheers, but the team that wins the tournament receives a trophy.

For many of the kids involved this is their very first tournament, so O'Rorke reminds them that this event is about more than just winning.

"This is a fun community event that is a fundraiser, so we like to remind the kids that it is not all about winning, but about realizing that life is a blessing and cherishing your children," added O'Rorke.

While this event is aimed at raising money and honoring Conor, it also focuses on the sport of basketball, which Conor loved playing.

All of the coaches and referees at the tournament are volunteers that have chosen to take time out of their day to support the fundraiser. O'Rorke is very thankful for the community coming together to put this event on and says that it could not be done without all of the help.

"This is just an excellent tournament, it is well run, the refs are great and always on time. This community is just so supportive," said O'Rorke.

Winners of this year's tournament were the DeKalb Bengals. Tyler Townsend, of Sycamore, won the free throw competition. The Conor O'Rorke Memorial Basketball Tournament will take place again the first weekend in December 2020.



Pictured above is the Oregon J-Hawks, the winning tournament team.

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**Jennie O'Rorke**



Above, Jennie O'Rorke presents a trophy to free throw contest winner Tyler Townsend from Sycamore.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Council approves easement agreement

OK will allow for MECEN, LLC to construct deck off Artists' Garden building for Acres Cafe

BY JENNIFER SIMMONS  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — An easement agreement for a downtown business was approved at Monday night's Rochelle City Council meeting.

Council members approved an easement agreement with MECEN, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company located at the Artists' Garden, to install a deck and stairway located in Page Park — city owned property — to the south of the building located at 407 Lincoln Highway. The deck and stairway will allow access to the Acres Café that will be opening in 2020.

The easement agreement is for a period of 30 years with an option for two 10 year extensions. MECEN, LLC will construct and maintain the deck and stairway in accordance with all applicable City Building and Fire Codes.

The deck will step out to the south of the building into Page Park.

"Page Park is 22 feet wide, they are asking for 10 feet so you'll have 10 feet left over," city building inspector Geoff Starr said. "It won't close it off?" councilman Bil Hayes asked.

"From what I see, there's green space there now and it shouldn't even interfere with where the walk is now," Starr said. "Not to look at doom and destruction but if the



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

**Above is the area off the side of the building where the proposed deck will be built for Acres Cafe. Markings on the sidewalk indicate how far into Page Park the deck will extend.**

business was to terminate is there anything to say that gets removed?" councilman Dan McDermott asked of the proposed deck.

"This agreement goes with the property," community development director Michelle Pease explained.

"If there's inactivity or nonuse for a year, the letter of credit in the agreement that if there's not use after a year...one year of inactivity, hopefully that won't happen, but that's why a letter of credit is going to be posted, and if so, the city can remove it without expense," city attorney Dominick Lanzito explained.

The only concern expressed for the project was from council member John Gruben pertaining to safety.

"In the corner, as you

look east, from downtown, that is a blind spot. What I mean by blind spot, I'm talking from police surveillance, if they go down the alley they won't be able to see who is into the corner. And as you go down downtown area you're actually looking downgrade. So that's a blind spot," Gruben said. "My question's this. Does the need outweigh the change we're going to make to the park or are there other alternatives? I do know there was an existing staircase there that is being torn down now and I thought that was fairly manageable."

There's a part of me that says... this is a part of Rochelle, it's a part of who we are, who we've always been, and we're putting a possible eyesore, popping it up, because it does go pretty much halfway

across and I know we've got a light pole there that's going to have to be moved, and I know the city drain is right there, but I'm all in favor of it. I want everyone to know that. I think it's phenomenal. I really do. And I'm a huge supporter of that. I just don't want what I'm saying right now to negate any of those thoughts."

The City of Rochelle took ownership of the area now known as Page Park in the 1990s.

"That has been a part of Rochelle since 1990s is all when they made Page Park... I think there's a lot of options that will help us facilitate this going in... if we can make this lady's business work for her, because if hers works then maybe the next person will look at and say 'hey, I want to jump into this too,'" councilman Tom

McDermott said.

"We want to enhance the park, our whole concept is that that will be part of the environment. There will be greenery on it, it will enhance the park it will look nice there will be fantastic lighting," business owner Teresa Petry explained. "My brother and I... all we want to do is enhance that area. The back entrance, we had our whole plan for that back entrance but it will not work since we're restoring that. The back entrance would have gone too far out into the alley so in order to have the business in order to have it the way we want to do it, that's our entrance. But it's ultimately your decision."

Petry added that the stairway will be see-through, helping with the security issue Gruben addressed as well as security on the building. She also explained that the deck space would allow for approximately seating of 8 at the most.

Council members approved the easement 7-0.

### Liquor license amendment

A Class U liquor license amendment was also established Monday night.

Recently, The Artists' Garden, located at 407 Lincoln Highway, submitted an application for a Class U liquor license in order to allow for the specific permit allowing for patrons of the business to consume

beer or wine only on the premises.

"Class U licenses shall authorize a licensee of an arts and entertainment studio to permit consumption of beer and wine only, brought on the premises of an arts and entertainment studio by a patron 21 years of age or older for personal consumption or for personal consumption of other patrons who are 21 years of age or older," city clerk Sue Messer said Monday night.

The Artists' Garden occasionally hosts painting nights and would like to incorporate the popular themed 'sip-n-paint' theme, allowing for patrons to bring wine or beer to the painting class.

"The consumption of beer and wine is restricted to licensed premises. Such consumption shall be limited to members of a group assembled on the premises for the purpose of attending arts and crafts classes offered by an arts and entertainment studio," Messer explained of the license.

The amendment to the Class U liquor license specifies no more than one 750-milliliter bottle of wine per patron or no more than 36 ounces of beer per patron (unopened) shall be permitted to be brought into the premises. The sale of beer, wine, spirits, and all other types of alcohol to patrons of the licensed premises shall be prohibited. No package sales will be permitted.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BUDGET: Council approves budget

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The combination of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, Trust and Agency Funds and Capital Project Funds results in budgeted revenues of \$83,969,264 and budgeted expenses of \$91,944,101.

City manager Jeff Fiegenschuh highlighted several aspects of the budget including \$645,000 in the General Fund for capital outlays, \$57,764,000 for enterprise funds of which \$18 million is for capital projects and filling one vacant police position and two vacant street positions.

He also noted that 53 percent of the General Fund expenditures is used for public safety and, if including the street department, it's approximately 75 percent, which about average for a city of Rochelle's size.

"We did budget conservatively for small increase in sales tax primarily due to some of the growth we see specifically with Pilot coming on, [and] hopefully this next year with Love's coming on," he said. "Transfers to the corporate fund did go down this year. If you remember, last year we had a large transfer from the landfill fund for the improvements at city hall, obviously that project is done with a one time transfer."

Fiegenschuh added that a large percentage of revenue comes from the sale of the city's electricity to industrial businesses.

"If you look on the electric side, 67 percent of our revenue comes from industrial. We should see some revenue increases this year because of the MightyVine expansion. If you remember, the more power we purchase over 30 megawatts power,

the lower our cost overall so we want to continue to grow our electric utility because that is a benefit to our residents as a whole," he said. "We do transfer 5 percent of those revenues back to the General Fund so the more electricity we sell, not only does it benefit the electric utility, it also benefits the General Fund."

Overall, Fiegenschuh is pleased with the city's 2020 budget.

"It's a \$91 million budget, I'm very happy with it. It's balanced on the General Fund side. Staff worked hard to come up with this proposal. This is the most important thing you do," he said to council members. "Passing the budget is the blueprint for where we are going to go in the future and I think everything we've done follows with the strategic plan and the strategic priorities that you set forth for staff."

## SCHOOL: Zepeda suggests E-days

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During the monthly meeting, board members approved the agenda with the addition of a resignation by Gabriella Gosnell Villalobos as the assistant girls basketball coach. "We have one addition tonight, a resignation that I would like to approve tonight if the board is willing to do so," said Jason Harper, district superintendent.

Later during the meeting, board members approved the consent agenda which included paying the bills, the financial report and personnel appointments, separations, leaves and changes of status.

The Board Policy updates that were presented during last month's meeting were also brought up during the meeting. No decision was made on the updates; teachers will have until next month's meeting to look it over before a decision is made in January.

"No action is required tonight but in your board packet you will see the latest policy updates as provided by the Illinois association of school boards," added Harper.

Board member Javier Zepeda introduced the idea of having E-days in the future instead of emergency days such as snow days. Instead of missing school and having to make it up at the end of the year, teachers would either have students log into a portal from home while the teacher does the same and they would conduct a lesson online. The second option for E-days is the teacher would send home a day's worth of homework with the kids that they would work on while at home and bring in for credit once they return to school.

"Every approach comes with both pros and cons, so I think the district has to wheel their way through that process, it is something to watch to see how other districts use it in the future," said Harper.

The final item discussed in the meeting was each of the board members sharing something they learned or thought was interesting from the school board conference recently attended.

Board member Trisha Vaughn shared her thoughts. "Typically people think that reaching goals and being successful is what brings happiness, when it is really the opposite. They taught that enhancing the social and happiness of people actually leads them to achieving their goals and being successful," she said.

### Obituaries

## Barbara Kannheiser

**ROCHELLE** — On Dec. 7, 2019 at the age of 77, Barbara Kannheiser passed away unexpectedly while in Florida. Barb was born on July 13th, 1942 to Harland and Jean (Davis) Friestad. She married Raymond T. Kannheiser on Nov. 30th, 1963 and had two children.



She worked for Dr. Kortiz and Dr. Bogue for many years. Then she became an insurance associate for Ed Bender Insurance in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where she generously served the senior community for 30 plus years. She was the rock and soul of the entire family.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, Ray; son, Michael Kannheiser; daughter, Renee Anders; granddaughters, Tarryn Anders, Marisa Kannheiser, Amber Anders and Kayden Kannheiser; great-grandsons,

Damion Anders, Kash Kannheiser and Kellen Piotrowski; sister, Cheryl (Jim) Pierson; nephews, Jason (Heather) Pierson, Ryan (Jade) Pierson, Josh (Jenna) Pierson and niece, Shelly (Harry) Trefes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harland and Jean Friestad.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. Sixth St., Rochelle, with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. The visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 at the funeral home. The burial will follow the service at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Barb's memory to Rochelle Junior Tackle, Rochelle Township High School Dance Team, St. John's Lutheran Church or the Kitchen Table.

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## Kathryn Schweizer

**ROCHELLE**—Kathryn Lorraine Arwood (Ethridge) Schweizer, 59, passed away Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, at her home. Kathy was born Nov. 9, 1960 in Rochelle, the daughter of Ralph E. And Harriet K. (Hayenga) Arwood.



Kathy loved her Lord Jesus Christ, crocheting, knitting, and spending time with her family and friends.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Lincoln Schweizer; children, Nick (Beth) Ethridge, Randy (Angela) Ethridge, Steven (Stacey) Schweizer, and Andrea (Richard) Laube; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her mother, Harriet K. Arwood; sisters, Lisa (Vinnie) Burton and Marci (Brian) Esgar;

nephew, Jake (Rachel) Burton; two nieces, Kaitlin (Matt) Gille and Erin Esgar; step-children, Sheila (Tim) Thompson, Lincoln (Angela) Schweizer III, and Michael Schweizer; several step-grandchildren, step-nieces and nephews, and many, many friends.

Kathy is preceded in death by her father, Ralph E. Arwood.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. Sixth St. in Rochelle. Memorial visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Kathy's memory may be directed to the family.

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## Joyce Lively

**JONESBORO, Arkansas** — Joyce Ann Lively, 64, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Funeral services are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. Sixth St., Rochelle. Visit [www.UngerHorner.com](http://www.UngerHorner.com) for the full obituary and online guest book.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Man arrested on domestic battery charges Dec. 6

On Dec. 6 at 9:33 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Gustavo Santos Rodriguez, 34, of Rochelle, for domestic battery. He was transported to jail.

On Dec. 7 at 7:35 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Kimberly A. McIntyre, 26, of Rochelle, on an Ogle County warrant. She was transported to jail.

On Dec. 8 at 12:43 a.m., Rochelle police arrested a 13-year old Juvenile, of Rochelle, for burglary, possession of burglary tools and criminal damage to property. He was remanded to the custody of his parents.

On Dec. 8 at 12:43 a.m., Rochelle police arrested a 14-year old Juvenile, from Rochelle, for burglary, possession of burglary tools, and criminal damage to



property. He was remanded to the custody of his parents.

On Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Zechariah Furman, 25, of Rochelle, for violation of a no contact order and stalking. He was transported to jail.

On Dec. 8 at 2:07 p.m., Rochelle police cited Alejandro D. Lopez, 18, of Rochelle, for not having insurance and failure to reduce speed. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Jan. 10.

On Dec. 8 at 11:43 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Kaylin A. Thomas, 29, of Rochelle, for speeding 80 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. She posted I-Bond. Her court date is set for Jan. 10.

On Dec. 8 at 9:11 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Anthony T. Johnson, 37, of Rochelle, for

domestic battery. He was transported to jail.

On Dec. 9 at 12:09 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Michael L. Ford, Jr., 34, of Lithia Springs, Georgia, for possession of cannabis. He posted I-Bond. His court date is set for Jan. 10.

On Dec. 9 at 1:23 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Benjamin T. Wallis, 39, of Rochelle, for having a headlight out, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving with a suspended license and disobeying a stop sign. He posted I-Bond. His court date is set for Jan. 10.

On Dec. 9 at 12:10 p.m., Rochelle police cited John M. Tomaselli, 25, of Bloomingdale, 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. 10.

## Florida man arrested following traffic stop

On Dec. 7 at approximately 1:48 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After the investigation, Tommie L. Hurst, 29, of Bellevue, Florida, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license and obstructing a peace officer. Hurst was also issued citations for illegal transportation of alcohol and operation of a vehicle without proper lighting. Hurst was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held in lieu of bond.

On Dec. 9 at approximately 10:40 a.m., deputies performed a traffic stop in the 6400 block of South Illinois Route 2. After investigation, deputies placed Jesse Hetrick, 40, of Dixon, under arrest for driving while license revoked and a valid Livingston County failure to appear warrant for a DUI. Hetrick was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Hetrick was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Dec. 9 the following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Ralph McCormick, 35, of Chana, for failure to report a change of address. McCormick went to court and was released on a \$10,000 recognizance bond. McCormick was released from the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court on Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Jeremy Owens, 25, of Rockford, for failure to appear. Owens went to court and was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond. Owens was released from the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court on Dec. 30 at 9 a.m.

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# LOCAL VIEWS

## Guest column

# Illinois does not have political patronage

LAST month, I renewed my new driver's license and couldn't help but shake my head and remember the worst job I've ever had: summer driver's license clerk.

I was a 19-year-old college student who had been injured in a farm accident. My summer employment opportunities were limited. But I reached out to a family friend who held the exalted title of Knox County Republican Chairman. He was the guy with the jobs.

If you wanted to work for the state, he's the fellow you went to. Illinois had 102 people like him: county bosses who doled out the jobs. Prison guards, driver's license clerks, highway workers and state bureaucrats could point to someone with political pull who got them hired.

It wasn't a secret. It was just the way things were done in Illinois.

When a Republican governor or secretary of state was in power, the GOP handed out the jobs. The same went for Democrats when they held one of the top spots.

It was a cozy arrangement for the po-

litically connected. But a lousy way of hiring the best people.

I found that out my first day when I was assigned to take driver's license photos.

Nobody likes waiting in line for driver's license renewal. And, trust me, nobody ever likes their driver's license photo. Ever.

But that's not to say driver's license photography didn't have at least one fan in the office.

There was one career employee of the facility who would run over to the camera every time an attractive woman would walk in. A bit breathlessly he would say, "I'll take her picture, Scott."

He'd elbow me aside and start snapping away.

Inevitably, he'd shoot four or five photos of the woman. He'd put one on her driver's license and the other three or four in his billfold. During slow times at the facility he'd sort through his collection of 1 inch by 1 1/4 inch photos com-

menting on the physical attributes of each female.

He was a Democratic patronage hire. In case you think I'm picking on the Democrats, the Republican hires weren't any better.

"In that era, I'd say 25 percent of the patronage of people weren't qualified for their jobs. Another 25 percent were marginally qualified and remainder could do the job," said Jim Nowlan, a former state lawmaker and longtime statehouse observer.

The folks were there not because of merit but because of political connections. Advancement and job security were purchased one political fundraising ticket at a time.

This pervasive patronage culture came to an end because of the work of Mary Lee

Leahy, a crusading Springfield attorney. She led an 11-year fight that ended when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that hiring based on political affiliation was unconstitutional for most state jobs.

"The people who came to my mother for help were people like a mechanic for the Department of Transportation and another was a snowplow driver. They feared losing their jobs because of their political affiliation even though they had nothing to do with policy making," Brigid Leahy said.

But even after the Rutan decision ending patronage, its corrupting culture clung to state government like mildew to a shower curtain.

Secretary of State employees were still expected to sell \$100 fundraising tickets for

whatever politician was secretary of state. Often, they ended up eating the costs themselves.

Several years after that summer job, when I was a graduate student in Public Affairs Reporting, I was questioning then Secretary of State Jim Edgar in a news conference and held up a handful of \$100 tickets that employees had passed on to me. I asked why purchasing them was expected of his agency's workers.

He turned several shades of red and denied it was a problem. It was the first time I had really hacked off a politician in a news conference, but far from the last.

This type of exploitation of workers was the genesis of scandal.

A few years later, Secretary of State employees started shaking down trucking

companies who were bringing in prospective workers to test for trucking licenses. The tickets were purchased and the truckers were licensed – even if they didn't pass the test.

Eventually, the scandal grew encompassing other aspects of government and sent former Secretary of State and Governor George Ryan to prison.

Today, at least officially, Illinois does not have political patronage. Rod Blagojevich and other governors have tried to skirt the patronage ban. But when such efforts are discovered, they are labeled scandals, not business as usual.

That shows there is hope for Illinois.

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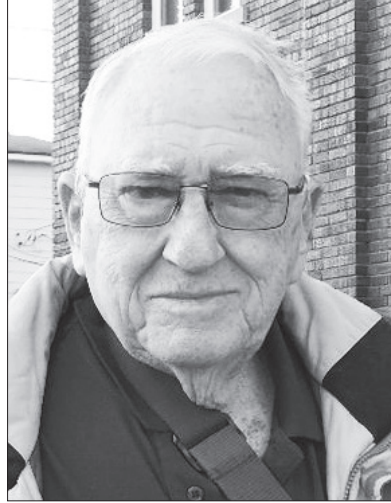
### Question:

**Rumors are swirling that the Chicago Cubs are looking to trade third baseman Kris Bryant. Predictions are the top five teams that could take him are the Washington Nationals, the Philadelphia Phillies, Atlanta Braves, Los Angeles Dodgers and the Texas Rangers. Would you like to see Bryant traded?**



**"I would not like to see him traded, he is a good guy, he was on the team the championship year with Rizzo and some of the guys and I would like to see them see it through. He is a good guy and a solid player."**

Rob Kinney



**"It wouldn't bother me one bit because I am a White Sox fan."**

Paul Mathis



**"I think that is a good thing that they are doing."**

Juan Menez



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# COMMUNITY

## Visitor restrictions lifted at hospital

**ROCHELLE** — Effective immediately, Rochelle Community Hospital has announced that it is lifting visitor restrictions due to Pertussis (whooping cough).

As we enter into flu season, take the following everyday precautions to stay healthy through the winter months:

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Remember the 3C's:

Clean Hands – Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Cover – Cover your cough or sneeze

Contain the germs - Stay home when you are sick.

Spread the word, not germs or illness.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec. 11

Samantha Finkboner

Dec. 12

Tim & Megan South

Dec. 13

Jax Sullivan

Dec. 15

Kellen Eggenburg

Dec. 20

Mario Messer

Dec. 21

Amanda Avila

Dec. 22

Jacob King

Dec. 22

Bill Patrick

Dec. 22

Deb Wooten

Dec. 23

Tristen McGuire

Dec. 24

Luke Gilliam

Dec. 25

Jake Ritter

Dec. 26

Maribel Ortiz

Dec. 28

Annette Sulser

Dec. 28

Chris Prosser

Dec. 29

Kelsey Rogers

Dec. 31

Jamey & Nicole King

Dec. 31

Ruth Allen

Dec. 31

Hayleigh Jones

Call 815-561-2151 to submit names for birthdays and anniversaries

### CALENDAR

- Wed., Dec. 11

1:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednesday)
- Thu., Dec. 12

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes pulled pork over pancakes with sweet and tangy sauce, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.
- Sun., Dec. 15

2 p.m. — The Daughters of the American Revolution Rochelle Chapter will hold a wreath dedication ceremony at St. Patrick Cemetery, with a wreath representing each of the different branches of service with a wreath for each of the veterans and placing the wreaths on individual veteran graves. If you would like to assist us in placing wreaths at veterans' graves, or at the grave of a specific veteran at the cemetery, please leave your name and phone number with the St. Patrick's church office or contact Lydia Roberts at viceregent.DAR.Rochelle@gmail.com. We will be in touch with you, so we can coordinate all our volunteers.
- Mon., Dec. 16

5 to 6 p.m.— Rochelle Christian Community free Monday supper for all in need. The supper is served at St. Patrick Parish Center, 244 Kelley Drive.
- 6:30 p.m. – Group Hope meets in the RCH Health & Wellness Center Conference Room. Provides support with depression and bipolar disorder. Affiliated with the Rock River Mental Health

2019

From The Heart Calendar

FROM THE HEART

DAILY CASH WINNERS

Nov. 30 - Carl Brune, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 1 - Phil Nye Jr., Rochelle, \$50

Dec. 2 - Cody Dale, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 3 - Ann Marie Green, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 4 - John Dobbs, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 5 - Dore Cevene, Caledonia, \$25

Dec. 6 - Steve Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](http://vcctrochelle.org).

**Fri., Dec. 20**  
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](http://vcctrochelle.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://vcctrochelle.org).



## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Chum

4 With 29-Across, Conrad novel

8 Faction

12 Whatever amount

13 Dermatology subject

14 Horn sound

15 Related to summer theater

17 "That hurts!"

18 Decorate a T-shirt, '60s-style

19 Old Olds

21 "— the fields we go"

22 Trite

26 McCartney cohort

29 See 4-Across

30 Praise in verse

31 Doves' place

32 Eviscerate

33 Actress Cannon

34 Commotion

35 Trot

36 Part of a Santa costume

37 1935 Astaire/Rogers movie

39 Oppositionist

40 Swelled head

41 Pester

45 Oodles

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48 Western hero's trademark

50 Suitor

51 Draftable

52 List-ending abbr.

53 Complain

54 Peruse

55 "Quiet!"

DOWN

1 History

2 Oppositionist

3 Orpheus' instrument

4 Attorney

5 Earth tone

6 Genetic stuff

7 Midwestern city

8 Remained upright

9 Debtor's letters

10 Elmer, to Bugs

11 Biblical verb ending

16 Worship

20 Shade source

23 Georgetown athlete

24 Hebrew month

25 See to

26 "Shoo!"

27 — list

28 On

29 Moonshine container

32 Commence hostilities

33 Thick

35 Binge

36 Went by water

38 Excited

39 Porcelain

42 "I'll have what — having"

43 Wooden strip

44 Leave an impression

45 "The Chew" network

46 Meadow

47 Rowing need

49 Weeding tool

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals T

WFKJZS WMBBTXJN ACPJXYCPB

YDKY FKW RCXMY YI DIML

YPKSW IA YITTBL VPKVZBPW:

K VKJKT B RBL.

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King Crossword

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5 3 7 6 2 4 8 1 9

8 6 1 9 9 7 2 3 4

4 7 2 3 1 6 9 8 5

1 5 8 4 7 9 3 6 2

6 9 3 2 8 5 1 4 7

2 4 6 1 5 8 7 9 3

7 8 5 9 4 3 6 2 1

3 1 9 7 6 2 9 7 8

Answer

Swanky sleeping furniture that was built to hold trays of topped crackers. a canape bed.

answer

CryptoQuip

9 H S D E A P C A R V B

5 T E N O W A U A V B

8 I V H A I T E H W I T O L V

4 L E S S A H O E G E T F

1 N O C T I V A H O T P

6 R D B E B G O J O O V A

2 A N O A D M I T T A R C O

7 O A O M I T T A R C O

3 H A T L O O R E O E O

9 T I E D Y A V H M W A N S

5 H C O U C A T I V A N S

1 O O T O A C N E A N A N

3 P A L L O R D S I D E

Solution time: 27 mins.

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

King Crossword



# STATE NEWS

## New rules could cost 140,000 Illinoisans SNAP benefits

Trump administration announces tighter work requirements for many adults

BY PETER HANCOCK  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD —

The Trump administration is about to impose new regulations that would tighten eligibility rules for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps, in a way state officials say could cut off benefits for an estimated 140,000 Illinoisans.

The new rules apply to a category of SNAP recipients ages 18 to 59 known as “able-bodied adults without dependents,” or ABAWDs. Currently, who meet the program’s income eligibility limits are limited to three months of benefits during any 36-month period unless they work at least 20 hours a week or are enrolled in a job training program.

Those conditions were part of a 1996 welfare reform law passed during

the Clinton administration. But the law also allows states to waive the work requirements if the applicant lives in an area marked by high unemployment or where there is a lack of sufficient jobs.

The new rules, which will take effect in April, will tighten the regulations governing those waivers by limiting them to counties with unemployment rates above 6 percent. It is one of several changes to SNAP eligibility being implemented or considered by the Trump administration.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the program, said in a document published Wednesday that about half of all able-bodied adults receiving SNAP live in areas that have received waivers “despite low unemployment levels across the majority of the country.”

“The strong economy is creating opportunities for all,” U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said during a telephone news conference Wednesday. “Now is the time for us to engage with this subset of SNAP participants so that they can know the dignity of work and the lasting transformation that it provides.”

But Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker blasted the new rules, calling them “cruel” and suggesting they are being enacted for other political purposes.

“President Trump is now resorting to the ugliest possible tactics to distract the American people from his impeachment and gin up support from the far right—denying food to the most vulnerable people in our society,” Pritzker said in an email statement. “This is cruel and my administration has fought him at every turn.”

USDA estimates the rule change will make about 668,000 people nationwide ineligible for SNAP, resulting in an estimated \$5.5 billion savings over five years.

Meghan Powers, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Hu-



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**Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks during a signing ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 4 in Chicago of a trailer bill approved during the fall veto session clarifying aspects of the legalization of recreational marijuana. Pritzker on Wednesday also took weighed in on new federal regulations that could cut off access to food stamps for an estimated 140,000 Americans. “This is cruel and my administration has fought (President Trump) at every turn,” Pritzker said.**

man Services, said about 140,000 people in this state would lose eligibility, although she added the agency has been working to find other ways to extend eligibility to those individuals.

“Many SNAP participants face serious barriers to employment, such as mental illnesses, substance use disorders, justice involvement and significant physical limitations, and would not be able to immediately meet the work requirements,” she said in an email statement. “IDHS has been working for months to appropriately exempt any individuals with these barriers so they do not need to meet the work requirements. However, we also recognize that some of our customers can and want to work. To that end, IDHS has also engaged in a robust effort to prepare for this rule change so we can help as many SNAP participants as possible find employment and training that would meet the work requirement.”

“IDHS has been working for months to appropriately exempt any individuals with these barriers so they do not need to meet the work requirements... To that end, IDHS has also engaged in a robust effort to prepare for this rule change so we can help as many SNAP participants as possible find employment...”

Meghan Powers



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# SPORTS



**BAKKEN AT NATIONALS**

Former RTHS runner Katherine Bakken competed at the NAIA XC Nationals.

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## RTHS Girls Basketball

# Total team effort

Three Lady Hubs reach double figures in 63-48 win over Indian Creek

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — It seemed like Indian Creek standout Brooke Heiman was going to take over the basketball game when the Timberwolves faced the Rochelle girls Tuesday evening. But a collective effort from the Lady Hubs thwarted Heiman's 30-point outburst and snapped the team's three-game losing streak.

Three Rochelle players finished in double figures for the first time this season including Sofia Lenkaitis, who scored a team-high 17 points as the Lady Hubs defeated Indian Creek 63-48 and improved to 2-7 overall. It was the first home victory of the winter for the Rochelle girls, who received 15 points from Zoey Tabor and a season-best 14 points from Josie Lundquist.

"It definitely boosts our confidence," Lundquist said. "We definitely figured out our offense tonight. We moved the ball well and we defended them well. We're close and we

play like a team. We know what we can do and we hold each other accountable. I was able to get out there and do what's best for the team."

Heiman scored Indian Creek's first seven points of the game and helped the Timberwolves start on a 7-2 run before Rochelle turned the nonconference contest around. Tabor attacked the basket throughout the first quarter, scoring nine points on a free throw, two layups and a 3-pointer off the glass to help the Lady Hubs enter the second quarter ahead 18-11.

While Heiman was tough for Rochelle to stop, Indian Creek struggled to find offense elsewhere. The Lady Hubs limited the Timberwolves to only two points in the second quarter on a pair of free throws from Heiman, who had 11 points at halftime as Rochelle led the Timberwolves 33-13. Lenkaitis sunk two 3-pointers in the second quarter, following up a strong performance against Stillman Valley on Monday, when she converted three 3-pointers.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Sophomore Zoey Tabor races a trio of Indian Creek defenders down the court during Rochelle's victory over the Timberwolves on Tuesday. Tabor was one of three Lady Hubs to score double-digit points in the game.**

"This win really boosts our confidence," Lenkaitis said. "We played like a team and I think that really helped us out. I've been

practicing my shooting a lot, and I think our ability to work together allowed us to pass the ball around and create good shots."

The third quarter was Lundquist's time to shine, as the sophomore pushed the pace and used some nifty low-post moves to

score seven points and keep the Lady Hubs comfortably ahead.

See GIRLS page 3

## RTHS Wrestling

# Five Hubs medal at Giardini Invitational

Nadig, Garza, Harvey take home second-place finishes

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCKFORD** — Five Rochelle wrestlers brought home medals from the Giardini Invitational at Rockford East on Saturday. Caleb Nadig, Bryan Garza and Ben Harvey all placed second in their brackets, while Noah Messer took third and Keegan Davis-Carter finished fifth for the Hubs, who placed seventh out of 15 schools with 117 points.

Nadig (8-1) took second place at 126 pounds, beginning the tournament with three consecutive falls over Kaneland's Kole Valignota, East Aurora's Branden Madera and Metea Valley's Kenny Siwicki to reach the championship match. The sophomore battled Geneseo's Luke Henkhaus for the title, losing by 7-2 decision to finish second.

Garza (7-1) placed second at 170 pounds, receiving a first-round bye and then defeating LaSalle-Peru's Nick Krolak by 6-0 decision to enter the semi-finals. Garza won by fall

over Belvidere's Jake Bell to take on Zion-Benton's Jordan Chisum for the title, and in the championship bout, Chisum defeated Garza by 15-6 major decision to place the Rochelle senior in second.

Harvey (7-1) came very close to winning the 195-pound bracket, falling by 3-1 sudden victory against Rockford East's Zander Guttridge in the championship match. The junior opened tournament action with a fall over East Aurora's Aldo Rivera before picking up an 8-2 decision over St. Charles North's Colman Gonnella and a 3-2 decision against Metamora's Payton Cardin to enter the finals.

Messer (5-3) took third place at 182 pounds after rallying to defeat Wau-bonsie Valley's Nathan Pappas by fall in the third period of the consolation finals. Messer received a first-round bye and an injury forfeit over Metea Valley's Temur Akbarov, but the junior lost by 15-0 technical fall against eventual champion Matthew Chavers from Freeport.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**The Rochelle wrestling team had five competitors medal at the Giardini Invitational on Saturday. Above from left to right are Caleb Nadig, Bryan Garza, Ben Harvey, Noah Messer and Keegan Davis-Carter.**

Davis-Carter (7-3) finished fifth at 138 pounds, defeating Zion-Benton's David Muma by 12-2 major decision for the final medal position. Eventual champion Jack Seacrist of Rockford East edged Davis-Carter out by 6-4 sudden victory in the opening round before the senior rallied for four straight wins including the fifth-place bout. Davis-

Carter topped Geneseo's Aiden Damewood by 17-4 major decision, received an injury forfeit over St. Charles North's Carson Janchik and beat Belvidere's Caden Lendman by 13-7 decision.

Zeke Horn (5-3) nearly medaled for the Hubs, placing sixth at 160 pounds. Horn dropped a tough 5-3 decision to LaSalle-Peru's Parker Swiskoski in the

first round before receiving a consolation bye and pinning Freeport's Micah McIntosh soon after. Horn slipped past Kaneland's Jack Yore by 6-5 decision to reach the fifth-place bout, where the senior lost by fall against Rolling Meadows grappler Sam Dornbos.

Sophomore Ethan Tool-ey (3-5) scored seven points at 145 pounds for

Rochelle, while junior Ivan Pineda (5-3) added four points at 106 pounds and junior Grant Thompson (5-3) recorded three points at 132 pounds. Senior Zack Capes (3-2) totaled two points at 285 pounds. Senior Diego Escobar didn't score, but picked up two wins over North Boone's Garrett Louis and East Aurora's Angel Solis at 170 pounds.





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**Wesley  
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*Sport: Wrestling*

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

*A: Two years.*

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

*A: I enjoy the conditioning.*

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

*A: Math because I understand it.*

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

*A: My brother Austin because he's good at sports.*

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

*A: My grandpa because he's always there for me.*

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

*A: To be a construction worker because I'd make good money.*

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

*A: Hawaii because there are a lot of volcanoes there.*

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

*A: I like seeing the crowds watching and cheering for me and my teammates.*



**Jaden  
Cook**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Wrestling*

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

*A: Four years.*

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

*A: The discipline and force driving the matches.*

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

*A: Biology because I get to see reactions of things that happen.*

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

*A: Charlie Jandak because he's strong and fast and I want to*

*become stronger and faster.*

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

*A: To be a professional football player or something in sports.*

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

*A: Possible the Bahamas.*

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

*A: There's always help whenever you need it and the programs help me become a stronger athlete.*



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# SPORTS

## GIRLS: Guards step up in loss against Stillman Valley

From page 1

Trailing 49-31 entering the fourth quarter, Heiman took over for the Timberwolves, using high screens to sink three straight 3-pointers and bring Indian Creek within single digits.

But the one-woman army wouldn't be enough for the Timberwolves, who had no other players reach double figures Tuesday evening. Seven players entered the scorebook for the Lady Hubs including Bella Lodico, who made two 3-pointers and finished with nine points.

### Stillman Valley

Lady Hub guards Zoey Tabor and Sofia Lenkaitis had been struggling to find their shooting rhythm through the early portion of the season. That wasn't the same story Monday evening, as the girls combined for six 3-pointers and 24 points during Rochelle's nonconference game against the Stillman Valley Cardinals.

Tabor led Rochelle with six points at halftime before

Lenkaitis caught fire in the third quarter, making two 3-pointers and scoring a team-high seven points in the period. Both players finished with 12 points, but their offensive outbursts weren't enough Monday, as the Cardinals held the Lady Hubs to four points in the final quarter of their 53-39 loss. Rochelle fell to 1-7 overall.

"Both of those kids were putting up shots that they weren't able to make earlier in the season," head coach Tony Rowan said. "Hopefully this game will help build their confidence. Sofia has done a great job taking over the starting point guard role and taking the pressure... Zoey plays with a lot of heart and I'm really happy to have that kid in our program."

The Lady Hubs have faced full-court and three-quarter-court pressures for most of the season, and that remained the same Monday night, as the Cardinals forced Rochelle to run its press-breakers against tough two-player and three-player traps. While the Lady

Hubs showed improved ball movement against the press, half-court traps led to multiple transition layups for Stillman Valley early in the contest.

"We handled their pressure pretty well," Rowan said. "They were like amoebas out there in that they shifted well and played with a very high basketball IQ. They were trapping us high and low. We're going to have some turnovers, but the big thing for us will be not making passes too far down the court, and I think the girls reacted well to each other tonight."

Despite tough defense from Stillman Valley, Rochelle remained in the game with a stout first-half defensive effort of its own, holding Cardinal point guard Georgia Ballard scoreless until the start of the third quarter. The Lady Hubs closed the first half on a 5-0 run that included a Tabor 3-pointer and a layup from Josie Lundquist, who had six points in the game.

"We've always tried being a man-to-man team and we felt this was a team



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Josie Lundquist puts up a tough shot during Rochelle's girls basketball game against the Stillman Valley Cardinals on Monday.

we could match up well against," Rowan said. "Our kids did a great job shifting around. We got beat on the offensive boards and we gave up too many second and third shots. If we can clean up the boards, we can be more successful."

Leading 22-19 after the

first half, Stillman Valley stretched its lead by starting the third quarter on an 8-4 run behind Ballard and Payton Barger, who scored a game-high 16 points. Ballard used her jump-stops and running floaters in the paint to score 11 of her 13 points in the third quarter

and help the Cardinals take a 41-35 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Stillman Valley went on an 8-0 run from there, and Rochelle didn't score again until Lenkaitis converted a short layup under the basket with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

### Cross Country



(COURTESY PHOTO)

### Bakken helps St. Francis University women's cross country team to fourth at NAIA Championship

Former Rochelle Township High School distance running standout Katherine Bakken competed alongside the St. Francis University women's cross country during the NAIA National Championships in Vancouver, Washington this past month. Bakken and the Fighting Saints recorded their best performance in school history, finishing fourth overall with 238 points after entering the event ranked No. 5 in the NAIA Top 25 Coaches Poll. Bakken (second from right), who placed 119th individually with a time of 19:35.2, is pictured above with her St. Francis teammates and their team awards.

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Applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and a safe driving record. In addition, they must be able to load, unload and carry multiple bundles of 5 to 10 pounds each.

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