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## Small Business Bingo planning for 2024 events

Local event raised \$18,853 for area nonprofits during fall of 2023

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Preliminary planning is underway for the potential return of Small Business Bingo events in Rochelle in fall 2024 after its inaugural four events raised \$18,853 for area nonprofits in 2023, Event Organizer and AP Massage Therapy Owner Ashley Patrick said at Jan. 23's Rochelle Rotary Club meeting.

Patrick came up with the idea of bingo nights in the community with prizes donated by local businesses to raise money for area nonprofits last year. The four events in fall 2023 raised money for Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, HOPE of Ogle County, Foundation for Focus House, and The Kitchen Table.

The support by local businesses and the attendance of the events surpassed Patrick's wildest expectations, as it saw 100 sponsors that donated prizes, raffle baskets and made monetary donations from the Rochelle community and beyond, and the first event saw 170 attendees with the



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following three seeing 250-300 people. Due to demand, Small Business Bingo had to move its final two events to the hangar at Flight Deck Bar & Grill, the largest event space in town.

The Small Business Bingo events came at a cost of \$15 per person for 10 rounds of bingo. Patrick said the events pulled in a larger group in the community to help nonprofits.

"I saw a lot of our nonprofits really needing more help, like with HOPE of Ogle County seeing funding cuts and The Kitchen Table seeing issues with volunteers and keeping things going," Patrick said. "I don't want to see us lose any of the good organizations that we're fortunate to have locally. I wanted to have something fun for people to do to get them involved and motivate them to want to give back. But it didn't have to be on a big scale. People didn't have to give hundreds of dollars to make a difference. My main goal was to do something that showed people that even a small gesture of \$15 can help when so many people come together to be part of an event that's fun."

Patrick said that due to the overwhelming support of businesses last year, she didn't have to do much work seeking donations for Small Business Bingo in 2023. Many small businesses had people volunteer as well.

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## Rochelle's Turner finds passion in wheelchair rugby

'As soon as I tried it, I instantly fell in love with it'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — After a friend spent three months trying to talk him into trying it, Nolan Turner of Rochelle finally agreed to try wheelchair rugby about a year ago.

"I finally gave in and gave it a shot," Turner said. "As soon as I tried it, I instantly fell in love with it."

In August 2021, Turner suffered a C5/C6 incomplete spinal cord injury in a car accident. The injury left him essentially paralyzed from the neck down. He is confined to a wheelchair and has limited feeling in and use of his upper body.

Turner has spent the past year practicing and competing in rugby after he was convinced by that friend, who he met in a rehab hospital. He practices two times a week in Chicago and has competed in tournaments throughout the midwest, most recently in Louisville, Kentucky.

Turner played sports when he was younger, but had no previous experience with rugby until he started playing a year ago.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Hillcrest man found not guilty of aggravated criminal sexual abuse after jury trial

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OREGON**—Following a jury trial on Jan. 18 at the Ogle County Courthouse, a Hillcrest man was found not guilty of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Eric Arnquist of law firm Tess, Crull & Arnquist, said.

On March 3, 2021, Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jody T. Willis, 44, of Hillcrest, and charged him with four counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child following an investigation the Ogle County Sheriff's Office began in August of 2020 in which Willis was alleged to

have sexual contact with a female minor. The allegations were from 2008 and 2013.

Willis is a resident of Hillcrest and was employed as a Rochelle Fire Department firefighter for more than a decade. The prosecution proceeded to trial on one count of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and two counts of aggravated

criminal sexual abuse. The trial commenced before Judge John B. Roe in courtroom 302 of the Ogle County Courthouse on Jan. 16 and finished on Jan. 18.

"Mr. Willis testified on Jan. 18 and vehemently denied the allegations against him," Arnquist said. "The jury returned verdicts of not guilty on all counts in less than one

hour."

Willis was represented by Russ Crull and Arnquist from Tess, Crull & Arnquist.

"We at Tess, Crull & Arnquist pride ourselves in representing people like Jody Willis in cases just like this," a statement from the law firm said. "These cases are exceptionally difficult due to the media and social media

they receive. We thank the jury for considering all the evidence and delivering a just verdict. Mr. Willis has always unequivocally denied the allegations that were made against him. Mr. Willis waited patiently for his day in court and when that day came, Mr. Willis was completely exonerated of every single charge against him by a jury of his peers."

## Kennay Farms Distilling partners with Grown Climate Smart Rochelle distillery utilizes local grains as well as sustainable farming practices

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE**—Kennay Farms Distilling in Rochelle has collaborated with The DeLong Company and its Grown Climate Smart program to showcase the use of sustainable grain in its spirits.

The distillery that now resides in the renovated former space of the Hub Theater has been using certified sustainable grains since its inception, and the Kennay family farm has been certified sustainable for the past eight years. The collaboration with the Grown Climate Smart program will see a logo placed on Kennay Farms Distilling bottles to differentiate them on the market and give consumers a chance to champion sustainable products.

The DeLong Co. is a sixth-generation, family-owned agribusiness

with headquarters in Clinton, Wisconsin and many grain facilities in Illinois. Grown Climate Smart is a \$40 million program funded by the USDA's \$3.1 billion Climate-Smart Commodities grant that was awarded to The DeLong Co.

The Grown Climate Smart program works with farmers on promoting and incentivizing sustainable farming practices such as cover crops, reduced or no-till, nutrient management plans and windbreaks. Throughout 2023 it enrolled over 160 growers throughout 11 states and sent out over \$6.5 million worth of incentives directly to farmers doing sustainable practices.

The second part of The DeLong Co.'s grant work will involve building and developing a market that commands a premium for products made with sustainably-grown and

produced grain, such as the spirits sold by Kennay Farms Distilling, The DeLong Co. Brand and Marketing Manager Dylan Vaca said.

"Part of that is the consumers need to know what they're buying and purchasing," Vaca said. "That's how this partnership and collaboration came to be. We realized that we had to work with a distillery like this that has consumer-facing products that utilize sustainable grains and ingredients. We're really excited about working with companies that have products out there for consumers to purchase, to get them to think about their moral compass of what they want to buy. Sustainably-marked products are a huge market right now."

Vaca said The DeLong Co. has done similar partnerships with other distilleries in the past that have seen "great



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

**Kennay Farms Distilling in Rochelle has collaborated with The DeLong Company and its Grown Climate Smart program to showcase the use of sustainable grain in its spirits.**

success and feedback." He said that 17.3 percent of products on the market are currently marked as sustainable or something similar to it, but those products make up one third of all product growth.

"We think that's really interesting," Vaca said. "It's becoming more and more common. We realize that we can't be the only one. There need to be a lot of players that come together and find a sustainable market. It's

getting there."

Kennay Farms Distilling Owner Rick Kennay said that he wanted his farm to go through the sustainability certification process eight years ago to keep soil in place and improve it through reduced tillage.

"From a farmer's standpoint, you have to keep the soil in place," Kennay said. "If you lose your soil, you lose your productivity. That was my number-one goal, keeping the soil in place. The number-two goal is to improve the soil that's there. God put it there. It's my job to be a steward for a short period of time of 50 years or so. I want to improve what's there. I think we can do that and still be a productive farmer. It's kind of a dual role. You want to be a productive farmer and keep that soil in place. I think we can do both. That's what we're attempting to do. Improve what we do and keep what's already there."

Due to the fact that it was already using sustainable grain, the collaboration and recognition won't require any changes in the ways Kennay Farms Distilling produces its products.

"That's the nice part about it," Vaca said. "A lot of times we might talk to another company or business and there's difficulties about changing their supply chains and ingredients and sourcing sustainable grains. The nice thing about this partnership is there's ultimately nothing they need to change. They've already gone through that journey of becoming sustainable. We're really excited about it and creating a differentiator in the market that shows a difference and why this product is better."



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Zekelman Industries introduces new rally cry Manufacturer launches new mobile app for employees, logo and website

**ROCHELLE** — Zekelman Industries, the largest independent steel pipe and tube manufacturer in North America, and an innovator in integrated real estate development, introduces a powerful, yet personal, brand and belief system. As the family-driven company prepares for a new wave of growth, Executive Chairman and CEO Barry Zekelman kicked off the first ever company-wide townhall live from Zekelman's newest and most technologically advanced factory in Rochelle, streaming to thousands of teammates at multiple facilities across the U.S. and Canada on Jan. 11. He

outlined future plans for the company and encouraged all associates to embrace the company's new rally cry, Believe in What You Build™. "Believe in What You Build formalizes what has really been the soul of our company, with roots dating back to 1877," Zekelman said. "It's a call to action for our teammates, markets, and customers we serve, that together we can achieve more." Zekelman continues to set investment records in new facilities, technology, and most importantly, its people. The family of Zekelman companies now includes 20 manufacturing

locations with more than 2,900 employees across nine U.S. states and Ontario, Canada. In the past five years, the company has invested over \$2.3 billion into its business with \$1.1 billion towards facility modernization and expansion, and just over \$1.2 billion in modular construction factories and housing developments. Examples of the company's commitment to believing in what they build include: Launch of Z Modular, the only fully integrated self-developer of multi-family housing, re-inventing the modular building and construction process. To date, Z Modular

has completed four housing projects totaling 1,104 apartments and currently has an additional eight housing developments with 2,154 units under construction in Arizona, Texas, and Canada. Atlas Tube Jumbo Mill in Blytheville, Arkansas, the world's largest continuous ERW mill manufactures structural steel products not previously available from a domestic producer, creating new opportunities in architectural design and structural engineering. This facility created more than 180 jobs. Wheatland Tube's Rochelle plant, the company's most advanced manufac-

turing facility dedicated to electrical conduit, fence framework, and solar applications. This expansion created more than 200 jobs in the area. Continual investments across all factories, with updates including automated warehouses and loading cranes, expansion of hot-dip galvanization capabilities, and ongoing initiatives focused on enhancing safety, increasing efficiency, and producing more sustainably. The strategic initiative is supported by numerous elements, including: New website at [www.zekelman.com](http://www.zekelman.com) where the Zekelman beliefs and com-

pany's culture come to life. Launch of Z-Connect, a new mobile app for all teammates to stay connected better than ever. New logo, simplified to "Zekelman" and featuring an updated color scheme. Fresh campaigns, product marketing, and communication initiatives rolling out throughout the year. "This company has been around for a long time and has never been stronger," Zekelman said to associates in the town hall last week. "When I see all of you succeed and prosper, that is my proudest moment. The greatest thing is to see all of you do well and build your future with our company."

## BINGO: Patrick shares plans to continue small business event

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For the 2024 year, Patrick said a hurdle will be finding volunteers to help her run the events by calling bingo, selling raffle tickets, and helping in other areas. Another challenge will be finding sponsorships to cover the large venue rental fees for each night of Small Business Bingo. The community has already been wanting to know when Small Business Bingo will return, Patrick said. "I've had a lot of people asking when the next event is going to happen," Patrick said. "I hope to bring it back in the fall this year. I was able to get exactly 100 donors for sponsors last year. I'm hoping with more time to plan, I can expand that in 2024 with not just prizes, but people

volunteering or maybe even hosting more than four events. I want to be able to help as many of our local organizations as possible. If I can get enough people willing to help and sponsor, then I'm willing to put in the work and host as many of the events as people are willing to show up and play bingo for." The events in 2023 also gave the benefiting nonprofits a platform to let those in attendance know more about their causes and how they can help. The need for volunteers in the community and nationwide has been larger in recent years. Patrick thanked everyone who trusted her and helped her with the events in 2023 and said she's excited for 2024. "I think what most people saw in it and why it grew was because it was about



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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giving back first," Patrick said. "It was getting the average person that maybe doesn't have the funds to normally feel like they

could make a donation to a nonprofit, but they could still be involved and be a part of something bigger. We had hundreds of people

show up and a lot of them came to all four events. The cost per person to play bingo was only \$15, but look what we did. Businesses

donated prizes and raffle baskets, but they were also here paying to play. Everyone really came together to show their support."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Caroline Ethel Kessen

**ROCHELLE** — Caroline Ethel Kessen, 95, passed away Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Liberty Village in Rochelle, Illinois. Caroline was born on March 30, 1928 to George F. and Maxine D. (Hauser) Schabacker in Rochelle. On November 26, 1955, she married David F. Kessen in Oregon, IL. They were married for almost 60 years before he passed on September 27, 2015. Caroline worked with her husband for many years.

Caroline was a strong person with a heart of gold. She truly loved life and made the most of everything she did. She enjoyed playing cards, canning, mowing the yard, gardening, crocheting and loved traveling. ... fast.

She is survived by her six children: Gary Clark of

Chana, IL; Gayla Clubb of Monroe Center, IL; Stewart (Stephanie) Kessen of Globe, AZ; Joanna (William) Newman of Claypool, AZ; Lois (Steve) Delhotal of Rochelle and Sarah (Robert) Tarlton of Phoenix, AZ; four sisters: Delores Willis of Greelee, CO; Mildred Allen of Ringle WI; Elaine Powell of Topeka, KS; and Joyce Schabacker of Rochelle; two brothers-in-law, Harry Travis and Robert Kessen; three sisters-in-law: Norma Schabacker, JoAnn Kessen and Elaine Kessen; many grandchildren and great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Caroline was preceded in death by her brother, August Schabacker; sister, Martha Travis; two sons-in-law, Melvin Clubb and



Randy Rowley; grandson, Justin Clubb; great granddaughter, Katie Croffoot; step grandson, Jeffery Suddeth and step granddaughter, Wendy Martin. The visitation will be from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M., Monday, January 29, 2024 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 30 at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Patrick Cemetery in Rochelle. A memorial will be established. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the guest book.

### Susan Jean (Kosterman) Bauman

**SYCAMORE** — Susan Jean (Kosterman) Bauman, 65, of Sycamore, passed away unexpectedly at her home Monday, January 22, 2024.

She was born April 15, 1958 in Elgin, IL the daughter of Elmer Eugene and Gladys Mae (Gutzdorf) Kosterman.

Susan was a graduate of Larkin High School, Class of 1976. Susan was an accounting specialist at Elgin Community college prior to her retirement.

On December 25, 1983 Susan married Donald Bauman at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod in Elgin.

She enjoyed traveling with her partner, Daniel.

Survivors include her partner, Daniel Keen; her step-daughters Tammy Bauman and Christine Zdybel; two step-grandchildren Katelyn and Ethan of Elgin; her two brothers Donald (Kathy) Kosterman and David (Andrea) Kosterman; her sister Mary Jane Dieter; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Donald; her brother Jim; and her sister Diane.

At Susan's request, there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, me-



morials can be made to Mooseheart Child City & School <https://www.moosecharities.org/> in memory of Susan J. Bauman in care of Anderson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 605, 2011 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, IL 60115. For information, visit [www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com](http://www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com) or call 815-756-1022.

### Jane Helen Reineck

**ROCHELLE** — Jane Helen Reineck, 70, passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. Jane was born to Ernest and Hisako (Tomonaga) Chisamore on May 21, 1953 in Great Lakes, Illinois. Jane married her high school sweet heart, Craig Reineck, on August 2, 1975. She was a loving mother to her three children: Trisha Rodeghero, Jaime (Ryan) Haedt, and Nicholas (Ann) Reineck. She was the most amazing "Gammy" to her eight grandchildren - Taelynn, Cambrey, Cohen, Leni, Joey, Nelson, Benjamin, and Tate - they were her entire world.

Jane had a special way of lighting up the lives of those who knew her. She brought joy, love, and laughter to all who were fortunate enough to know her. She was the epitome of selflessness. Jane touched the lives of those around her with her genuine kindness, unwavering generosity, and infectious joy. Her selfless nature extended beyond her family to her community, where she found joy in serving on numerous Tres Dias weekends and was known for her acts of kindness and willingness to lend a helping hand to those in need. Her legacy of compassion will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

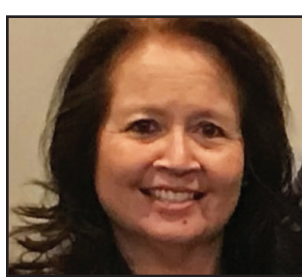
Jane's faith in the Lord was unwavering. She was a lifelong member of St. Paul and served its students for 30+ years. She devoted herself wholeheartedly to the students she taught.

Jane found so much joy in teaching her students about Jesus and His love. She spent countless hours cutting construction paper, laminating, and planning for whole-class trips to Florida. She imparted invaluable lessons of kindness, compassion, and love that will forever be etched in the hearts of the 1,500+ children she had the pleasure of knowing and serving.

While Jane loved her own children immeasurably, nothing could compare to the love that she had for her eight grandchildren. Her role as "Gammy" brought her infinite joy - never missing an opportunity to share a laugh, make ice cream, or be their #1 fan (one of her favorite places to be was with Craig in the crowd of a sporting event or dance recital). No matter what, she made sure her grandkids knew she loved them "bunches and bunches in the whole world." These grandkids are her legacy.

Jane found joy in baking, making ice cream with her grandkids, hosting summer cookouts at the pool with family, having a good belly laugh with her sister, playing dominoes with her mom and dad, visiting Magnolia with her reunion sisters, and hosting her favorite day of the year - "Christmas at Gammy's house." To sum it up, Jane was happiest when she was with those she loved.

Jane is preceded in death by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Milton and Hester Reineck, her brother-



er-in-law and sister-in-law, Larry and Ramona Reineck, and her dear friends Kathy and Deanie. Jane is survived by her parents, husband, children, grandchildren, loving sister/partner-in-crime: Joyce (Tom) Ogden; brother: James (Sarah) Chisamore; brother-in-law: Steve (Julie) Reineck; cousins, nieces, nephews, her beloved reunion sisters, and many amazing friends and former students.

As we mourn her loss, let us remember to be kind, love one another, laugh uncontrollably with someone else, and when you see a bright star in the sky, know Jane is smiling down on you and smile back.

Visitation will be on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 4 - 8 pm at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle, IL. Funeral will be at 10 am on Friday, February 2 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1415 10th Ave, Rochelle with Pastor William Tucker officiating. Burial will follow at the Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran School, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the R.T.H.S. Education Foundation. On-line guest book at [www.UngerHorner.com](http://www.UngerHorner.com)

### Ronald A. Dinsmore

**ASHTON** — Ronald A. Dinsmore of Ashton, IL, 82, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in Rochelle, IL. Ron was born on September 27, 1941 to Russell E. and L.T. Girtue (Fightmaster) Dinsmore in Sycamore, IL. On March 4, 1961, he married Dorine Kidder in Belvidere, IL.

Ron's love for Christ began when he accepted Jesus Christ when he was 9 years old. He grew up in Sycamore as the 2nd child of Russell and Gertie. When he was in 5th grade, he moved to Belvidere. After graduating from Belvidere High School, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Dorine. They started dating when they were Sophomores in high school.

He was part of the Youth for Christ Quiz Team, which began his love for the Bible. Ron attended Moody Bible Institute where he graduated with a Christian Education diploma. He taught many Sunday school classes and was in church leadership most of this adult life. His life revolved around his relationship with Christ, serving and volunteering in any way he could, in the church, community and with Gideons International.

He took many short-term mission trips to a missionary

school in Guatemala to work on the school's infrastructure with his many skills in the building trades. He also went to New Orleans to help with the Katrina Relief Efforts. He was a faithful member of Grace Fellowship Church in Ashton. Ron was a loving, dedicated, and faithful husband, father, grandpa and great grandpa.

He cherished spending time with his family and he spent his time making life better for those around him. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening, vacationing with his family and serving as a volunteer fireman in many of the communities that he resided. He always loved working and tinkering with home repair projects for his family and many others. Ron's profession was working for Air Products & Chemicals for 30 plus years as a plant superintendent.

Ron invested his time in family and is loved by his wife of 62 years, Dorine Dinsmore of Ashton; three children: Steve and Brenda (Feher) Dinsmore were married in 1986 and Brenda was deceased in 2006. Then Steve and Leslie (Cooper) were married in 2014, and Leslie was deceased in 2022 of Washburn, WI. Kevin and Ami (Lackos) were married in 1993, and Ami was deceased in 2021, of Loxahatchee, FL. Cindy and Jim



LaBorn were married in 1995 of Westmont IL. Ron also has ten grandchildren: Ashley (Tim) Stalvig, Jacob Dinsmore, Mabel (Sam Swapinski) Cooper, Sam Borchers, Sofie Borchers, Everett Dinsmore, Emily Dinsmore, Grant Dinsmore, Megan Dinsmore and Sarah-Ashley Dinsmore, and two great grandchildren: Henry and Hazel Stalvig.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by his brother, Stanley Dinsmore.

The visitation will be from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Grace Fellowship Church, 2128 IL Rt. 38, Ashton, IL. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 A.M., Monday, January 29 at the First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle with Pastor Jeff Ardissonne officiating. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore, IL. Memorials may be made in Ron's memory to The Gideons International. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Ogle County Sheriff's Department

**OREGON** — On Jan. 23, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of North Kishwaukee Road. As a result, Karina F. Canizal, 34, of Rockford was arrested for driving while license revoked. Canizal was additionally issued citations for operating a motor vehicle with registration/suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and possession of cannabis/improper

container/driver. Canizal was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Jan. 24, deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Town Line Road and Illinois Route 2. After investigation, deputies placed Bradford Reiners, 43, of Rockford, under arrest for no valid driver's license. Reiners was additionally

issued a citation for improper lane usage. Reiners was released on a notice to appear at the scene and given a future court date.

On Jan. 24, deputies along with Oregon Fire/EMS Department responded to a single-vehicle crash in the 6,000 block of South Lowden Road. After a brief investigation, it was learned that Nikhil Rayala, 26, of Macomb was

traveling northbound when two deer ran in front of his vehicle. Due to the dense fog, Rayala was unable to observe the deer until very close to striking them. Rayala swerved off of the roadway before striking a significant amount of snow and the ditch where his vehicle sustained extensive front-end damage. Rayala was evaluated by Oregon EMS and released from the scene.

On Jan. 25 at approximately 8:23 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of West Illinois Route 72, Leaf River. After an investigation, Patrick M. Homeyer, 48, of Leaf River, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Homeyer was also cited for speeding and unsafe backing on a roadway. Homeyer was transported to the Ogle

County Jail before being released on a notice to appear.

On Jan. 25, deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. After further investigation, deputies arrested Bret Cooksey, 63, of Rock Falls, for driving while license suspended. Cooksey was released on a notice to appear.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Upcoming VCCT events at the Lincoln Arts Center

**ROCHELLE** — The Vince Carney Community Theater recently released information on upcoming events at the Lincoln Arts Center.

**Philip Earl Johnson**  
At 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28, VCCT will have a professional actor/comedian performing a brand new show. The backstage passes are already sold out and there are only a few tickets left for the show, but

VCCT would love to max out the house! Philip Earl Johnson (aka MooNiE) is an actor and variety comedian with almost 30 years of full-time professional work. His credits include productions at The Step-penwolf, Goodman, Writers, Royal George, Chicago Shakespeare, Court, Famous Door, American Theatre Company and The Paramount Theatre (Aurora) in Chicago as

well as the national tour of Angels in America: Parts I and II. He has guest starred on Chicago Med, Chicago Fire, Mind Games, Early Edition, The Untouchables, Kindred: The Embraced, and Underemployed as well as the film The Out of Towners. Tickets will be available at the door for last minute folks on Sunday.

**Leaving Iowa**  
Auditions for VCCT's next

community production are taking place Feb. 4 & 5. VCCT will be producing 'Leaving Iowa', a nationally-performed comedy written by Spike Manton & Rochelle's own Tim Clue. The show will be directed by Amy Frank and Terry Camplain the last two weekends in April. VCCT is looking for at least six people - teen to senior, all genders, all races & ethnicities.

**Andy Beningo**  
At 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8, VCCT is bringing a professional comedian to its stage: Andy Beningo. Andy performs an entirely family-friendly show. He was named "Best Comedian" by both the Detroit Metro Times and Detroit Hour magazine, and recently one of the 40 Best Up and Coming comedians in the country. He has appeared on Comedy

Central's Gotham Comedy Live, CMT's Next Big Comic - and his 45-minute Drybar Comedy special has over seven million views on social media. He's a regular guest on the Bob and Tom show and was a special guest on Larry the Cable Guy's Weekly Round Up on XM Sirius radio.

More details are on the VCCT website (VCCTrochelle.org).

### ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**ROCHELLE** — On Jan. 23 at 11:42 a.m. Marco A. Hernandez, 31, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Feb.

16 Rochelle court date.  
On Jan. 24 at 4:29 p.m. Alexander Burke, 18, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.  
On Jan. 24 at 3:13 p.m. Hector Deleon, 18,

of Rochelle was cited for speeding 60 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a March 1 Rochelle court date.  
On Jan. 24 at 4:45 p.m.

Jose J. Parra-Rodriguez, 35, of Rochelle was cited for improper lane usage. He signed a promise to comply and was given a March 1 Rochelle court date.  
On Jan. 25 at 9:41 a.m.

Erica R. Thompson, 44, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant. She paid \$300 and was released with a March 27 court date.  
On Jan. 25 at 2:26 p.m. Breeann C. Hutchinson,

32, of Sycamore was cited for a taillight violation. She signed a promise to comply and was given a March 1 Rochelle court date.  
All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

### Rochelle Area

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Ashton Bible Church**, corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website [www.ashtonbible.org](http://www.ashtonbible.org). Sunday School for all ages 9:00-10:00am, Morning Worship 10:15am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm.

**The Bridge Church**, Pastor Greg Duncan, 11038 E. IL Route 38, Rochelle, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-7750. Sunday School: 9:00 am; Sunday Service: 10:00 am; Nursery & Children's ministry during am service; Bible Study Tuesday 10:00 am and Wednesday 7:00 pm. Web: [thebridgechurchrochelle.com](http://thebridgechurchrochelle.com) Email: [thebridgechurchrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:thebridgechurchrochelle@gmail.com)

**Calvary Lighthouse Church, Assemblies of God**, Senior Pastor, Dr. James Horvath. 14409 Hemstock Rd., Rochelle. Sunday Morning: Sunday Worship & Children's Church 10:00 A.M., Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. – Adult Teaching, Missionettes & Royal Rangers Childrens Classes, Nursery available for all services. HE-Brews Cafe is open before and after services. For further information, please call the CLC office at 815-562-7701, or email us at [staff@calvarylighthouse.com](mailto:staff@calvarylighthouse.com)

**Calvary Lutheran Church, LCMC** - "To Know Christ and to Proclaim Christ in Word and Deed" -19 Perry Road, Lee, IL 60530 (the intersection of Perry Road and W. County Line Road). Rev. Martha Uecker Nelson, Pastor. Coffee Hour starts at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study are at 9:15 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. and is broadcast live on Facebook. Go to our website is at [www.Calvarychurchlee.org](http://www.Calvarychurchlee.org) and click on the link there. A Grief Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call or text (815) 824-2825 or email [CalvaryLeeIL@gmail.com](mailto:CalvaryLeeIL@gmail.com) with questions or for more information. Also check us out at [www.facebook.com/Calvary-Lutheran-Church](https://www.facebook.com/Calvary-Lutheran-Church).

**Rochelle Church of Christ**, Keeping Christ at the center in the Hub City. We meet Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study and 10:00am for worship. We also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm. 206 Erickson Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068. You can call us at (815) 562-6572 or visit us on the web at [rochellechurch.com](http://rochellechurch.com). We also have a radio program Sundays just after 8am on WRHL 1060AM. Minister Dominic Venuso.

**Creston United Methodist Church and Steward United Methodist Church** - Rev. Ilhan You, Creston: 126 West South Street, P.O. Box 209, Creston, Illinois 60113. Sunday morning worship 9:00am. Coffee fellowship at 10:15am. Steward: 507 Main Street, P.O. Box 80, Steward, IL 60553. Adult Sunday School, 10:00am. Sunday morning worship and Children's Sunday School 11:00am. Contact the church office at 847-730-4370 for more information. [facebook.com/crestonumcil](https://facebook.com/crestonumcil) [facebook.com/stewardilumc](https://facebook.com/stewardilumc)

**Elim Reformed Church**, 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-6811. Email [goelimchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goelimchurch@gmail.com) Website [www.goelimchurch.org](http://www.goelimchurch.org) Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 Rev. Marv Jacobs

**Faith Lutheran Church** – (14206 E. Flagg Rd.) – “Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith.” In-person worship is available each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or online at “Faith Lutheran Social” on YouTube. Worship resources are also available on our Facebook page - ‘Faith Lutheran Church ELCA.’ You may also e-mail Pastor Joy Alsop at [Pastor@faithlrochelle.org](mailto:Pastor@faithlrochelle.org) for more information. All are welcome to join us!

**First Baptist Church of Rochelle, First Baptist Church of Rochelle** invites you to experience our practical Bible services which have nurseries provided in every service along with a wide range of children's and teen ministries. Sunday School is at 9:30 am with regular church services at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. Wednesday Family Night starts at 6:30 pm with AWANA for the 5 yr. olds thru 6th grade. The Omega Teen Ministry also starts at 6:30 pm for 7th – 12th grades and the Adult Bible Study at 7:00 pm. First Baptist Church is located 6 blocks west of Hwy 251 at the corner of Woolf Ct. and 8th Ave. in Rochelle. Call 562-4168 for more information . Listen at 8:30 am Sunday mornings on WRHL 1060 AM for the Sunday morning “Bible Message.” [www.firstbaptistrochelle.org](http://www.firstbaptistrochelle.org)


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**First Presbyterian Church** – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: [info@placeforgrace.com](mailto:info@placeforgrace.com). Sunday morning worship 9:00am and 10:30am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. [www.placeforgrace.com/](http://www.placeforgrace.com/) [www.facebook.com/placeforgrace](https://www.facebook.com/placeforgrace)

**Grace Fellowship Church** — Pastor Jeff Ardissonne, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. [www.graceisforyou.com](http://www.graceisforyou.com)

**Harvest Baptist Church** 241 Scott Ave. (Hillcrest). Rev. Duane Boehm, pastor. Email [duane712@hotmail.com](mailto:duane712@hotmail.com), cell 815-757-3427. Visit us on Facebook! Service times: Sunday morning worship with Children's Church at 10 am. Wednesday night worship at 7 pm.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church** Missouri Synod 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049. Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock. Church Phone 393-4500. Church Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christian Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.

**Living Water Community Church** 405 N. Main St, Downtown Rochelle. Phone 815-561-6249, Website: [www.lwccr.com](http://www.lwccr.com), Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Mike Vogeler - Outreach and Seven C's Pastor, Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor and Doug Bunger - Missions and Children's Pastor. Sunday Worship Service- 10:00am. Nursery/Toddlers Ages 0-5 available during the service in the Splash building. Swim- Grades 1st-5th worship with the adults then break out for age appropriate teaching. Youth groups, Small groups, Life Groups and Workshops meet throughout the year for Bible teaching. 7C's Mission- serves the community physically & spiritually each month from 1135 Lincoln Hwy, providing lightly used clothing, Hygiene items, a light lunch and Elder Prayer open the second Saturday from 10am-2pm and the 4th Thursday from 4pm to 7:00pm and by appointment.. 

**New Hope Fellowship (Church of God - Anderson, IN)**, 1501 10th Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068. Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m., (815)561-8400, [www.NHFchurch.net](http://www.NHFchurch.net) Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

**Rochelle United Methodist Church welcomes everyone to their worship service, and practices openness for all activities including communion. Worship is at 9:00 am. Sunday school for children begins around 9:15, following the Children's Time in worship.** A fellowship time with food and space for conversation occurs in Hicks Hall every week following the worship service. We celebrate communion with an open table on the first Sunday of every month, and on other appropriate occasions. Youth group is on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30. Our youth program includes service projects, discussion topics, Bible Study, and lots of fun and fellowship together. Some of our activities include packing meals at Feed My Starving Children, helping at Rochelle Christian Food Pantry and 7C's, working with animals at Barn on Baseline, Mystery trips (Destination Unknown!), and Interactive experiences on Dating boundaries, refugees, and homelessness. Youth group is for grades 6-12 and friends are always welcome. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at [www.rochelleumc.com](http://www.rochelleumc.com). Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/rochelleumc](https://www.facebook.com/rochelleumc). **Our pastor is the Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley.** Our address is 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. Email is [admin@rochelleumc.com](mailto:admin@rochelleumc.com). At Rochelle United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome and loved!

**St. Patrick Catholic Church** Rev. Jesus Dominguez; Deacon Fermin Garcia; Deacon George Schramm; 244 Kelley Dr. (Corner of Kelley & Caron Rd.), PO Box 329, Rochelle, IL 61068. **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM- 4PM Monday-Thursday, Phone: 815-562-2370. **Mass times:** 8:00 AM Monday-Thursday, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM English, 7PM Spanish, Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM in English and 11:00 AM in Spanish. **Confessions:** Monday 8:30AM & 6:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM, Saturday 8:30am & 4:00-4:45 PM Or by appointment. **Religious Education:** Deacon George Schramm, Director of Religious Education. 903 Caron Road, Rochelle, IL 61068, 815-561-0079; Website: [stpatrickrochelle.com](http://stpatrickrochelle.com) Email: [stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org) Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle

**St. Paul Lutheran Church** “Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!” Steven Hall, Principal, Parish Nurse-Marcia Schnorr. 1415 Tenth Ave., Rochelle. Church Office-562-2744. Worship times: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Our service is broadcast over WRHL 1060AM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School 10:15-11:15 a.m. Call 562-6323 for more information about the school.





# LOCAL VIEWS

## Ron Kern: Farm succession planning

**M**APPING out a succession plan to keep a farm in the family and family members on the farm is important. Farm family members must adopt a vision for keeping their farm operation in the family to pass onto future generations.

Dr. Ron Hanson, the country's leading authority on farm succession planning, would like to convince you to do something now about farm succession planning. Hanson has counseled and worked with farm families for over four decades helping them resolve family conflicts and improve family relationships through better communication and planning.

Hanson notes, "Of all the challenges you face, passing the farm to the next generation will likely be the biggest. Most families understand the importance of succession planning, but very few have a plan in place."

Hanson has personally witnessed countless times where families have not prepared to transition the farm to the next generation ending in heartbreak for all involved. "Farm family members must adopt a vision for keeping

their farm in the family for the next generation. Without identified goals and deadlines farm succession usually fails and less than one-eighth of family farms make it to the third generation."

Most multi-generation family farming operations start out with the best of intentions for keeping their farm in the family and allowing their adult farming children to gain ownership that continues their farming legacy.

But often that never happens. Mistakes in the planning process by families can cause these intended succession plans to fail and derail any hopes of passing on the family farm to the next generation. Often ending the dream of the adult farming children for taking over their family operation.

Avoiding difficult but necessary family conversations invites failure. Family members must be open and truthful with each other to achieve positive outcomes with their succession plans and intentions. Achieving transparent channels of communications that allows all family members voices to be heard and understood results

in a successful transition plan for farm ownership succession. This session provides family farming operations with planning ideas and solution strategies to implement that will help prevent a transition planning failure to ever happen and thus avoid a potential farm succession train wreck.

Passing on the eventual ownership of a farming operation along with management control to the next generation can be an overwhelming task for farm families.

Succession planning is a journey with difficult questions and challenges demanding answers. Failing to find solutions can prevent a successful transition of farm ownership between generations.

Farming operations are notorious for procrastinating and avoiding any difficult succession conversations to side step family confrontations. Most family disputes never evolve from what was discussed; but from what was NOT DISCUSSED. Family members must communicate and work

effectively together to implement a successful ownership transition plan. Expectations must be identified and clarified to avoid potential misunderstanding. A step-by-step planning strategy with guidelines will be shared to accomplish transferring farm ownership to the next younger farming generation. Planning resources will be identified to empower farm families with the management tools for a successful farm succession plan.

The Young Leaders in Carroll, Ogle, Lee, Stephenson and Winnebago-Boone County Farm Bureaus are hosting Dr. Hanson for a farm succession workshop on Feb. 29 at the White Pines Lodge. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. followed by Dr. Hanson's presentation.

His program is titled "Avoiding the mistakes of a farm succession planning train wreck; and empowering families to succeed in farm succession." His six-step program will guide you through the emotional pitfalls families face when

deciding how to structure their succession plan for success.

Cost for the program is \$50 per person. This program is open to farm bureau member families only on Carroll, Stephenson, Ogle, Lee and Winnebago Counties. Seats will be reserved for the first 125 who register.

To make your reservation either call the Ogle County Farm Bureau at 815-732-2231; or email [cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net](mailto:cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net)

All reservations must be made no later than Feb. 15.

### Scholarships

The Ogle County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce that applications for their 2024 Scholarship Program will be available beginning Jan. 3 to graduating high school seniors, or those enrolled at an accredited university. Farm bureau members may pick up or have applications mailed. Applications can also be downloaded from the Ogle County Farm Bureau website at [www.oglefb.org](http://www.oglefb.org)

Eight scholarships totaling \$8,500 will be awarded.

Eligible applicants must meet the following

criteria: must be a high school graduate; must be an Ogle County Farm Bureau member or dependent of a member; must be accepted at an accredited university or college and pursue an agricultural or agricultural-related field of study; must be a resident of Illinois; and must demonstrate a financial need.

Applicants can be graduating high school seniors or students currently enrolled in an accredited college or university.

Applicants successfully completed and submitted will be judged on criteria including: academic performance, demonstrated interest in agriculture, financial need and character/personality.

Those interested in receiving a scholarship application should contact the Ogle County Farm Bureau at 815-732-2231; or stop by their office at 421 W. Pines Road in Oregon. Applications can also be downloaded by visiting our website at [www.oglefb.org](http://www.oglefb.org)

All applications and accompanying materials must be received no later than April 1, 2024.

*Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.*

### PAID LETTER

## Letter to the Editor: Support for Horner

**D**EAR editor, I am writing to lend my support to Chad Horner for Ogle County Coroner. I first met Chad through his wife, Dionne. Dionne became employed by me as a freelance court reporter, and we worked

together for nearly 12 years. During that time, I got to know them on both a professional and personal level.

When you first meet Chad, you are struck by his big smile and laughter, traits that are both welcoming and warm. You

quickly learn that behind that smile is a man with humility and integrity.

In 2012 Chad arrived at our family home to escort my mother to his family funeral home where she would be prepared for her final resting place. He and his family were

incredibly professional, kind, patient, and fulfilled all of our wishes, which is a tall task when you have four daughters to appease.

Some time later, our daughter would babysit for Chad and Dionne's children. We witnessed

him as a husband and father and how he cares for his family. Chad is also a man of faith, a component of a man's life that I think is extremely important in how you conduct your life.

I have no doubt Chad Horner has the back-

ground and experience to be the coroner of our county that we can be proud of. I highly endorse Chad Horner for the office of Coroner for Ogle County.

**Doris Kennay,**  
Ashton, Ogle County

## Rochelle News Leader — New political letter policy

**T**HE Rochelle News-Leader is implementing a new political letter policy.

We will now be accepting election letters endorsing or advocating for or against a ballot measure, party or candidate as paid advertising announcement. The fee is \$25 minimum for a

200-word letter and 10 cents a word for additional words over 250. Like other letters to the editor, the writer's name, address and phone number are required. Phone numbers and exact addresses are not published. We have the right to reject letters which don't meet publishing standards and will determine if the

letter qualifies as a paid endorsement. Paid letters will be identified with a label and may or may not appear on the opinion/letters page.

Most newspapers that have adopted this approach cite one main reason: Political campaigns for years have used newspaper opinion pages for what amounts to free

advertising. As these letter-writing campaigns become more widespread and sophisticated - some campaigns even pay people to write letters to the editor - newspapers are flooded with requests to publish them, especially in the run-up to elections.

Will we still publish letters complaining about the county board or

school board? Yes. But if you want others to vote for or against a candidate, or for or against an issue on the ballot, you will need to pay a fee. Not a large fee - \$25 for up to 200 words.

Some key dates to keep in mind for political endorsement letters:

The primary election is Tuesday, March 19,

2024. The last batch of letters that endorse candidates for this election will be printed in the Wednesday, March 13, 2024 issue of The Rochelle News-Leader must be received by noon on Monday, March 11, 2024.

To submit a letter, email Managing Editor Jeff Helfrich at [jhelfrich@rochellenews-leader.com](mailto:jhelfrich@rochellenews-leader.com).

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# COMMUNITY

## Tri-County Opportunities Council offers 2024 scholarships

**ROCK FALLS** — At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income-eligible students residing in the agency's service area. The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition: The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household.

The applicants must attend an Illinois-accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2024.

Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark, or Whiteside County in Illinois.

Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition. However, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

The application deadline is March 15, 2024.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800/323-5434, extension 710, or on the website at [www.tcochelps.org](http://www.tcochelps.org).

## New Rochelle Green Thumbs 4-H Club grows vegetables with local youth

**OREGON** — Are you looking for a fun, friend-filled, free club to learn about vegetables and gardening? Ogle County 4-H is excited to partner with Flagg-Rochelle Public Library and the Ogle County Master Gardeners to teach youth about growing vegetables. This new horticulture club, Rochelle Green Thumbs 4-H Club, is open to any youth in Ogle County, ages 8-18, by Sept. 1, 2024. Learn what 4-H and this horticulture project are about, plant vegetables by seed to grow, learn, and harvest. Youth will assist with caring for the garden and learning more about



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tension.illinois.edu/bdo/ or call the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in programing, call our office.

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 4 Daniel Altice	Jan. 19 Matt Scott	Jan. 29 Nayelia Ramirez
Jan. 10 Sarah Brennan	Jan. 22 Cliff Ramsby	Feb. 11 Paige Donoho Samantha Donoho
Jan. 13 Jeff Beauchem Patsy Turner Gideon Scott	Jan. 30 Joan Barton	Feb. 28 Lucas Donoho
Jan. 17 Nancy Ramsby	Jan. 31 Denise Cowan	
	Jan. 28 Peggy Futrell	

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



- Dec. 22 - Vickie Eschenbaum, Spring Valley, \$25
- Dec. 23 - Sherry Morris, Amboy, \$25
- Dec. 24 - Rochelle Chamber, \$50
- Dec. 25 - Mark Bucey, Byron, \$1,000
- Dec. 26 - Joe Kearns, Ashton, \$25
- Dec. 27 - Steve Barron, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 28 - Kathy Wayman, Oregon, \$25
- Dec. 29 - NICE Center, Lee, \$25
- Dec. 30 - From the Heart, \$25
- Dec. 31 - Rochelle Chamber, \$50
- Jan. 1 - Laurie Borowicz, Janesville, WI, \$1,000
- Jan. 2 - Cindy Bonnell, Dixon, \$25
- Jan. 3 - Sonja Swanson, Davis Junction, \$25
- Jan. 4 - Teresa Petry, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 5 - Nathan Thompson, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 6 - Audrey Summers, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 7 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
- Jan. 8 - Kishwaukee College Foundation, \$25
- Jan. 9 - Katelyn Gabbard, Rochelle, \$25
- Jan. 10 - Focus House, Rochelle, \$25
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## Coffee Break

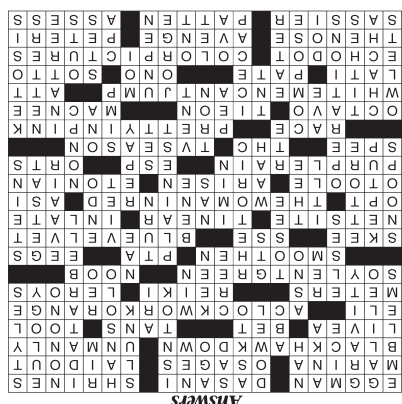
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: PANAMA —, FL

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### HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

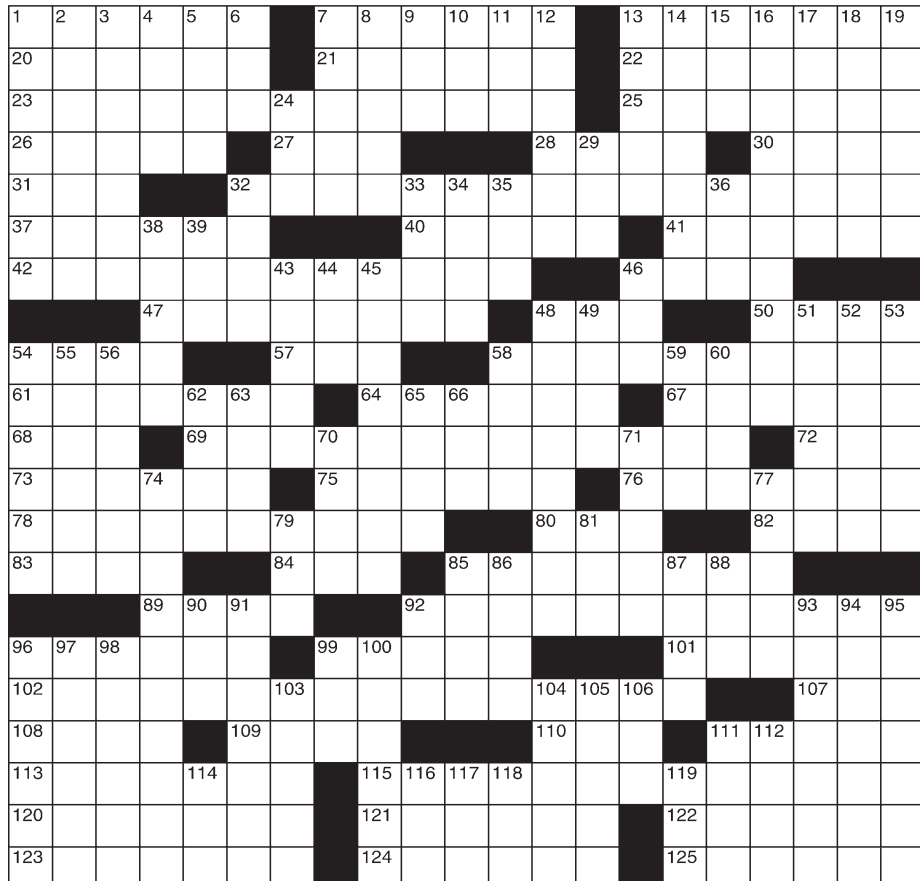


Differences: 1. Newspaper is longer. 2. Hat is thinner. 3. Jacket sleeve is shorter. 4. File cabinet is taller. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Jacket sleeve is shorter. 7. Hat is thinner. 8. Jacket sleeve is shorter.

## Super Crossword

### THE SILVER SCREEN

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| <b>ACROSS</b><br>1 Guy in the Beatles' "I Am the Walrus"<br>7 Brand of bottled water<br>13 Holy places<br>20 Yacht basin<br>21 Old Missouri natives<br>22 Arranged, as a page for printing<br>23 2001 Josh Hartnett war film<br>25 Not macho<br>26 "— little!" ("Have some fun!")<br>27 Vegas action<br>28 Darkens in the sun<br>30 Hammer, e.g.<br>31 Yalie<br>32 1971 Malcolm McDowell crime film<br>37 They're fed after parking<br>40 "Energy healing" technique<br>41 Artist<br>42 1973 Charlton Heston thriller | <b>DOWN</b><br>46 Beginner, in gaming lingo<br>47 Use sandpaper on, informally<br>48 Ed. supporter<br>50 Brain wave tests, in brief<br>54 — -Ball (carnival game)<br>57 Lubbock-to-Laredo dir.<br>58 1986 Isabella Rossellini neo-noir film<br>61 WWW page<br>64 Musical inaptitude<br>67 Having arrived tardily<br>68 Choose (to)<br>69 1984 Gene Wilder romantic comedy<br>72 "— said before ..."<br>73 "The Lion in Winter" actor<br>75 Dawned<br>76 Certain English student<br>78 1984 Prince musical film<br>80 Psychic "gift"<br>82 Table scraps<br>83 Graf — (German warship)<br>84 Potent compound in marijuana: Abbr.<br>85 Sequence of episodes on the tube<br>89 Test of speed<br>92 1986 Molly Ringwald Cinderella story<br>96 6x9-inch book<br>99 Attach with cord, e.g.<br>101 Actor Patrick<br>102 1992 Wesley Snipes sports film<br>107 ABA mem.<br>108 Sol-do linkup<br>109 Meat spread<br>110 "Starpeace" singer Yoko<br>111 — voice (quietly)<br>113 Smart speaker from Amazon<br>115 Photos not in shades of gray ... or what eight answers in this puzzle are?<br>120 Precisely, with "on"<br>121 Retaliate<br>122 Czar called "the Great" | <b>ACROSS</b><br>34 Piercing<br>35 Come in first<br>36 Vintage auto<br>38 Someone — problem<br>39 Sleep stage<br>43 "I fail — the humor"<br>44 Some sporty autos<br>45 Orating skill<br>46 No, in Selkirk<br>48 Least ornate<br>49 Zig or zag<br>51 Major Taiwanese carrier<br>52 Implies<br>53 Pub mugs<br>54 Nosy sorts<br>55 Sustained<br>56 Automaker<br>58 Part of N.B.<br>59 Lead-in to Cong or Minh<br>60 Lead-in to skeleton<br>62 "— cost you!"<br>63 You, quaintly<br>65 "Sign me up!"<br>66 Rapper<br>67 Lil — X<br>70 Infant's cry<br>71 Reimburse<br>74 Surgeries<br>77 Like sexist jokes<br>79 Road map abbr. | <b>DOWN</b><br>81 Tennis unit<br>85 1982 film and arcade game<br>86 Steam hole<br>87 Ninny<br>88 Bump — log<br>90 Road map abbr.<br>91 Write music<br>92 Pod veggie<br>93 Like Charlie Brown's kite, inevitably<br>94 Seine users, e.g.<br>95 Result of a very-low-carb diet<br>96 Hooting baby birds<br>97 Latin dance<br>98 Gives 10%<br>99 Blast creator<br>100 Polar topper<br>103 Diner patron<br>104 1995-2011 Yankee Posada<br>105 Release, as from a corral<br>106 "Excusez—!"<br>111 Holy Mites.<br>112 Excuses<br>114 "— have to?"<br>116 Female gametes<br>117 Allow to<br>118 Ottawa loc.<br>119 1040 pro |
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# LOCAL NEWS

## TURNER: Rochelle resident discovers passion for wheelchair rugby

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Along with growing to enjoy the sport, participating also meant spending time with people who have had similar life experiences. Games and tournaments are often accompanied by trips out to dinner with the team.

Along with playing sports in his younger years, Turner has always enjoyed being physical and working with his hands.

"For me, it was eye-opening," Turner said. "When I got hurt, obviously I lost all that ability. It was kind of tough on me for a while because I didn't have that physical ability I used to have and love doing. When I started to play rugby, it brought back the memories of being able to be physical and going out there and actually being able to work with my body and be competitive."

Turner said playing rugby has helped with his recovery "in a big way." Just before he started playing, he had just transferred from a power wheelchair to a manual wheelchair. Turner believes his strength has increased around 100 percent since that time, which has helped with day-to-day

living. "Being outside with my family and friends before that, they'd have to push me through parking lots," Turner said. "I'd be in Menards with my brother and could only go about five minutes before I was tired. And now I'm independently driving. I can go to stores on my own. I don't get fatigued. My strength has just increased big time."

Turner found how physically-demanding the game of rugby can be after he started playing it. "It's trying to push at a high rate of speed throughout the whole game and on top of that, it's physical," Turner said. "Having guys just run into you in their chairs. Sometimes you flip over and end up on the ground. You try to brace yourself for a fall, but there's no way to do that with just your two hands."

Off the court, Turner's rugby schedule can be demanding as well. On top of driving an hour into Chicago two times per week for practice, he's traveled to tournaments in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in Pittsburgh, in Columbus, Ohio and in Kentucky. The travel can be taxing and

expensive, but in the end, it's worth it, Turner said.

To aid in continuing his rugby passion, Turner recently received a grant from the Kelly Brush Foundation for a rugby chair of his own. The Kelly Brush Foundation provides funding, resources, and experiences to people with spinal cord injuries, helping them find ways to engage or reengage with sport. Rugby chairs come at a \$10,000 cost.

"It will help me tremendously," Turner said. "Because right now I'm using a club chair. The only time I can get in it now is when I'm at the practices. Now that I'm going to be able to get my own chair through the grant, I'll be able to get in it at home and work out in it and push myself more. And obviously I'll be able to attend some camps and stuff that I wouldn't be able to in my club chair."

Turner's rugby aspirations include trying to make the USA Wheelchair Rugby team in the future. Last year, he attended the nationals held in Rockford.

"After watching that, I pretty much decided that it was something I wanted to pursue," Turner said. "I wanted to play at a higher



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Rochelle's Nolan Turner has spent the past year practicing and competing in rugby after he was convinced by that friend, who he met in a rehab hospital. He practices two times a week in Chicago and has competed in tournaments throughout the midwest, most recently in Louisville, Kentucky.**

level. I was recently invited to be on the USA developmental squad. That means I'm invited to go to their camps and then from there, they have a selection team every year where they take 16 athletes onto their USA squad, and between those 16 athletes, you're fighting for a spot on the team and they take 12."

Turner had a tougher time dealing with his injury before he found rugby. The

people he plays with give him motivation in recovery, along with tips on how to live everyday life such as opening doors and putting on clothes.

"It kind of showed me that there's more to life than just being in a chair," Turner said. "I can still get out and do things. A lot of these guys I play with have families. Being hurt, that was one thing I was kind of wondering about, whether I'd be

able to have a family. Going out and being around all of those guys that are in the same situation I was in and seeing them live normal, happy, successful lives, that gives you motivation. You can still live life despite the 'disability.' You're around guys that have been doing it for 15-20 years and they're all super down to Earth and willing to help anybody and everybody. I'm extremely glad I got involved."

## Jeff Perry Autos donates to RACF from December sales event

**ROCHELLE** – The Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) is honored to partner with Jeff Perry Autos through their December sales event coupled with donations. A portion of each vehicle purchased from Jeff Perry Autos was slated for the RACF Endowment Fund, which

also included general donations, totaling \$925.

"Meaningful relationships are why Jeff Perry is so successful in our community and is a large reason why we were honored to partner with them for this fundraising initiative," Emily Anaya, RACF executive director, said. "This donation is

extremely generous and comes from not only their committed customers but from a community minded business that just wants to do good here in Rochelle. Knowing that money raised here, stays here ensures that everlasting impact will be felt by those we continue to serve. We (RACF)



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# LOCAL NEWS



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Stillman Bank held its 59<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Giveaway drawing on Dec. 22. The bank had a total of six winners throughout its six locations. The winners received either a beef quarter or pork half.

## Stillman Bank names 2023 holiday giveaway winners

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Stillman Bank held its 59<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Giveaway drawing on Dec. 22. The bank had a total of six winners throughout its six locations. The winners re-

ceived either a beef quarter or pork half.

The winners of the beef quarters were: Richard Knight (Stillman Valley), Sandra Bedard (Davis Junction) and Tony Taylor

(Roscoe).

The winners of the pork halves were: Gary Schultz (Oregon), Patrick O'Brien (Leaf River) and Cheryl Johnson (Rochelle).

The annual Holiday

Giveaway is one of the many ways the bank gives back to the local communities it serves. For more information on the 2023 Holiday Giveaway or to find out more about Still-

man Bank's products and services, please contact or visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).

Stillman Bank is an independently owned community bank founded in 1882.

The bank has approximately \$580 million in assets and operates full-service banking offices in Byron, Oregon, Rochelle, Rockford, Roscoe/Rockton and Stillman Valley.

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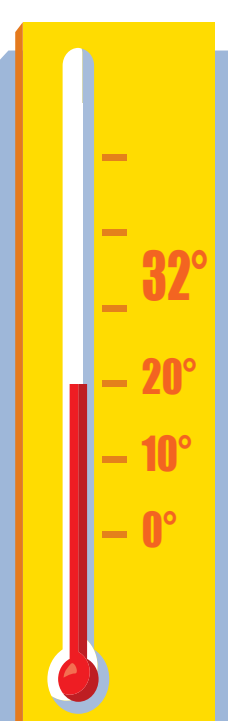
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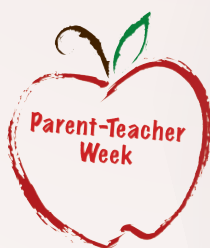
On Wednesday, January 31, RTHS students will be able to visit Zekelman Industries' Rochelle facility, Wheatland Tube, a leading manufacturer of steel products. The tour will be of the state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, include lunch, and engagement in a Q & A session. Space is limited. Students are urged to sign up in the Counseling Center. \*If you have already signed up with Mrs. Jacobs, you do not need to sign up in the CC.



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## Calendar of Events

- Feb. 1 FLEX Schedule release 2:15pm and 3:05pm
- Feb. 3 Speech Meet Regionals
- Feb. 8 FLEX Schedule release 2:15pm and 3:05pm
- Feb. 10 Speech Meet Sectional at RTHS
- Feb. 12 to 16 Parent/Teacher Communication Week
- Feb. 13 Interstate 8 Choral Festival
- Feb. 15 FLEX Schedule release 2:15pm and 3:05pm
- Feb. 16 SIP Day Half-Day attendance 11:30am dismissal
- Feb. 16 & 17 Speech Meet State



- Feb. 19 No School
- Feb. 20 Interstate 8 Band Festival
- Feb. 20 RTHS Board meeting 5:30pm
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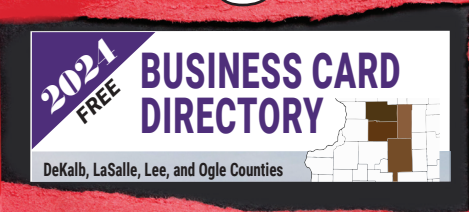
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# SPORTS



## CONFERENCE CHAMPS

Two Rochelle Lady Hub wrestlers took home Interstate 8 Conference titles.

See page 6 for more details

### RTHS Girls Bowling

# Girls strike down DeKalb

Lady Hubs roll over Barbs after scoring road win against Oregon on Friday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — A new bowling ball and improved hand techniques have allowed senior Kenzie Liezert to take a significant step forward for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team this season. Liezert emerged during the third game of the team's match against DeKalb on Monday, firing five strikes and rolling a series-best 196 to help Rochelle defeat the Barbs 2,615-2,321.

"I definitely feel that I've improved at hooking the ball," Liezert said. "I had a [Brunswick] Rhino last year and it didn't have a lot of movement to it and I had to adapt to my new bowling ball which is the [Roto Grip] Exotic Gem. But I've learned how to hook the ball and get the ball to the pocket to be able to strike, which is something I struggled with last year. Since then, my scores have gone up and I'm really thankful for that because I can keep up with everybody else now."

Liezert finished with a 478 series for the Lady Hubs (9-4, 5-2 Interstate 8), who will conclude the Interstate 8 schedule against LaSalle-Peru and Kaneland on Wednesday and Thursday. Junior Cassidy Vincent fired a team-high 496 series and senior Faith Adams rolled a 463 series for the Lady Hubs, who took the first game

against DeKalb 907-760. Sophomore Kylie McCullough shot a 175, while senior Anahi Alanis scored a 173 and Adams added a 174 in the first game.

"I feel like our season has gone really well so far," Liezert said. "Our scores were a little rough at first and we had more of a win-loss streak, but we're on more of a winning streak now and we're all doing really great. . . I think everybody gets along well with each other. We've done well at adapting, bringing everyone in and making them feel welcome. We all keep each other thinking positive and when someone's doing bad, we do everything in our power to make them happy."

While the Barbs claimed the second game 822-788 behind a 192 from Paige Lewis and a 171 from Mackenzie Condon, Rochelle maintained a series lead entering the third and final game, which Rochelle won 920-739 to clinch the nonconference victory. Vincent's 169 was the high score for the Lady Hubs in the second game, while Liezert's series-best 196 and Vincent's series-best 177 paced the Rochelle side in the third game. McCullough concluded the match with a 455 series and Alanis finished two pins behind with a 453 series in the home victory.

"I'm hoping that we do well at conference and regionals," Liezert said. "We



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Senior Kenzie Liezert throws her ball down the lane during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling match against DeKalb on Monday evening.**

just have to make sure we don't let the stress get to us and we bowl our game. If we bowl our game, we'll go far."

### Oregon

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team adjusted its lineup during

Friday afternoon's non-conference match against the short-handed Oregon Hawks. Senior Anahi Alanis led the varsity team with a 483 series, while senior Faith Adams added a 416 series as the Lady Hubs defeated Oregon 2,323-1,880. Rochelle won the open-

ing game 720-657, with Alanis firing a 140 and Adams adding a 125 to lead the Lady Hubs. Rochelle dominated the second game, winning 879-654 behind a series-best 185 from Adams and a 161 from Alanis.

Seniors Dalila Garcia

and Lily Owen totaled series-best scores of 147 and 145, respectively, during the second game. Rochelle clinched the nonconference sweep with a 724-569 win in the third and final game. Alanis bowed out with a series-best 182 in the third game.

### RTHS Wrestling

# JV Hubs score second consecutive Interstate 8 title

Rochelle crowns six individual conference champions at Saturday tournament

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Hub JV wrestling team won the Interstate 8 Conference meet at Rochelle Township High School on Saturday. It's the second conference title for the JV Hubs, who scored 252 points to finish first ahead of runner-up LaSalle-Peru, who had 230 points.

Sophomore Colten Manning finished first in the 113-pound division with a 2-0 record. Manning earned a third-period fall over Morris wrestler Aidyn Taylor in the semifinal round before clinching the title with a second-period fall over Morris wrestler Eli McDonnell in the finals. Sophomore Tony Milburn finished first in the 120-pound division with a 1-0 record, scoring a second-period fall over Morris wrestler Gabriel Seto to take home the division crown.

Freshman Eliud Lombardia finished first in the 126-pound division with a 2-0 record. Lombardia started the tournament



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**The Rochelle Township High School JV wrestling team finished first in the Interstate 8 Conference tournament at RTHS on Saturday. It's the second consecutive conference championship for the JV team.**

with a 17-5 major decision over LaSalle-Peru's Connor Kness in the semifinal round before taking home the title with a fall over Morris wrestler Jacob Meloun.

Freshman Hadley Losoya finished first in the 132-pound division with a

3-0 record. Losoya began the tournament with a fall over Kaneland's Christian Alvarez before notching another fall over Kaneland's Nolan Polloway. Losoya faced off against his teammate, senior Riley Damask, in the championship match,

with Losoya emerging victorious by a 9-0 major decision.

Sophomore Frank Nasca finished first in the 138-pound division with a 2-0 record. Nasca started the tournament with a first-period fall over Morris

wrestler Jordan Martinez before sealing the division title with a second-period fall against LaSalle-Peru's David Nave.

Freshman Alex Pellicer finished first in the 157-pound division with a 2-0 record. Pellicer earned

a first-period fall over LaSalle-Peru's Daniel Edwall in the semifinal round and secured the division championship with a 15-6 major decision over Morris wrestler Jeffery Martinez.

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Girls Basketball

# Lockdown defense leads to win over Ottawa

Rochelle holds Pirates to four first-quarter points in 54-42 victory Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Senior Kara Martinez and the Rochelle Lady Hubs were on point defensively during the varsity basketball team's Interstate 8 matchup against Ottawa on Wednesday night.

The Lady Hubs capitalized on missed shots and free throws throughout the evening, closing out defensive possessions with rebounds and scoring around the basket to build a double-digit lead over the Pirates early in the game. Rochelle dominated the opening quarter, outscoring Ottawa 16-4 and holding the Pirates to only two field goals over the first eight minutes of the game.

"It's all about the energy and focus at the beginning of games," Martinez said. "Sometimes when we're unfocused, we start off rough during games, but when we're focused and we have good energy off the bench and around us, we really bring it up and we perform well in first quarters."

Strong first quarters have been a recent theme for the Lady Hubs, who erupted on the offensive end during the third quarter and overcame a furious fourth-quarter effort from the Pirates to earn a 54-42 conference win over Ottawa. Senior Alivia Henkel led Rochelle (11-14, 2-6 Interstate 8) with 21 points,

while Martinez followed with 16 points including 11 in the second half. It was a bounce-back win for the Lady Hubs, who lost to the Pirates 69-42 at Ottawa earlier this season.

"They had a couple of players that we focused our defense on," Martinez said. "We focused on their shooters, who were their main scorers and were the reason we lost our last game against them. We focused on shutting them down and it worked for us. It gives us a great boost of confidence because we competed against Sycamore last week and we beat Ottawa tonight. I think we're progressively climbing the ladder to become the top team in the conference."

Henkel fueled the Rochelle offense in the first quarter, working underneath the basket and putting home four close-range shots while forcing multiple Ottawa turnovers on the other end. The Lady Hubs also received a first-quarter boost from sophomore guard Jaydin Dickey, who drilled two shots including a 3-pointer while battling on the perimeter to guard Ottawa's 3-point shooters. The Pirates made just four field goals and missed eight free throws in the first half.

Rochelle carried a 21-13 lead into the third quarter, where Martinez drained her second triple of the game to spark an offensive outburst from the Lady



Sophomore Jaydin Dickey drives around Ottawa's Ella Schmitz during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball game on Wednesday.

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Hubs, who saw four different players score points in the quarter. Juniors Kendyl Darby banked home a pair of low-post baskets, while junior Abby Metzger rose up for a mid-range jumper to extend the Rochelle

lead. The Pirates clanked three more free throws in the third quarter, helping the Lady Hubs hold a 41-29 lead.

Desperate for a spark, Ottawa cranked up its defensive pressure in the

fourth quarter, where the Lady Hubs struggled with turnovers and inbounding the basketball. But the Pirates were unable to find any shooting rhythm down the stretch, missing multiple layups and blanking

on four more free throws. Rochelle showed precision from the charity stripe over the final minutes, however, with Martinez going 5-for-6 and Henkel going 3-for-4 in the fourth quarter to help ice the win.

## RTHS Girls Bowling

# Talented LaSalle-Peru team rolls over Lady Hubs

Rochelle bowlers bounce back with road win at Kaneland on Thursday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling hosted its final Interstate 8 Conference home match of the season on Wednesday. Junior Cassidy Vincent fired a team-best 541 series as the Lady Hubs fell to LaSalle-Peru 3,357-2,606. Rochelle (9-5, 5-4 Interstate 8) will face Kaneland on the road Thursday to conclude the Interstate 8 schedule.

Three LaSalle-Peru bowlers eclipsed 200 during the opening game on Wednesday, which the Cavaliers claimed 1,153-860 behind a 237 from Makenzie Hamilton as well as a 216 from Camryn Perry and a 213 from Kamryn Oscepiniski. Vincent led the Lady Hubs with a series-best 200 in the opening

game, while senior Faith Adams fired a series-best 176 and sophomore Kylie McCullough rolled a series-best 153.

LaSalle-Peru took the second game 1,128-853 with Hamilton shooting a 215 and Olivia Weber adding a 206 for the Cavaliers. Anna Ricci added a 203 for the LaSalle-Peru side, while senior Anahi Alanis led the Rochelle side with a series-best 196. Vincent scored a 195 to lead the Lady Hubs in the third game, which LaSalle-Peru won 1,076-891 behind a series-best 253 from Hamilton, who totaled a match-best 705 series.

### Kaneland

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling team concluded its Interstate 8 Conference schedule with a road match against Kane-

land on Thursday. Junior Cassidy Vincent fired a team-leading 561 series as the Lady Hubs took down the Knights 2,460-2,399.

The Lady Hubs won the opening game 888-752 behind a series-best 214 from Vincent and a series-best 208 from sophomore Kylie McCullough, who rolled a 461 series on Thursday. Senior Faith Adams rolled a series-best 168 and Vincent added a 163 in the second game, which the Lady Hubs claimed 860-813 to extend their series lead over the Knights.

While Kaneland took the third game 855-712, Rochelle won the final series by 61 pins. Vincent's 184 was the high score for the Lady Hubs in the final game, while Preslee Sutherland led the Knights with a series-best 223 to conclude the match with a 607 series.



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Senior Faith Adams strides to the foul line during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity bowling match on Wednesday.

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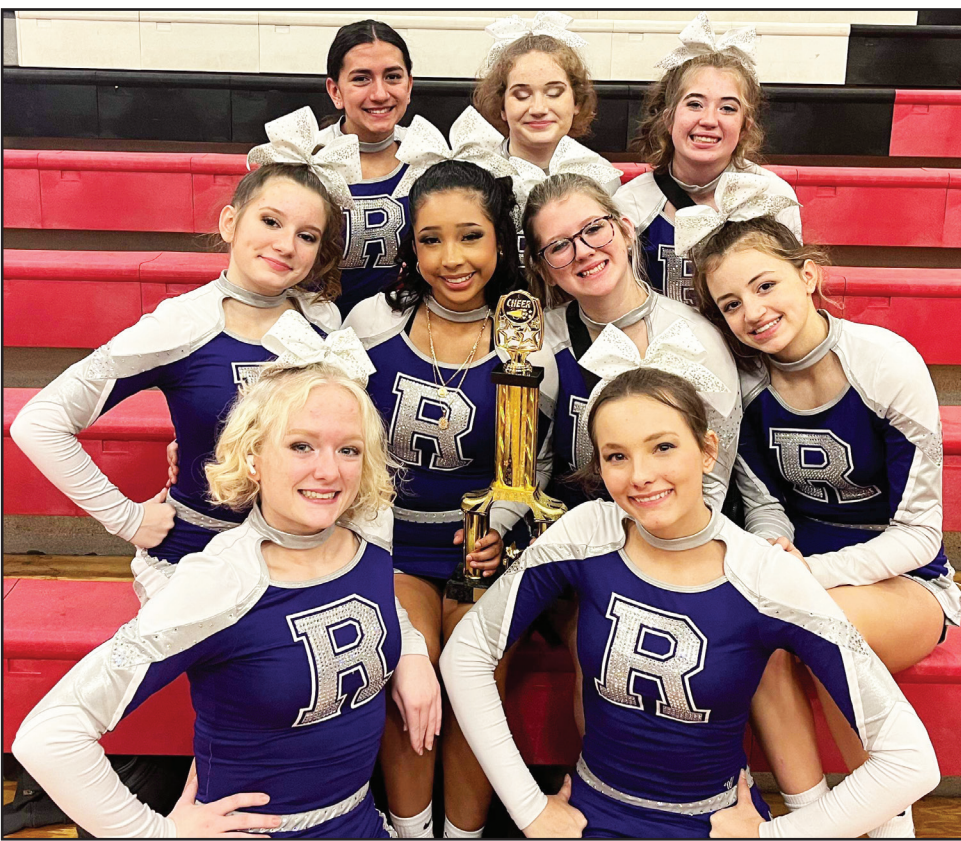




# SPORTS

## RTHS Cheerleading

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



### Junior Varsity team takes home several awards during successful 2023-24 competitive season

The Rochelle Lady Hub JV cheerleading team recently concluded a successful 2023-24 season. Rochelle brought home the second-place trophy from the Barrington Jingle Fest (above left) as well as the fifth-place trophy from the Johnsbury Skyhawk Scramble (above right). Rochelle took third at the Interstate 8 Conference meet (below left) and concluded the season with an eighth-place finish at the Huntley Sweetheart Invitational. The JV team includes Grace Montes, Madigan Williams, Ashley Dickey, Keirra Clark, Sara Dolensek, Taylin Watson, Roxy Taft, Lily Kerfin and Emy Cacique. The team is coached by Mychaela Hurst.

## HUBS: JV wrestling team wins Interstate 8 tournament

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Senior Riley Damask took second in the 132-pound division with a 2-1 record, securing a second-period fall over Ottawa's Mark Munson and a first-period fall over LaSalle-Peru's Brandon Lamps. Freshman Brandin Kirk took second in the 144-pound division

with a 2-1 record, notching falls over Morris wrestler AJ Sheegog and Kaneland's Chance Anderson.

Freshman Angel Argueta took second in the 150-pound division with a 1-1 record, scoring a fall over LaSalle-Peru's Logan Harmon. Junior Jordan Bly took second in the 165-pound division with a 2-1 record,

notching a first-period fall against Kaneland's Isaiah Horn before securing a first-period fall against Ottawa's Brayden Streicher in the semifinal round of the bracket.

Senior Frank Decena took second in the 215-pound division with a 1-1 record, earning an 8-4 decision against Kaneland's Garrett

Herst. Senior Carlos Tomas took third in the 215-pound division and senior Abel Huerta took third in the 150-pound division with a 2-1 record, scoring a 9-4 decision over Morris' Dillon Vargas and a 10-6 decision over LaSalle-Peru's Logan Harmon.

Freshman Christopher O'Neill placed sixth in the

175-pound division with a 3-2 record, earning a first-period fall over Ottawa's Sam White as well as a fall over Morris wrestler Brian Haish and a 8-0 major decision against Kaneland's Ryan Duffing. Freshman Tyler Etes placed sixth in the 157-pound division and senior Mateo Hughes went 2-2 over four bouts in the

175-pound division, recording a fall over Morris wrestler Brian Haish and a fall over Ottawa's Sam White.

Additional wrestlers who represented Rochelle in the JV tournament include freshmen Cooper Holmgren, Amor Lara, Aaron Hernandez and Jayden Pelayo as well as junior Caleb Rodriguez.

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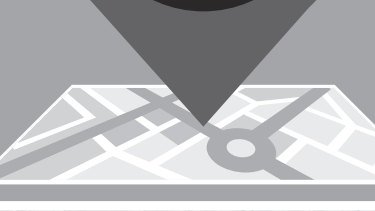
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Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the office of City Clerk, City of Rochelle, located at 420 N. Sixth Street, Rochelle, IL 61068, until March 14, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

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Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:  
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uments will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

**Pre-bid Conference**  
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on February 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at City of Rochelle, 420 N. Sixth Street, Rochelle, IL 61068. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

**Instructions to Bidders**  
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This procurement is also subject to the loan recipient's policy regarding the increased use of disadvantaged business enterprises. The loan recipient's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts at least sixteen (16) days prior to bid opening. The policy is contained in the specifications. Bidders are also required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4." This Advertisement is issued by:  
Owner: City of Rochelle  
By: Adam Lanning  
Title: Water & Water Reclamation Superintendent  
Date: December 13, 2023  
No. 0133  
(Jan. 28, 2024 and March 3, 2024)

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electric motor, purification system, ASME or UN approved air storage system (use of current storage system allowed), containment fill station, controls, interconnecting piping and wiring. All components shall be new and of current manufacturing design. Used, surplus, and discontinued equipment are unacceptable. It is the intent of this bid for the project to be a lump sum bid. The district intends to award the contract to complete the work on the project to the contractor determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, as determined by the Board of Trustees at its scheduled meeting on March 12th, 2024. The district reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to award a contract for only a portion of the proposed work, waive informalities or technicalities in any proposal and accept any proposal it deems to be in its best interest.

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**B. Bid Contact:** Chief Dave Sawlsville  
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**C. Bids Due:** Bids will be opened at 10:00 Am on March 5th, 2024 at the address below. It is encouraged that the sealed envelope state: "Ogle Lee Fire Protection District High Pressure Breathing Air System Bid" on it. The bid shall be in a sealed envelope addressed to:  
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The bid shall include the bid form (Attachment A herein) signed by the authorized signer and acknowledgement of any addendums. Please also note the Ogle Lee Fire Protection District is a tax-exempt entity and no sales tax should be included in the bid.

**D. Award of Contract:** The District will consider bids at a District Board meeting on March 12th, 2024 and look to enter into the contract shortly thereafter. The district reserves the right to reject any bid that does not meet the minimum requirements of these written specifications. The district will inspect the delivered equipment received from the successful bidder to ensure that it meets the specifications. Any equipment that does not meet the bid specifications must be brought up to those established standards at the vendor's expense.

**E. Completion of Project:** The project will be completed as soon as possible.  
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**A. CODES & STANDARDS**  
Air purity shall meet or exceed the standards of the Compressed Gas Association specification G-7.1 for grade "E" breathing air and the current standards of NFPA 1500. Pressure vessels shall be designed and fabricated in accordance with either the applicable UN, DOT or ASME codes. All tubing shall meet NFPA, SAE, JIC and ANSI

standards. All valves shall meet the applicable national codes such as those of the Bureau of Explosives, UN, DOT and CGA. The entire air system shall meet all requirements established by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, otherwise known as OSHA. Purification systems shall be constructed in accordance with section VIII of the ASME code for unfired pressure vessels. The compressor system manufacturer shall have an ISO 9000 quality management system standard approval on the design and/or manufacture process.

**B. IDENTIFICATION**  
All major components and accessories are to be clearly identified with permanently affixed nameplates stating the make, model and serial number. Other pertinent information such as capacities, pressure, voltages, currents, etc. are to be indicated in the proper manner.

**C. INSTRUCTIONS**  
Appropriate tags and warning labels shall be affixed where necessary for safety and ease in the operation and adjustment of the valves, switches and controls. One manual shall be delivered with the system containing information on operation, maintenance, troubleshooting and replacement parts.

**D. TESTING & WARRANTY**  
All equipment shall be factory assembled, thoroughly tested and backed by a two-year limited warranty covering parts and labor. The warranty period shall be two year regardless of the hours accumulated on the equipment. In addition, there will be a 5-year compressor block warranty.

**E. SHIPMENT & DELIVERY**  
Shipment (via motor freight) shall be delivered to:  
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Freight charges shall be paid by the VENDOR. Unloading, moving, and uncrating of the equipment shall be the responsibility of the VENDOR. Inspection of equipment to assure that the equipment meets specifications of the bid shall be the responsibility of the VENDOR.

**F. INSTALLATION, START-UP, & TRAINING**  
Connection of the power source to the breathing air system shall be the responsibility of the VENDOR. Installation of the breathing air system shall be the responsibility of the VENDOR in accordance to all applicable codes and standards. Start-up and assurance that the breathing air system is operating at peak performance shall be the responsibility of the VENDOR. Connection of the power source to the breathing air system must be properly completed before start-up and training can be performed. Training shall take place immediately after the start-up procedure has been successfully completed. Additional training will take place provided by the VENDOR for all department personnel. Training shall include instruction on the complete and proper operation of the breathing air system. Training shall also include a review of the operation, maintenance and parts manual that is supplied with the system.

**G. AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER**  
The vendor shall provide with this bid the name and address of

the nearest factory authorized service center. The service center must be factory authorized to perform warranty work, preventative maintenance, and ongoing service. Sales offices without factory trained service personnel shall not be considered acceptable. The fire department reserves the right to ask for an authorized document verifying that service personnel have been factory trained.

**H. GENERAL NOTES**  
1. All panel-mounted gauges shall be rated at least 10% over their working pressure with a 4 to 1 safety factor.  
2. All high-pressure hoses shall be rated for a 6000 psig working pressure with a 4 to 1 safety factor.  
3. All high-pressure valves with exception of 3-way valves shall be soft seat for safe and easy operation. They shall have replaceable seats and be rated at 6000 psig working pressure with a 4 to 1 safety factor.  
4. All high-pressure tubing shall be as follows:

a) 3/8" O.D. x .049 wall stainless steel  
b) 1/4" O.D. x .049 wall stainless steel  
c) 1/8" O.D. x .035 wall stainless steel  
d) All tubing shall be fully annealed and suitable for bending and flaring.  
e) Tubing shall be clamped every 36" or less to prevent chafing.

**I. SCOPE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE SUPPLIED**  
The breathing air system shall incorporate all functions required to safely pressurize SCBA cylinders with air that meets or exceeds CGA grade "E" criteria. These functions include:  
1. Induction of atmospheric air.  
2. Compression of the air to a preset pressure using a multistage air-cooled compressor.

3. Moisture removal between compressor stages and immediately after the last stage via mechanical separation.  
4. Rejection of the heat of compression via air coolers between compressor stages (intercoolers) and an air cooler after the last stage (aftercooler).  
5. Delivery of high pressure air to the purification subsystem at a temperature only slightly above the ambient air temperature (18 degrees F or less above ambient).  
6. Reduction of the moisture content and impurity levels in the stream issuing from the last stage separator to CGA grade "E" criteria by adsorption, chemical reaction, and filtration in the purification subsystem.

7. Conveying that purified high pressure air directly to SCBA/SCUBA tanks located in the protective enclosure or to the air storage subsystem.  
8. Continual management controlling all system pressures to preclude SCBA or system component over pressurization.  
9. Physical protection from SCBA tank failure during the filling process by means of containment and expanding air management shall be provided for operator safety.

The entire breathing air module shall be integrated into a single, free-standing unit three party certified to meet cTUVus standards. The outer frame shall be of heavy-duty construction consisting of welded two inch square tube. To minimize radiant sound level the enclosure shall contain sound absorbing material. The unit shall be designed to allow installation flush against a

wall without inhibiting cooling air flow or maintenance access.

The breathing air module shall be factory assembled and tested to assure quality and reliability. The system scope of supply shall be housed within the confines of the sheet metal enclosure; to include: UL listed electrical panel, purification system, muffler reservoir and pressure bearing components as follows:

**Compressor:** The compressor block shall be four stage, air cooled, pressure oil lubricated of "V" configuration and rated for continuous duty at 6000 psig with a charging rate of 14.0 cfm. The crankcase shall be of all cast iron construction, fully enclosed and support an iron crankshaft with oversized ball bearings on each end. Only two connecting rods shall be utilized. Each connecting rod shall be equipped with needle bearings on each end for long life. All pistons shall be of the captive design, manufactured of aluminum or steel and incorporate rings on all stages. Cylinders shall be of aluminum or cast iron construction with deep cooling fins to provide maximum heat dissipation. The compressor flywheel shall incorporate a high velocity fan to remove heat from the compressor. Cooling air flow from the fan shall be a minimum of 3000 cfm. Individually mounted intercoolers shall be utilized after each stage of compression and the aftercooler shall be designed to deliver final air at a temperature not to exceed 18 degrees F above ambient. Suction and delivery valves shall be designed in such a manner that they can be replaced without replacing the entire assembly. Valve inspection covers are to be provided on the first and second stage cylinders. Relief valves shall be utilized after each stage of compression.

The pressure lubrication system shall include an oil pump to supply metered quantities of lubricant directly to the fourth stage piston through a regulator and replaceable spin-off type, full flow filter. The oil pump shall be directly driven off of the crankshaft. Belt driven pumps shall not be acceptable. An oil level sight glass shall be provided for checking the crankcase oil level.

The compressor system shall have a moisture separator after every stage of compression. An automatic drain system shall be supplied to periodically discharge accumulated condensation from each moisture separator during operation and whenever the unit shuts down. Compressor systems requiring cool down or (unloaded running periods) and those that require auxiliary cooling fans are not acceptable.

The compressor system must be rated for continuous operation with no intermittent duty cycles. The compressor manufacturer shall have an ISO 9001 quality management system standard approval on the design and manufacture process.

**Compressor Enclosure:** The breathing air module shall be fully enclosed with solid steel panels, minimum thickness 14 gauge. All sections of the compressor enclosure shall be lined with sound absorbing material. An air ducting system that allows against-the-wall installation by drawing cooling air from below the unit and directing it upwards and

away from the operator and control panel shall be provided.

Insulated and gasketed maintenance access doors equipped with quarter turn latches shall be located on both sides and in front of the compressor system. These latches shall be designed to draw the access doors into the frame opening. Male-female hinges on side doors shall be used to allow their fast and easy removal without requiring hand tools.

The underside of the cabinet shall be grated to prevent debris from entering the compressor compartment.

**Auto Drain Muffler/Reservoir:** An automatic drain muffler/reservoir system, manufactured of 14 gauge steel, shall be incorporated into the package. The reservoir shall be designed to capture discharged condensation without the need for piping to the outside and to reduce the discharge noise level. A conveniently located valve shall be supplied on the outside of the cabinet to periodically drain the condensate accumulated in the muffler/reservoir at the atmospheric pressure.

**Electric Motor:** NEMA designed B, 2-pole, 10 horsepower, open drip proof motor shall be furnished for single phase, 208/230 volts. The motor shall be suspended underneath the compressor baseplate. This baseplate shall incorporate rubber shock mounts, which isolates vibration from the rest of the cabinet. The V-belt drive shall be guarded to meet OSHA requirements.

**Purification System:** The purification system and replacement filter cartridges shall be manufactured by the same company as the compressor package. The system shall be a multi-chamber arrangement each constructed of 7075T6 aluminum alloy with a tensile strength of 83,000 psi and designed for 6000 psi working pressure with a 4 to 1 safety factor. The first chamber shall be a mechanical separator to eliminate oil and water. Subsequent chambers shall utilize replaceable filter cartridges constructed of high strength, non-corrosive FDA grade polycarbonate plastic. Non-corrosive stainless steel springs and spin welded end caps shall be incorporated within the cartridge boundary. The cartridges shall be designed to remove water vapor, hydrocarbons, noxious gases, taste and odors.

Systems requiring depressurization to check filter condition shall not be acceptable. Carbon monoxide shall also be eliminated by catalytic oxidation. The purification system shall process 34,200 cf (with a 70o F inlet temperature) before cartridge replacement. The air delivered shall meet CGA grade D & E and NFPA 1989 (2008 edition) air quality standards.

**Control System:** The unit shall include all necessary controls to assure efficient operation and monitor compressor performance. All necessary electric motor controls shall also be included and rated for NEMA class 12. As a minimum, the control system shall include the following:

- Air pressure switch to automatically start and stop the unit in order to maintain system pressure.
- High air temperature shutdown.
- Direct online IEC starter package with a 24 volt control voltage.

- PLC controller.
- Illuminated power "on" switch.
- Independent "start" and "stop" push button switches.
- Emergency stop button.
- Low oil pressure switch.

**Instrumentation:** The unit shall include all necessary gauges and lights necessary to indicate all normal and shutdown conditions. All gauges, lights and indicators shall be mounted on a steel control panel centrally located on the front of the unit and also within the cabinet.

As a minimum, the instrumentation panels shall include the following:

- Compressor inter-stage and final air pressure gauges.
- Hour meter.
- High air pressure shutdown light.
- High air temperature shutdown light.
- Low oil pressure light.

An audible alarm shall be panel mounted and indicate abnormal operating conditions.

**Carbon Monoxide Monitoring System:** The CO monitor shall be mounted on the compressor operations panel.

- Shall be piped into the air flow downstream of the purification system
- Shall be tamper-resistant requiring a key-stroke sequence to access monitor controls.
- Must have a warning light, audible alarm & shutdown for high concentrations of CO.
- Shall reliably detect co concentrations from 0 to 10 ppm. A digital readout shall continuously indicate the amount of CO in the compressed breathing air.

- Must be capable of adjustment at any point on the monitor between 5 to 10 ppm for shutdown.
- The unit shall indicate day till next calibration; factory set every 90 days.

- Calibration kit with 20 ppm CO is to be provided. Additionally, a cylinder with 0 ppm of CO shall be provided to conveniently and accurately calibrate the monitor.

- The system shall come complete with solenoids to control system calibration.
- The unit must stop the compressor supply air to the CO cell while the compressor is not running. This extends the life of the CO cell.

**Moisture Monitor (Cartridge Monitoring System):** The cartridge monitoring system shall be mounted on the compressor operations panel. The system is designed to monitor the quality of air being discharged after the compressor's purification systems. The system continuously evaluates the moisture content of the purified air and also confirms the presence of the cartridge filter in the purification chamber. The complete system consists of the following:

- A. Moisture monitor probe
- B. photo cell cartridge detection sensor
- C. Microprocessor control unit
- D. Cartridge "ok" green light
- E. Cartridge life warning light
- F. Cartridge expired red warning and compressor shutdown
- G. Install filter text message

The cartridge monitoring system operating procedure is as follows:

- Cartridge detection: In the event that a cartridge filter is not installed in the purification chamber, a text message will be displayed and the com-



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pressor will not start. This same condition will also occur in the event that any electrical connections in the system are faulty or otherwise not made. Note that mechanical devices, which could be subjected to corrosion, are not utilized.

• Moisture monitor: Upon start-up of the compressor, the moisture monitor probe (a) will continuously monitor the moisture content of the air stream at pressure. A timing device within the microprocessor control unit (a) is activated upon start-up to allow the moisture sensor to stabilize. This time cycle is operative for 8 to 15 minutes. During this cycle, the cartridge "ok" green light (d) will be flashing. Once the stabilization period is complete, the applicable status light for the moisture level will illuminate.

• Status light conditions: Cartridge "OK" green light (d): This light will remain illuminated as long as the moisture level in the air stream is within pre-set limits. This light flashes during the initial stabilization cycle.

Cartridge life warning yellow light (e): This light will illuminate when the moisture level in the air stream approaches the pre-set limit. During this time, approximately one hour duration, the air quality is within acceptable levels.

Cartridge expired red warning light (f): This light will illuminate when the moisture level in the air stream exceeds the pre-set limit. The compressor unit shuts down under this condition.

• Adjustable timed cycles and moisture limits: All timed cycles and moisture limits which are not specified will be factory pre-set as follows:

- 15 minutes for initial moisture probe stabilization.
- The air stream moisture limit will be preset at -65 degrees F atmospheric dew point (24 ppm water vapor content) in accordance with recommendations by NFPA 1500. Other dew point limits can be set provided that the following are known:

- Operating pressure
- Mean ambient temperature

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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Sophomore Cammyla Macias (left) and junior Dempsey Atkinson (right) each recorded first-place finishes during the first-ever Interstate 8 Conference Girls Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

## Lady Hub wrestlers earn Interstate 8 titles

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE**—Sophomore Cammyla Macias was mentally tough as she took the mat for the first-ever Interstate 8 Conference Girls Wrestling Championships at Rochelle Township High School on Saturday. Macias wrestled with confidence in each of her two matches, dominating both of her opponents to seal the first conference title for a female wrestler in RTHS history.

Macias was one of two wrestlers who represented Rochelle in the Interstate 8 meet, which featured girls from Morris, Ottawa, Kaneland, Sycamore and LaSalle-Peru. Macias went 2-0 over two matches in the 120-pound division, cruising over Ottawa's Emma Yawn in the semifinal round. Macias scored five early points before clinching the win with a fall late in the first period.

"It means a lot to me because I've worked so hard this year," Macias said. "It brought my confidence up a lot and I know I can do so much more... Both of my matches were tough for me mentally and I knew I needed to bring all I could. I really focused on myself and having positive thoughts... I think I've grown a lot in terms of my strength and my skills and I've wrestled more matches since women's wrestling is growing. More matches means more mat time for me."

Macias secured the conference title

during the championship bout against Morris wrestler Ellie Evans, who Macias defeated with a 12-0 major decision that included multiple takedowns and scoring moves. Not long after Macias recorded her conference championship victory, junior Dempsey Atkinson became Rochelle's second conference champion of the afternoon, claiming the 155-pound division crown with a first-period takedown and fall over Sycamore's Ema Durst.

"It's really cool that we had the first girls conference championship in Rochelle's gym," Atkinson said. "I met a lot of new girls and we were all cheering each other on. I had wrestled [Ema] before and I thought about how she wrestles. My head was in the match and I knew I had to be aggressive from the start. I've been feeling good and I've gotten a lot of work in during practice. I'm hoping that I can make it to the state meet and I'm hoping that I can peak at the state meet."

Macias and Atkinson combined for a 3-0 record in the conference tournament. Despite fielding only two girls, Rochelle finished fifth with 33 points in the six-team field. Morris rostered 10 girls in the tournament and took first with 94.5 points, while Ottawa finished second with 81 points from seven girls. The IHSA Girls Wrestling State Series begins with the IHSA Regionals, which will be held on Friday and Saturday. Rochelle is assigned to the IHSA Minooka Regional.

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