



# The Ratchet



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## Student of The Month Spotlight

In this month's issue of *The Ratchet*, we are adding a new feature. The student of the month honorees have been asked to submit an original piece of work. We hope that members will become better acquainted with our featured students through their sharing something of themselves.

### Charles Phillips



Chuck, in the soon-to-be-completed TV studio at Alton High School

I carefully turn the cards over, as if they are two bombs about to detonate. I rotate the spectator's hand slowly; the crowd sucks in a final breath.

Two red aces. The bomb explodes.

Pure overwhelming ecstasy. Smiles of disbelief a mile wide, outcries of shock like a jet engine, and

### Rebecca Hurst

For the past ten years I have been an active member of the Bunker Hill Livewires 4-H Club. Through 4-H I have participated in various community service projects. I have volunteered at the Macoupin County Fair, Farm Safety Day, 4-H Project Days, Science Day Camps, and numerous community clean-ups. I have also taught workshops on parliamentary procedure and served as a "Clover Buds" teacher.

In addition, I have participated in leadership activities through participation as an Illinois 4-H Legislative Ambassador, through which I have volunteered at the Illinois 4-H Legislative Connection and Illinois State Fair Governor's Auction. I have also served on the Macoupin County 4-H Committee, Macoupin County Extension Council, and Macoupin County 4-H Federation. In my local 4-H Club I have held every office from President to Historian.

Throughout my 4-H career, I have taken a vast array of 4-H Projects such as Beef, Swine, Photography, Interior Design, and Crops.

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## Rotary Programs



### Apr 2 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Judy Hoffman will present the history of the Piasa Bird.

### Apr 9 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

### Apr 16 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

### Apr 23 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for April will be honored.

### Apr 30 Oblate Novitiate

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speakers will be Farmer Kris Larson and Father Maurice Lange. They will update us on the growth of the Community Garden and how it affects the larger Alton and Godfrey communities.

## Students of the Month

Charles Phillips, a senior at Alton High School, and Rebecca Hurst, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students for the Month for the month of March at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on March 12th.

Charles Phillips is the son of Chuck and Jeannette Phillips of Alton. An Illinois State Scholar, Phillips has been a regular on Alton High's High Honor Roll. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a mentor for the Freshman Academy. Phillips is a regular on the current Alton Redbird basketball squad and has served as an athletic tutor. He is a member of the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Society and plans to attend Purdue University majoring in Multidisciplinary Engineering.

He is President of the Movie Club, Is Senior film editor and Senior T-Shirts designer and distributor. When he has spare time he serves as a student volunteer in the Bucket Brigade program and as a student assistant at various high school functions.

Rebecca Hurst is the daughter of Richard and Dianne Hurst of Dorsey. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a regular on the school's High Honor Roll. Active in school activities, Rebecca serves in the Campus Ministry, is a member of the International Club, is a School Ambassador, and a member of the Students Against Destructive Decisions group.

Last year she served on the prom committee but her real love has been her participation in 4-H Club activities on the state and local levels for which she has been recognized with numerous awards. During 2006 she was selected as the outstanding 4-H girl member and outstanding Agriculture member for Macoupin County. She has served in a number of offices as a 4-H member including President She has been an active member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association, was selected as Illinois Angus Queen, and serves on the State Board of Directors

of that organization. Her participation in state, county and local 4-H projects are legendary in scope, and she plans to continue a career in agriculture by attending the University of Illinois and majoring in Animal Science

When she has spare time she is an active volunteer for a variety of community service activities including but not limited to working with community clean up endeavors, working with youth and senior citizen programs and lending a helping hand to wherever she was needed .whether it be help for victims of Hurricane Katrina or working at a local soup kitchen.



### More Interact Members

On Monday, March 19, two more Interact members were in attendance at our regular Rotary meeting. Jake Lampe, current president of Interact, and Meghan Hartmann, current vice-president are pictured above. They, along with several other Interact members, were a big help at the recent Chili Chow-down fund raiser.

leaps of joy like Spiderman only explain a fraction of the overflowing emotion. The answer is simple. I performed a miracle. No one had seen any red aces. The cards in the tightly clenched hand were black kings. That leaves only one explanation.

I have been performing magic and sleight of hand for almost a year now. I have always loved watching magicians change cards, vanish coins, levitate, and perform effects too quick for the eye to see. When I first picked up a deck of cards, I felt like a fish trying to fly. The amount of magical material to learn is astonishing, and my life will last only so long. I had to start somewhere. So, I did. Like a baby taking its first steps, I stumbled, tripped and fell over and over. I had to walk before I could run. Simple card sleights came first. They, however, could not even fool my eight-year-old brother. I vowed from the beginning that I would one day show him a trick even he could not unravel. So, I did. To this day, he still asks me how to do it.

Currently, I have worked my way up to showing random bystanders a couple of my best effects. Magic has boosted my confidence, enhanced my personality, and stimulated my mind. I can now focus on a single task and perform under pressure better than I ever could before. Gradually, I have become competent. But being mediocre will not cut it. I want to be the best.

So, I am going to keep on practicing. In magic and in life, my work ethic will help me achieve greatness at what I simply love doing. Maybe one day I will be able to run instead of walk. Until then, I am going to keep on practicing.

*by Charles Phillips*

These projects have led to numerous awards such as, Macoupin County Outstanding Girl, Macoupin County Outstanding Agriculture 4-H Member, and an Illinois State 4-H Award in the area of Animal Science which enabled me to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. This trip involved leadership, educational, community service, and fun activities.

Since I started 4-H I have been building a herd of registered Angus cattle. Every summer I show cattle at various cattle shows throughout the State of Illinois. I have also served on the Illinois Junior Angus Association Board of Directors and I am the current Illinois Angus Queen. These activities require a lot of hard work, but they have allowed me to meet many different people from around the United States.

This fall I plan to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, majoring in Animal Science. Upon graduation from the University of Illinois, I hope to obtain a job within a livestock nutrition or livestock health company.

*by Rebecca Hurst*

**May 7 Moonlight Restaurant**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fourth Quarter Club Assembly. Plans for 07-08 Rotary year to be announced. New committee organization presented.

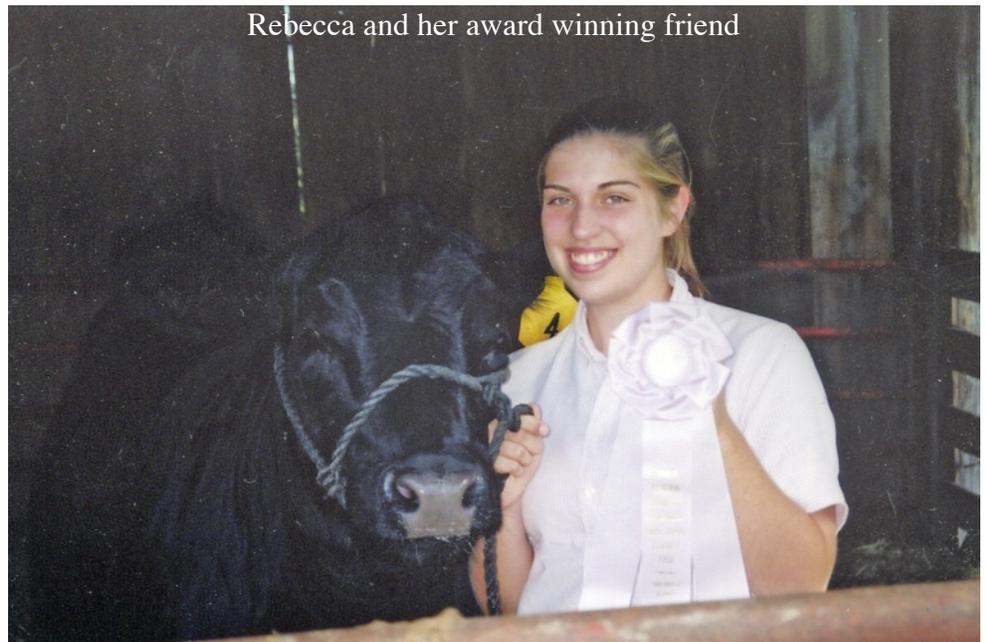
**May 14 Moonlight Restaurant**  
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for May will be honored.

**May 21 Rolling Hills**  
Alton/Godfrey Rotary Golf Challenge. at 1:30 p.m. Format will be a Shotgun Start. Cost is \$75 per person which will include dinner. There will be an auction following the golf challenge.

**May 28 No Meeting**  
Memorial Day Holiday

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

Rebecca and her award winning friend



# March Minutes

The March 12, 2007, meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Jeannine Kelly. Others in attendance were Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Bryan White, Roland Hansen, Tom Turpin, Mike Seymour, Mike Osborne, Rod Elias, Joel Copley, Josh Farley, Ford Phillips, Dana Eastman, Dick Jones, Allen McBride, Dan Saeger and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

Others in attendance, Jasper Fisher.

On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Bryan White, the minutes, as corrected, were approved. On a motion Dick Jones, seconded by Mike Seymour, the treasurer's report was approved.

Two new members have been proposed and approved, Craig Schaaf and E. J. Kuiper but neither has been inducted into the Club. Rod Elias made a motion, seconded by Dana Eastman, that new members be billed for dues before induction. The Board approved this with the addition that the statement will be given to the sponsor.

In Club Administration, Dick Jones reported that there is \$17,352.22 in the Piasa Foundation account. This is a correction from the last report. Bryan White is going to ask Moonlight to prepare the meals this year for the steak fry. The dinner will consist of a 14-16 oz. ribeye, salad, potato, and rolls at a cost of \$13.00. Joel Copley proposed having Moonlight prepare the meal for the first steak fry and see how it goes. It was approved on a motion by Bryan White, seconded by Scott Neudecker, to have Moonlight prepare the first steak fry meal on a trial basis. The Paul Harris committee has mailed the nomination information to Paul Harris members.

In Club Public Relations, there was no report.

In membership, Joel Copley said there are speakers scheduled through May 14.

In Service Projects, Mike Seymour reported that all is ready for the Chili Chowdown. He said that 11:30 and 4:30, are very busy times and there is always plenty of work. Interact is volunteering again this year and they are a major help. For the golf classic Scott Neudecker said the committee had a meeting. The charge per player this year is \$75.00 which is less than last year. He said last year there were barely enough players to have a shot gun start. He is going to advertise that funds raised from the tournament will go to Community Service Projects and the Scholarship Fund.

For the Rotary Foundation, Dan Saeger said Interact is looking at International projects. They have not made a final decision but are very interested in the well project in Africa.

In mail/correspondence a copy of the minutes were received from the Growth Association Civic Sign Committee meeting of 3/1/07. There are 3 of these civic signs in the area. The sign in Godfrey was replaced 05-06. The Rt. 140 sign is to be replaced by 5/31/07. Action on the River Road sign was tabled until their next meeting. The Growth Association is seeking funds from Great Rivers Scenic Byway and civic organizations for funding the River Road sign. This request was referred to Community Service along with requests from

the NAACP and Marquette After Prom. Joel Copley questioned Rotary's membership in the Growth Association and suggested we consider quitting. This was referred to Community Service for review and will be on the next agenda.

In old business, concerning the Rotary Fountain, Jeannine and Scott met with Mike Drake and Rhonda Lewis. They went through the entire project from beginning to the present. Larry Hauck and Sharon Johnson were told the fountain project was set aside because the Hellrung Park project had a grant deadline. Jeannine and Scott were shown information from the manufacturer and supplier and it appears the fountain was installed correctly. The Park Department has not looked at any landscaping and would like to work with Rotary on this and asked for our expertise. The landscaping would be a club project with the City paying for materials. They also want Rotary input on signage. Currently they are looking to place 2 signs in either marble or granite. A sign committee of Mike Seymour, Tom Turpin, Jeannine Kelly and Scott Neudecker was formed. Scott is going to contact Mike Drake and ask that fountain not be started until the signs and landscaping are completed. Godfrey is waiting on matching grants to continue with the Lars Hoffman Park project.

For the International Service Project, Dick Jones has not heard from Bea Schulmeister concerning the appraisal survey of Mel's dental equipment. He feels nothing is going to be done with the equipment. The Board tabled this project until we hear from Bea.

Dana Eastman, for the World Affairs Seminar, said he is waiting for names of students from Phil Trapani and John Rain.

Ron Mayhew said the literacy project will begin with the new school year.

In new business the Rotary Day at the ball park is set for 4/29/07 at 7:00.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

## February Report

Previous Balance	\$9,178.45
cleared payments	4,590.13
cleared deposits	3,263.71
Cleared Balance	7,852.03
uncleared payments	1,952.14
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	5,899.89
New Payments	824.38
New Deposits	1,459.00
Ending Balance	6,534.51

### Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Vice-President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 465-5257
Secretary.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Treasurer.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
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### Board of Directors 2005-2006

Allen McBride-3rd yr	Dan Saeger-2nd yr
Martha Morse-3rd yr	Tom Turpin-2nd yr
Mike Seymour-3rd yr	Joel Copley-1st yr
Mike Tillman-3rd yr	Dana Eastman-1st yr
Bryan White-3rd yr	Rod Elias-1st yr
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr	Roland Hansen-1st yr
Bill Moyer-2nd yr	Dick Jones-1st yr
Mike Osborne-2nd yr	Sharon Johnson-PP