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Diamond G celebrating 50 years

‘We have people that have been coming here since day one’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — This year, Diamond G Western Store in rural Rochelle is celebrating 50 years of business.

The family business is owned and operated by sisters Sandy Rogers and Donna Sassaman. The authentic western store offers a selection of hats, boots, clothes, jewelry, belts, buckles, horse supplies and more.

“There aren’t any other western stores around here with the history,” Rogers said. “But there were a lot of western stores that started up in the past. But they’re gone now. There’s hardly any left. It’s hard being a specialty store. But it’s well worth it. We’ve had horses all our lives. So this is kind of a natural situation.”

The store also offers services unique to the area such as hat shaping, stretching and cleaning along with personalizing belts. Rogers said services like that aren’t easy to find anymore.

Near the front of the store, a wall of newspaper clippings and memorabilia has been put up celebrating the 50th anniversary. Longtime customers or friends have come into the store and seen themselves in the photos.

“When I look at this board with all of these pictures and newspaper clippings and memories after all these years, it makes me feel proud,”



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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Rogers said. “It was hard, hard work getting started. It took time.”

Rogers and Sassaman said the store is planning promotions later this year to celebrate the anniversary.

The pair started riding horses when they were three years old. Sassaman is a former Miss Rodeo USA. Rogers spent 42 years as a professional rodeo secretary. The family spent time over the years selling and competing in rodeos.

“Our travels down the road are among my fondest memories,” Sassaman said. “We’d fill up the trailers with merchandise and go and set up. All the other stores that would set up would have people come by and do it for them. People would come by and

laugh at us because it was just Sandy and I. We had fun doing that.”

Diamond G Western Store was on the road at the famous International Livestock Show and Rodeo in Chicago, at the World Quarter Horse Show in Louisville, Kentucky, the World Quarter Horse Show in Oklahoma City and many more events all over the United States.

Diamond G started a winter rodeo series, which lasted 13 winters. They held 20 performances a year a year through the winter months. As its popularity grew, the venue became known as the “Cow Palace.” The crowd got to see national finals contestants from 11 states compete including Tom Oar of the Mountain

Men TV series.

“The rodeos were a huge success and made many fond memories for a lot of people,” Rogers and Sassaman said. “People still stop with their kids or grandchildren just to show them where they spent part of their winters.”

Rogers said the 50 years went by quickly at Diamond G Western Store. There have been “huge changes” to the location, including the store being added onto and a shed was built for rodeos with bleachers, bathrooms and heat. Sassaman recalled the store’s early years.

“We had to start out trying to find salespeople that would come out here,” Sassaman said.

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28-year-old victim named from house fire

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Wednesday morning, the Rochelle Police Department released the name of the female victim of a Sunday morning house fire in town. Devin K. Gibbons, 28, of Rochelle passed away as a result of the incident.

RPD Chief Eric Higby declined to comment further on the matter on Wednesday and a press release said the investigation is ongoing. An autopsy was conducted Tuesday.

At 10:46 a.m. the Rochelle Fire Department was called to a residence located at 503 7th Ave., apartment two, following a report of smoke. Upon arrival, the victim was found to be deceased. RPD then responded to the scene and began its investigation.

“It was explained to me that there was an apartment issue involving a water leak that morning,” Higby said on Monday.

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Rochelle Township High School crowns 2022 Homecoming Royalty

Rochelle Township High School honored its 2022 Homecoming Court candidates and winners during the annual Pep Rally on Thursday. Seniors Trey Taft and Torrin Nantz (center left) were crowned the 2022 Homecoming King and Queen. Juniors Brock Metzger and Adaleiah Villalobos (center right) were crowned Homecoming Prince and Princess. Jack Carmichael and Marianna Saldana (far left) were named the sophomore candidates, while Brode Metzger and Ashley Dickey (far right) were named the freshman candidates.

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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The pair started riding horses when they were three years old. Sassaman is a former Miss Rodeo USA. Rogers spent 42 years as a professional rodeo secretary. The family spent time over the years selling and competing in rodeos.

STORE: Diamond G owners reflect on 50 years

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"They'd think it was just a garage. We opened and took a picture and it went in the paper. We didn't have much for sale then. Just 5-6 halters and a few other things."

The pair's parents, Milo and Dena Gittleson, liked horses and the western atmosphere. Running a family business came easily to them.

"I thought running a business as a family worked out pretty good because we could always rely on each other," Sassaman said. "If one of us couldn't work for some reason, there was always somebody there. The family just stuck together."

Longtime customers and rodeo attendees come into the store on occasion and talk about memories with Sassaman and Rogers.

"I enjoy the whole atmosphere," Rogers said. "It's out in the country, we have a lot of woods around us and wildlife. Our customers are nice. Most everyone that comes in is impressed with the store and nice and friendly. We have people that have been coming here since day one 50 years ago. And they bring it up every time they come through the door. 'I've been coming here since the beginning.'"

U.S. DOC awards \$2.5 million grant to Rochelle

WASHINGTON — On Sept. 6., U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced the Department's Economic Development Administra-

tion (EDA) is awarding a \$2.5 million grant to the City of Rochelle for water infrastructure upgrades to serve current and future industrial users. This grant is funded by the American Rescue Plan.

This grant will construct a new water treatment building for mitigating elevated levels of iron and manganese in the municipal water supply, which are critical for ensuring businesses can access clean water. The EDA investment will be matched with \$4.7 million in local funds and is expected to create or retain nearly 570 jobs and generate \$1 million in private investment, according to grantee estimates.

"President Biden's American Rescue Plan offers direct relief to American communities as they work to build a better America for the future," said Raimondo. "This EDA investment in Rochelle will provide critical water infrastructure needed to build a robust regional economy and boost U.S. competitiveness on the global stage."

"The Economic Development Administration is pleased to support locally-driven strategies designed to boost economic recovery efforts," said Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Alejandra Y. Castillo. "This EDA award will pave the way for industrial growth, new job opportunities and long-term regional economic resiliency in Ogle County."

"Every community deserves the safety and security that stems from modern water infrastructure," said Gov. JB Pritzker. "Through collaboration at every level of government, we have the ability to provide reliable access to clean water in every corner of the state. I am thankful to President Biden and Secretary Raimondo for prioritizing this action, which will be a driving force for economic growth in Rochelle for generations to come."

"Federal American Rescue Plan funds are still flowing into projects throughout Illinois, investing in projects that drive long-term economic growth in our communities to help such as tackling upgrades to their water infrastructure systems," said Senator Dick Durbin. "This new water treatment building will make Rochelle more resilient and delivers local jobs as we pursue economic recovery and development. I will continue working to ensure every corner of Illinois has access to these federal investments to grow their economy, improve infrastructure, and deliver tangible benefits to the surrounding communities and region."

"Everyone has a right to clean water and should be able to access it regardless of ZIP code, skin color or size of their wallet," said Senator Tammy Duckworth. "I'm so proud that with the American Rescue Plan, water infrastructure projects like this one in Rochelle can move forward — and it's why I worked so hard to include my Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law so we can work to help ensure more folks have clean, safe water in their homes and communities."

This project is funded under EDA's American Rescue Plan Economic Adjustment Assistance program, which makes \$500 million in Economic Adjustment Assistance grants available to American communities. The Economic Adjustment Assistance program is EDA's most flexible program, and grants made under this program will help hundreds of communities across the nation plan, build, innovate, and put people back to work through construction or non-construction projects designed to meet local needs. The \$3 billion program funding will be awarded on a rolling basis through Sept. 30.

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LOCAL NEWS



Art show raises money for Daniel and Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts

On Thursday, Sept. 8, an annual art show was held at Storybook Gardens to benefit the Daniel and Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts. The fund is through the Rochelle Area Community Foundation and works to bring art installations to the Rochelle area. This year's event had additional local artists displaying their work, a silent basket auction, a performance by Buzzed by Sonset and a live art auction with Matt Hart. \$4,460 was raised from the event. Next year's art show is scheduled for Sept. 7, 2023 at Storybook Gardens.

Pillen serves as homecoming grand marshal

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — A homecoming grand marshal is selected for the exceptional commitment to our school and our community throughout the years. The 2022 homecoming grand marshal is Counselor Laurie Pillen. It is a position she has held for 38 years. At Rochelle

Township High School she has been counseling students since 1985.

Counselor is far from the only hat Pillen has worn. She was a cheer coach for two years before finding her true love, coaching students for competitive speech tournaments. She has also been a Natural Helpers advisor, National Honor Society advisor and fresh-

man class advisor.

Pillen said what she especially enjoys about RTHS is, "a really positive environment. There are not a lot of schools that have the culture and climate that we do."

From a staff member's perspective, she feels, "RTHS is a place where you do your job with great support while simultaneously being allowed to be

the expert in your field and work with great people."

The accomplishment about which she is most proud? She said it is her impact on students. Nurturing students allows them to become better people.

"As we always tell students, 'high school goes incredibly fast.' Take advantage of all the opportunities. This is a time in your life when you get to try

different things. It's okay to try something new and not be good at it. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that."

"You will have a lot of years to work," she added, "I would love people to take advantage of the academics, the extra-curriculars and of the many opportunities that are out there."

Her parting words of



Laurie Pillen

wisdom, "Have fun and really enjoy yourself while making good decisions."



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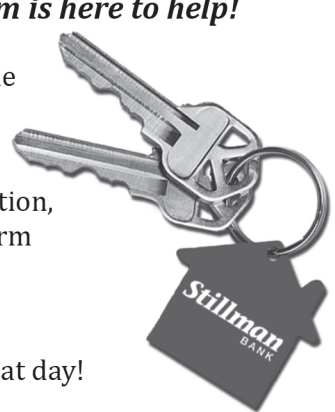
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LOCAL NEWS

Rochelle Police Department

Officers issue citations

ROCHELLE — On Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. a 17-year-old female juvenile of Rochelle was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 21 Rochelle court date.

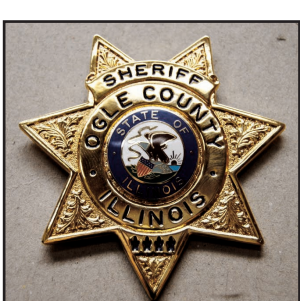
On Sept. 22 at 1:05 p.m. Alexander V. Tsema, 61, of Jackson, Mississippi was cited for unsafe tires and leaving the scene of an accident. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 21 Rochelle court date.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies conduct traffic stops

OREGON — On Sept. 21 at 9:42 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 12,000 block of North Illinois Route 26 for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Bryant Cotton, 39, of Freeport, was arrested for improper cannabis container/driver, illegal window tint, illegal transportation of alcohol/driver, passing in a no-passing zone and obstructing/resisting a peace officer. Cotton was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 22 at approximately 1:43 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 96. After a brief



investigation, deputies arrested Carrie Staker, 55, of Madison Wisconsin, for no valid driver's license. Staker was also issued citations for suspended registration and an equipment violation. Staker was released on an I-Bond with a return court date later next month.

On Sept. 22 deputies arrested Robert Williams, 34, of Rockford for driving while license revoked and an outstanding Winnebago County failure to appear warrant. Williams was arrested by deputies on Interstate 39 near Illinois Route 64 after being stopped for speeding. Williams was held at the Ogle county Jail in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 22 at approximately 9:13 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 105. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Joshua Delao, 25, of Machesney Park, for driving while license suspended. Delao was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and expired registration. Delao was given an I-bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Obituaries

Michael J. Kersten

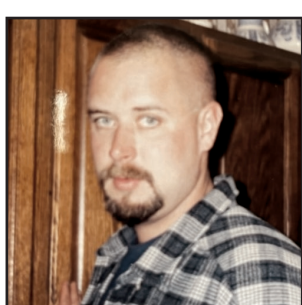
ASHTON — Michael J. Kersten, 47, of Ashton passed away on Sept. 20. Michael was born on April 20, 1975 in Rochelle to Rae John and Sherryl Kersten. Michael was a member of the Ashton United Methodist Church and served as a member of the Ashton Fire Department. He graduated from Ashton High School and received his associates from Sauk Valley Community College. He liked camping, fishing, watching movies, woodworking, playing and watching baseball and basketball as well as shooting guns at target practice. He also enjoyed

being around his family and friends.

Michael is survived by his mother, Sherryl; two sisters, Michelle Ramirez of Ashton and Lori Talley of Amboy; nieces and nephews, Kristin (Austin), Alexis, James and Nate; great nieces and nephews, Anna Lynne, Clint, Maci-Rae, Mia, as well as one on the way in January 2023.

Michael is preceded in death by his father, Rae John.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 2-5 p.m. at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 601 Richardson Ave, Ashton, IL 61006. Funeral ser-



vice will be held next day, Monday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. A graveside service will follow out to Ashton Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com.

Dennis G. Koch



LODI, Wis. — Dad made it a practice to check the obits in several papers daily “just to make sure I’m not in them.” Well, Dad, today is your day!

Denny passed away peacefully after a long illness, surrounded by loved ones on Sept. 20. He was surely greeted by his two loyal companions, Max and Brady, who have been waiting a long time to play frisbee again with their favorite human.

Denny was born on July 8, 1944, and grew up on a beautiful farm south of Rochelle, the son of Irvin and Darleen Koch. It was on the farm that Dad learned the values of hard work, commitment, loyalty and steadfastness — traits that followed him throughout his life. The farm is also where he developed a love of driving around endlessly to look at the fields (in his later years, behind the wheel of his Camaro), an appreciation of weather and storms of all kinds and an insatiable August appetite for farm-fresh sweet corn on the cob.

He graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1962 and Spencian Business College in Milwaukee in 1966. His work with the SS Kresge Company and Kimberly Clark took him to both coasts, but he eventually found himself back where he was meant to be, on his beloved family farm. He worked the rest of his life in agriculture, both farming and in sales. He greatly valued the relationships he built with colleagues throughout the Midwest.

Denny was fortunate to have two loves of his life. In 1974, he married Linda Thomason and they started their life together raising

Jeni and Julie on the farm. After Linda's death in 1979, Denny took on the responsibility of raising the girls — committed, loyal, steadfast. In 1983, Denny and Roxy began their 39 happy years together — raising kids and grandkids, traveling around the country, and enjoying movies, laughter, and lots of good food (including driving two hours to Dad's favorite place for fried chicken!)

If it was Tuesday, you'd find Denny at the movie theater with a big tub of popcorn and a box of Milk Duds, and then he'd head home to highlight the TV guide for his weekly viewing pleasure. He was not picky — he was happy when watching his favorite old-time Western, the latest summer blockbuster, scary thrillers, documentaries of every sort, or hours of anything having to do with cars or planes. You'd want to check to make sure everything was appropriate for the grandkids, but Denny didn't care. He never missed the daily paper, the nightly news, or arguing the politics inside them with his daughters.

“The need for speed” was always present in Denny. Whether it was flying his beloved Cessna over the fields of central Illinois, dumping his kids off the tube behind his boat, Tsunami, in Lake Shelbyville, or driving his Camaro with the top down through the winding roads of Wisconsin, Denny loved to be on the move — even if he had a bit of a lead foot.

Denny was a self-proclaimed lover of all animals, and rarely had a dry eye when speaking of his dearly-loved and much-missed pups or any animal hurt or neglected.

While his dogs held a very special place in his heart, he gained much joy from being the caretaker of the Koch Backyard Aviary welcoming *most* birds into the constantly growing community of feeders and birdhouses that he lovingly tended.

Denny is survived, lovingly remembered, and greatly missed by his wife, Roxy; his daughters, Jeni (Sean) Berthold and Julie Koch; sons, Mark (Jenni) Wehrmann and Dan (Stephanie) Wehrmann; grandchildren, Riley, Chayton, Sarah, Rebecca, Henry and Lucy; and granddogs, Hudson and Riggins. He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Linda; and of course, Max and Brady.

Denny's family would like to send many thanks and much love to Dr. James Heun and the nursing staff at Sauk Prairie Clinics and Hospital for their loving care and kindness over the years.

Please join us to remember Denny and celebrate his sass, fun, and love at GUNDERSON WEST FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 7435 University Ave., Middleton, WI 53562, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Columbia County Humane Society. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

Candidate packets available

ROCHELLE — Candidate packets for one (1) four-year full-term Office of the Mayor and three (3) four-year full-term Coun-

cil members in the City of Rochelle are available in the clerk's office at Rochelle City Hall located at 420 N 6th St.

City residents running for the office must file as if there will be a primary election involving five or more candidates for the office of the mayor and 13 or more candidates for the office of council member. If required, the

Consolidated Primary Election will be held on Feb. 28, 2023.

If there are not five or more candidates for the office of the mayor or 13 or more candidates for the office of council member, there will not be a primary and the names of the candidates will be placed on the ballot for the Consolidated General Election to be held on April 4, 2023.

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the

Rochelle Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

The Flagg Township Museum would like to thank the individual who found and returned the police hat that was worn in the Creston Booster Days Parade and lost immediately afterward.

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LOCAL NEWS

FIRE: Rochelle woman named victim of Sunday blaze

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“Somebody checked apartment two at the location and saw smoke and called the fire department. They got on scene and put out the fire and found someone who had passed away.”

RPD has not ruled out foul play in the incident. Higby said Monday that RPD has not been made aware of any other individuals that were in the apartment besides the victim.

Rochelle Police and Fire were assisted by the Red Cross, Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District, Ogle County Coroner, the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office, Sterling Police Department, Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigators and the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

“The Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigators were there to collect evidence and

determine whether a crime was committed, similar to why the Illinois State Fire Marshal was there,” Higby said Monday. “The Ogle County Sheriff’s Office was there for manpower and investigating and did things like talk to neighbors.”

The Red Cross assisted with temporary housing for residents of the other units of the apartment. Higby said he didn’t think there was “an extreme amount” of fire damage to the inside of the unit and the damage to the outside of the building was minimal.

“When I arrived on scene and was outside, I could barely tell that there was a fire,” Higby said.

The building at 503 7th Ave. is still currently roped off with crime scene tape.

Higby told the News-Leader Wednesday that more information will be released regarding the incident at a later date.



On Wednesday morning, the Rochelle Police Department released the name of the female victim of a Sunday morning house fire in town. Devin K. Gibbons, 28, of Rochelle passed away as a result of the incident.

(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Area

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Ashton Bible Church, corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website 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 7:00pm. Web: thebridgechurchrochelle.com Email: 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

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 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 with questions or for more information. Also check us out at 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. 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 facebook.com/stewardilumc

Elim Reformed Church, 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-6811. Email goelimchurch@gmail.com Website 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 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 6:00 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 11:00 am Sunday mornings on WRHL 1060 AM for the Sunday morning “Bible Message.” www.firstbaptistrochelle.org

First General Baptist Church, 500 S. 12th St, Rochelle. Phone: 815-562-5221. Email: fgbcrchelle@gmail.com. Website: www.fgbcrchelle.org. Facebook: www.facebook.com/fgbcrchelle. Pastor: Rev. Angelo Bonacquisti. **Sunday worship services:** 8:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm. **Sunday school:** 10:00 am. We’d be honored to have you join us as we worship JESUS and continue to grow in truth and love for God and each other. A nursery, children’s church, youth group and small groups are available. If you need a ride please contact our church bus driver, John, at (815) 262-4275 by 8:30 am on Sunday. “For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

First Presbyterian Church – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgrace.com. Sunday morning worship 9:00am & 11:00am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgrace.com / www.facebook.com/placeforgrace

Harvest Baptist Church 241 Scott Ave. (Hillcrest). Rev. Duane Boehm, pastor. Email 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, Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor, Brent Braski- Administrative Pastor, Adrian Daugherty- Lead Worshipper, Joe Mortimer- Youth Director, Amanda Barnes- Office Manager. 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 Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

Primitive Baptist Church, services 3’d Sunday each month, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn Express, 1240 N. Dement Road, Rochelle, Ill. Elder Robbie Webb, and other ministers preaching. Lunch and fellowship time between services. Contact Elder Rob Webb, 312-809-0871, or Elder Robert Webb, 217-357-3723, or email bwebb9@juno.com for more information. Services sponsored by the Carthage Primitive Baptist Church for convenience of members and friends in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Visitors are welcome.

Rochelle United Methodist Church, where everyone is welcome! We believe that everyone is created in the image of God, and we are all beloved and forgiven by God. We invite you to be a part of a welcoming and accepting community where we celebrate the differences among us as gifts from God. We support and encourage each other – so that we all know that we are beloved children of God. . Come love God and neighbor with us. Rev. **Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley**, Lead Pastor. 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. admin@rochelleumc.com. **Sunday worship** is at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. Children leave worship for a Sunday School lesson after the Children’s Sermon. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at www.rochelleumc.com. Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Stay up to date on our **Facebook page** www.facebook.com/rochelleumc and website www.rochelleumc.com. Everyone is always welcome to our worship, Bible studies and events. See our website for more information. September 4 is a HymnSing and then for September we focus for three weeks on RESET. Are you ready for a RESET? God specializes in resetting God’s people. Resets are not about going back to how things used to be – they help us set things the way they SHOULD be!

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: stpatrickstrochelle.com Email: stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle

St. Paul Lutheran Church “Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!” Pastor-Rev. Greg Hoffmann, 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

Guest column

Riding 700 miles in a loop

IT turned out to be a long, hot, frustrating 700-mile loop. September is a great month to ride motorcycles. The weather is still good, and it is the perfect time to get in one last long ride before the season ends. That is exactly what I had planned with a friend the weekend of Sept. 16. We both took off on Friday so we could ride down to Point Pleasant, West Virginia for something called the Mothman Festival. Ever heard of the Mothman? It is a mythical beast who appears before disaster strikes, like it did in Point Pleasant in the 1960s. The creature was allegedly spotted for months before the Silver Bride into town collapsed in 1967, killing 46 people. Yes, it is folklore, although some believe it. Point Pleasant has made the best of it by hosting this popular festival every year. I am not big Mothman believer, but it seemed like a nice ride to a fun event.



Brad Jennings

So, we leave at 6 a.m. on Sept. 16. We ride a little more than 80 miles south on Interstate 39 before stopping for a sugar-free Red Bull. Our plan is to take Interstate 74 east to Indianapolis and then head south. While we stand outside the convenience store talking about our day of riding ahead, my riding partner notices a nail in his back tire. Big, big problem. We had no choice, so we backtracked to the nearest Harley dealership in Ottawa. As with many products these days, the tires are backordered, so my friend must head slowly home. Since there are hotel reservations already in place, I decide to head on to West Virginia. But now, since we are on Interstate 80, I decide to stick to it and head east toward Indiana. That turns out to be a mistake of monumental proportions. Everything starts out fine, but the closer I get to the border with Indiana, the thicker the traffic. Eventually, we stop. I am watching the GPS on my bike, which shows the time of my arrival

at my destination. It says 5:30 p.m. As traffic creeps along, and the heat from my pipes starts to burn my leg and my clutch hand starts to stiffen up, I notice I am losing a lot of time. It goes from, a 5:30 p.m. arrival to 6 p.m. Then 6:15 p.m. We slowly cross into Indiana and time continues to slip away. My arrival time sits on 7:15 p.m. when traffic finally starts to move again. I am hot and not very happy, but at least we are moving again. I take the exit to get on Interstate 65 in Indiana and head south. I stop for a Snickers because I am getting hangry (hungry + angry) and let my wife know I am heading on. I get back onto Interstate 65 and try to make up time, but traffic is fairly heavy. Eventually it thins, my mood lifts and I start to make decent time. I will still get to my destination later than I hoped, but I will make it!

Turns out I was being way too optimistic. I hit construction delay after construction delay on Interstate 65. Eventually, as I am sitting parked on the freeway, I notice my face is starting to burn. Yep – forgot sunblock. Add it to the list. Once my arrival time slips past 8 p.m. while I am sitting in another construction zone, I mentally throw in the towel. The miles, delays, heat and frustration have taken their toll. I eventually reach Interstate 74 again and head west toward Illinois.

I deal with more construction in Indiana, but eventually enter the Land of Lincoln. Smooth sailing until I get near Champaign and traffic stalls again. This costs me another 45 minutes. The culprit? Turns out they are painting new lines on the freeway...on a Friday at 4 p.m. How about at night when the traffic is much lighter? Anyone? I finally make it home at 7 p.m. I have ridden 700 miles in a loop, basically. Two days later my face starts to peel. The moral of this story? They say the worst day of riding is still a good day. Well, “they” are wrong.

The banned books I read

AS my parents walked down a street in China, a man sidled up next to my mother and asked if they had a Bible. In accented English, he explained that some Americans brought Bibles to give away in that Communist country. My folks were Illinois hog farmers who over the years visited their counterparts in China, Ukraine, Poland and Denmark to exchange ideas. When Mom related that story more than 30 years ago, I felt so grateful to live in a nation where the government didn’t tell people what they could read. I’m not sure I live in such a place anymore. Unfortunately, we live in a society where folks on both the left and right are trying to determine what others can read. I’m bullheaded enough that when someone tells me not to read something, it’s the first thing I add to my reading list. Years ago, a fellow Protestant mocked me for my curiosity about the Apocrypha, the four books of the Bible recognized by the Catholic Church but not by most Protestant denominations. My response was to read it. It has helped me understand differences in Catholic and Protestant teachings. It adds greater context to the 400 years before the birth of Jesus

and its prose is beautiful. Today, race is often the fulcrum on the book-banning debate. I recently interviewed the Republican candidate for governor, Darren Bailey, and he said critical race theory shouldn’t be taught in schools. Supporters of teaching “critical race theory” contend race is a social construct, and that racism is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded in legal systems and policies. Conservative critics counter that the foundation of the theory is that the United States is fundamentally racist and that it leads students to feel guilty for past actions by white people. How about letting the kids read the works and decide for themselves? Critics of Critical Race Theory often point to the “1619 Project,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning endeavor by the New York Times Magazine looking at the legacy of 400 years of slavery on what is now the United States. For Christmas last year, my wife gave me a copy of the “1619 Project.” It was a fascinating read. Some conclusions in the book I agreed with. Others I didn’t. But that’s OK. When you read something, it should provoke

thought, not adherence. I also make a point of reading authors I know I will disagree with. Sometimes, I even read material that I know going in I will find revolting. For example in 1995, in the wake of the Oklahoma City Bombing, I entered a bookstore in Davenport, Iowa, and asked if they had a copy of the “Turner Diaries,” a racist tome that is said to have inspired the bombers. The older woman who owned the store narrowed her eyes and snarled, “We don’t sell that here. Do you want to bomb something?” No. But I did want to derive some understanding of what hate motivated the terrorists. When I eventually obtained a copy, I found the ideas it espoused disgusting. But it has given me insight into the warped reasoning behind the white-nationalist movement. One of my favorite books is “To Kill a Mockingbird.” When I read the novel as a teenager, I was mesmerized by the tale of a lawyer standing against a racist legal system in the South. I loved the book so much that when we were expecting our second daughter, I wanted to name her “Scout” after the book’s protagonist. (My wife nixed the idea.)



Scott Reeder

Today, there is a push to ban the book in schools. Some folks don’t like it because it uses a racial epithet in the context of the Southern culture of the time. Others say it’s misogynistic because it’s about a false rape accusation. Still others don’t like that a white man is cast as the hero trying to save a Black man. All these criticisms would seem to make good fodder for a discussion in a classroom. Instead, wimpy school administrators are banning its use. So, what am I reading during Banned Books Week? Well, “Diary of a Misfit” is an excellent non-fiction read. It’s about a lesbian journalist returning to rural Louisiana, where she grew up, to create a documentary of a transgender man her grandmother knew in the 1940s. I’m not done with it, but so far it is a brilliant read. I’m also reading “Every Good Endeavor” by Timothy Keller, an evangelical pastor who discusses finding spiritual purpose in our work. I enjoy discussing it with others early on Wednesday mornings. Reading creates bridges of understanding between disparate groups. In our divided society, what could be a better goal? Scott Reeder, staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

What is your favorite topping(s) to get on pizza?

“Bacon (regular).”

Cindy Foster Knight

“Veggies.”

Delores White

“Canadian bacon.”

John Dalen

“Pesto and thinly-sliced pickles.”

Norene Bunger

“Green olives.”

Kristy Dalen

“Extra cheese and pepperoni.”

Denise Montgomery

“Pepperoni.”

Katie Paulsen

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COMMUNITY



Roberts participates in 128th Big Rock Plowing Match

Chuck Roberts of Rochelle participated in the 128th Big Rock Plowing Match last weekend and took fourth place out of 14 in the antique rubber tire tractor division. The antique rubber tire division consists of tractors of 1939 vintage or older. He used a 1936 Farmall F-12 tractor pulling a John Deere two-bottom plow. The maximum number of points allotted to a participant are as follows: back furrow 25 points, uniformity of furrows 25 points, line of furrows 25 points, trash coverage 15 points and general neatness 10 points. Roberts' score was 84 out of 100. The plowing match rules require a one or two-bottom plow, seven rounds of plowing on a particular assigned area, no usage of electronic aids such as GPS systems during plowing and tractors of 1939 vintage or older. This F-12 tractor has F-14 pistons installed and a lower gear ratio to pull a two-bottom plow.

Ogle County petition packets available

OREGON — Ogle County Clerk Laura J. Cook recently announced that petition packets for the upcoming Consolidated Election on April 4, 2023 are available as of Sept. 20 on the Ogle County website. Petition Packets may be accessed on the website www.oglecounty.org.

Click on "County Clerk" under Departments, then "Elections." Next select "Consolidated Election – April 4, 2023" and "Local Election Official (Petition Packets)." The necessary forms and information is available to print.

Petition Packets for cities, villages, park districts, forest preserve,

fire protection districts and library districts will be available at the local district offices. Packets for school board will be available at the county clerk's office. Candidates may begin circulating their petitions on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Filing of Petitions: School board candidates

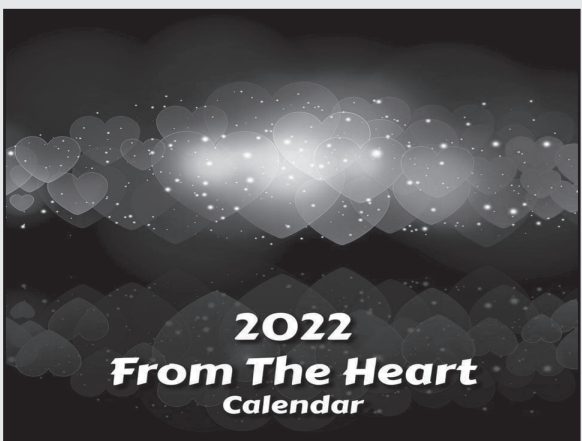
will file petitions with the county clerk's office in Oregon from Dec. 12-19; hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. All other candidates must file their petitions from Dec. 12-19 with their local election official.

For further information, contact Cook at 815-732-1110.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 28
Ashley Bunker
Sept. 29
Josh Walker
Sarah Kulwicki
Lyndsey OBrien

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



Aug. 30 - Scott A. Stevens, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 31 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 1 - Hub City Senior Center, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 2 - Jessica Macklin, Winnebago, \$25

Sept. 3 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25

Sept. 4 - Daniel Ortiz, Rochelle, \$50

Sept. 5 - Ben Heck, Chana, \$1,000

Sept. 6 - Bridget Blaine, Dixon, \$25

Sept. 7 - Aubrielle Lodico, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 8 - Carolyn Brown, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 9 - Bobby Clausen, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 10 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25

Sept. 11 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$50

Sept. 12 - Rochelle Hospitality, \$25

Sept. 13 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 14 - Kim Vock, Sterling, \$25

Sept. 15 - Vivian Carlson, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 16 - Tina Vincent, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 17 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Sept. 18 - Miguel Astudillo, Davis Junction, \$50

Sept. 19 - Laura A. Pillen, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 20 - Connor Girot, Louisville, \$25

Sept. 21 - Marcee Semple, Byron, \$25

Sept. 22 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 23 - Margaret Danek, Kings, \$25

Sept. 24 - Kelly Nesgood, Janesville, \$25

Sept. 25 - Allison Savant, Rochelle, \$50



Coffee Break

MAGIC MAZE

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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: A FARM BUILDING

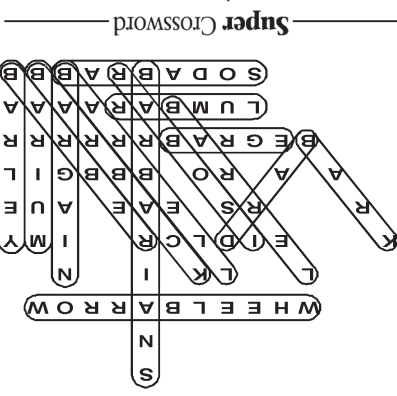
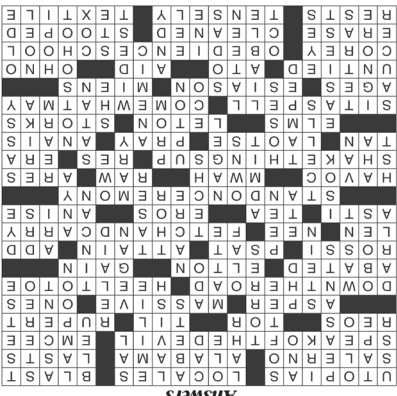
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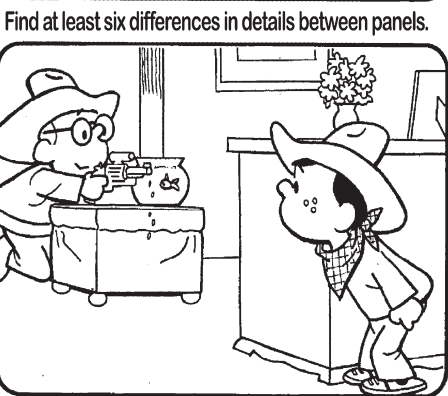
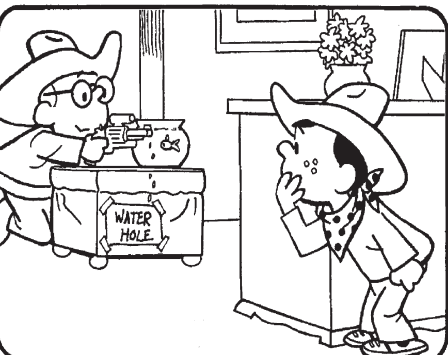
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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1 Perfect places
8 Places
15 Firing noise
20 Italian province or its capital
21 Mobile's place
22 Goes the distance
23 "We were just talking about you!"
25 Roast's host
26 Early 1900s cars
27 The Raptors, on sports tickers
28 Up to, for short
29 Actor Everett of "Stardust"
30 In accordance with
33 Really big
36 Low-value billfold fillers
37 Yet to happen
41 Regular way of walking
43 Slacked off
44 "Your Song" singer John
46 Acquire
47 Martini's partner in winemaking
48 Exam for some jrs.
49 Acquire
52 Tally up
55 "The Ipcress File" novelist
56 Maiden-named
58 Bring items to someone as a server would
61 Italian province or its capital
63 Steeped quaff
65 Love god
66 Ouzo flavorer
67 Insist that formalities are observed
73 Extensive destruction
76 "Air kiss" sound
77 Crude
78 Greek god in a chariot
82 Make radical changes to the norm
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89 Long time
90 Beige
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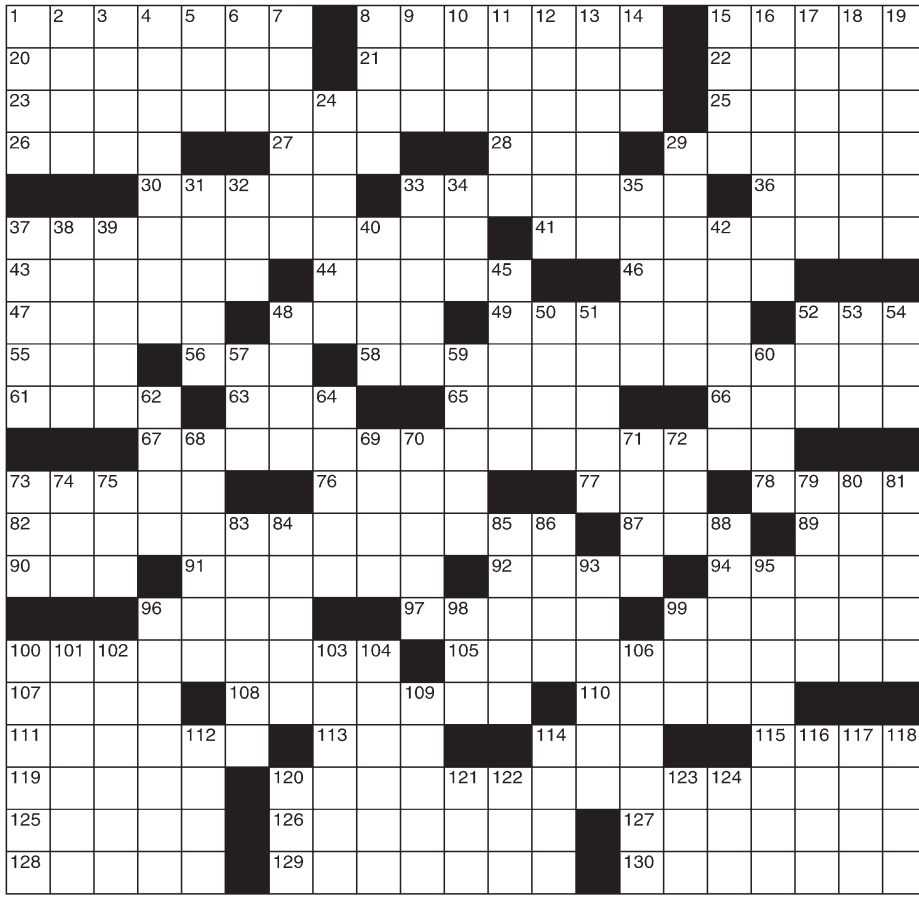
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1 Khrushchev's fed.
2 Sticky stuff
3 Butter substitute
4 Field laborers
5 Really bug
6 Year, in Rio
96 Shade trees
97 Acknowledge
99 Wading birds
100 Relax briefly
105 No matter the consequence
107 A long time
108 1988 NFL MVP Boomer
110 Bearings
111 Loosened, as a skate
113 From — Z
114 Assist
115 "That's awful!"
119 Actor Feldman
120 Place to teach the eight commands featured in this puzzle
125 Rub away
126 Mopped, e.g.
127 Crouched
128 Relaxes
129 In a nervous way
130 Woven fabric

7 "Mister" of ice cream trucks
8 Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"
9 "Go, torero!"
10 Ill-bred dude
11 Assists in crime
12 Sumptuous
13 Actress de Ravin of "Lost"
14 Actor Mineo
15 — cheese dressing
16 Sendup
17 Liftoff follower
18 Hi-fi system
19 Feared fly
24 Swimmer Dara with 12 Olympic medals
29 Installed anew, as flooring
31 Beer vessel
32 Prof's degree
33 Having a dull finish
34 Hurly-burly
35 Eschewer of animal products
37 "The Little Rascals" girl
38 Conical woodwinds
39 Had no life
40 Royal name of Norway
42 Soup holder

45 Mother-of-pearl
48 Hammer end
50 Norse god in a chariot
51 Nonlethal stunner
52 Jackie's hubby #2
53 HMO participants
54 Henna, e.g.
57 SFO guess
59 PC support givers
60 Writer Seton
62 Merits a "so-so"
64 Acknowledge
68 Antigen disablers
69 Has
70 Actor Conrad of early films
71 Nanny Poppins
72 Have a debt
73 Pres. elected in '48
74 "Caught you!"
75 Boxy vehicle
79 Weaponize again
80 "Traffic" actress Christensen
81 Full of lip
83 Packed firmly
84 Gas pump attachments
85 Novelist Sinclair

86 Grads' dance
88 Lucifer
93 Lacking vitality
95 Medium to poor
96 Least difficult
98 Lead-in to chic or hazard
99 Sow or cow to chic or hazard
100 Dish under a cup
101 Brush aside
102 "Neon" tank swimmers
103 Prone
104 Triangular sail
106 Least narrow
109 Coke and Pepsi
112 Peepers
114 Roddick of tennis
116 Pueblo people
117 Yuletide tune
118 Dated, quaintly
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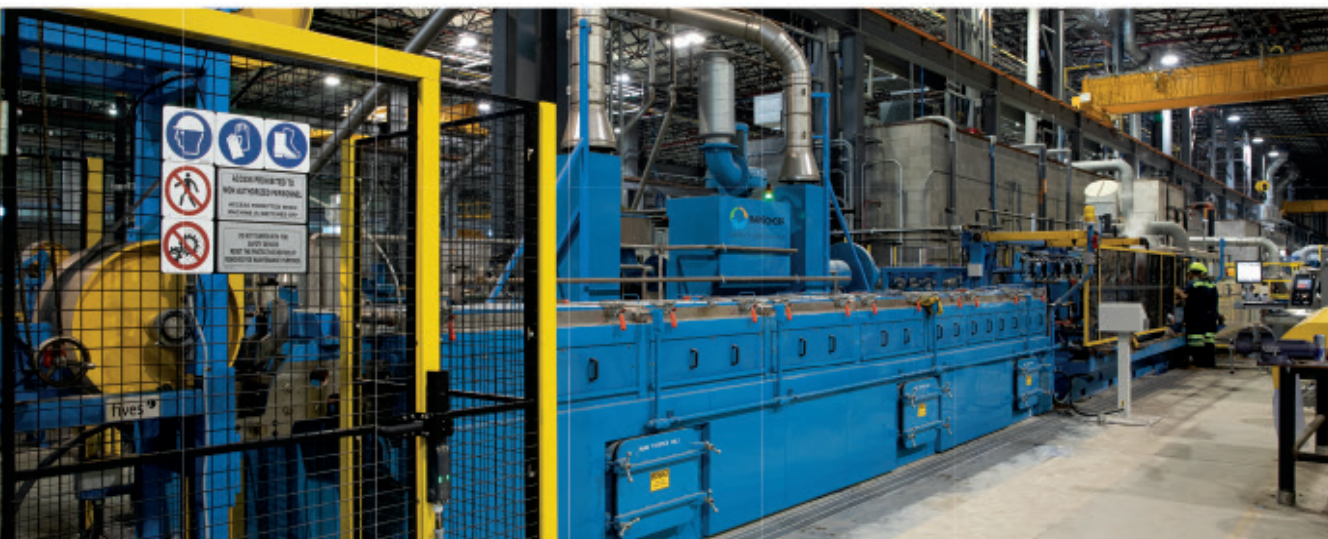
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RTHS Cross Country

Harriers medal at Byron Invite

Hernandez, Ortiz lead varsity teams with top-10 finishes Wednesday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

BYRON — The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub varsity cross country teams competed in the Byron Invitational at the Byron Forest Preserve on Wednesday. The Lady Hubs finished fourth out of five teams with 110 points, while the Hubs took fifth out of six teams with 119 points in the meet.

Junior Luis Hernandez medaled in ninth place out of 46 runners in the varsity race, clocking in at 16:25 over 2.87 miles to lead the Hubs. Senior Thomas Koziol took 23rd overall with a time of 17:42, while freshman Declan McGee finished 27th overall with a time of 18:03. Other notable finishers include senior Avery Auld (36th in 20:36) and freshman Elijah Mayen (41st in 21:40).

“I thought our kids ran well,” head coach Mark Zilis said. “It was a slightly shorter course, but when converted to a full 3-mile race, almost every girl and several of our guys set new personal records. They ran the course really well and there were a lot of hills they needed to work through. Some of

our slower runners really stepped up and our training seems to be working.”

Senior Yuelma Ortiz medaled in fifth place out of 40 runners in the varsity race, clocking in at 20:09 to lead the Lady Hubs. Freshman Annaliese Koziol finished 24th with a time of 22:40, while freshman Rose Luxton and sophomore Bridgett Ramirez took 33rd and 34th with respective times of 26:04 and 26:17. Freshman Mary Chadwick and senior Gisselle Robles placed 36th and 37th with respective times of 26:51 and 27:01 to round out the varsity lineup.

“I think our season has gone well,” Zilis said. “We have a great spirit on this team and all of our kids get along really well. They’re constantly encouraging each other and I love seeing that.”

The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub teams will race at the Rock River Run in Sterling this weekend.

Eddington

The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub varsity cross country teams raced in the Larry Eddington Invitational at Kaneland High School on Saturday. Junior Luis Hernandez led the



Junior Luis Hernandez (left) and senior Yuelma Ortiz (right) each earned medals at the Byron Invitational on Wednesday. Hernandez took ninth to lead the Hubs, while Ortiz finished fifth for the Lady Hubs.

Hubs in the varsity race, finishing 44th out of 149 runners with a time of 17:02.4.

Freshman Declan McGee, sophomore Chris Hickey and senior Thomas

Koziol took 115th, 117th and 119th in the varsity race with respective times of 19:18.4, 19:26.8 and 19:33.6. Freshman Annaliese Koziol led the Lady Hubs in the fresh-soph

race, placing 38th out of 82 runners with a time of 24:44.2.

Freshman Rose Luxton and sophomore Bridgett Ramirez took 58th and 60th in the fresh-soph

race with respective times of 27:00.4 and 27:46.7. Freshmen Emely Hernandez and Mary Chadwick took 62nd and 64th with respective times of 28:06.5 and 28:23.1.

RTHS Volleyball

Morris survives three-set battle with Rochelle

Lady Hubs take home conference road win over LaSalle-Peru on Tuesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Interstate 8 Conference schedule has provided several tough matchups for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team this season. After Rochelle earned a hard-fought three-set win over LaSalle-Peru on Tuesday, the Lady Hubs returned home and again found themselves locked in a third-set tiebreaker battle, this time against the Morris Redskins.

Indicative of the fight they showed all match, the Lady Hubs scored four consecutive points with the Redskins one point away from winning the third set and claiming the match. In a match that featured several back-and-forth swings and only a few minor errors, Morris escaped as Rochelle’s late rally fell just short in a 20-25, 25-20, 21-25 loss. The Lady Hubs (9-8-3, 3-3 Interstate 8) will face Belvidere on the road in nonconference play on Monday at 6 p.m.

“They never stopped wanting it and that was really exciting to see,” head coach Molly Sly said. “Our senior leadership on the floor has been phenomenal... They’re all playing huge minutes for us this

season and they’re performing the way that our seniors should be performing.”

Rochelle made some rotational adjustments before and during the match, with senior Cassandra Garcia stepping up behind the service line and helping the Lady Hubs take a 7-3 lead early in the first set. Morris reclaimed the lead halfway through the set, using tough front-row defense to reflect multiple Rochelle kill attempts back at the Lady Hub offense. A pair of kills from junior Kennedy Adamski, who finished with five along with four blocks, cut the Redskin lead to 21-19.

“We switched up our rotation as we went along in the match,” Sly said. “Kennedy has been in the front row with Ali [Ohlinger] a lot and she draws a big block, which opens up our options on the outside. Kennedy put the ball away on the 31 set several times, which was phenomenal to see, and she has been giving us a lot of positive touches when she’s on the block.”

The second set was extremely competitive, with neither team taking a lead greater than three points for the majority of the set until a sequence of blocks from the Lady Hubs forced a Morris timeout



The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team hosted Morris on Wednesday. Senior Payton Hale (left) totaled seven kills and seven digs, while sophomore Dempsey Atkinson (right) recorded a team-high 12 digs.

with Rochelle ahead 17-12. A hitting error brought the Redskins within two points,

but a trio of Morris errors as well as key kills from senior Payton Hale, who had seven

along with seven digs in the match, allowed the Lady Hubs to extend the match to

a third-set tiebreaker.

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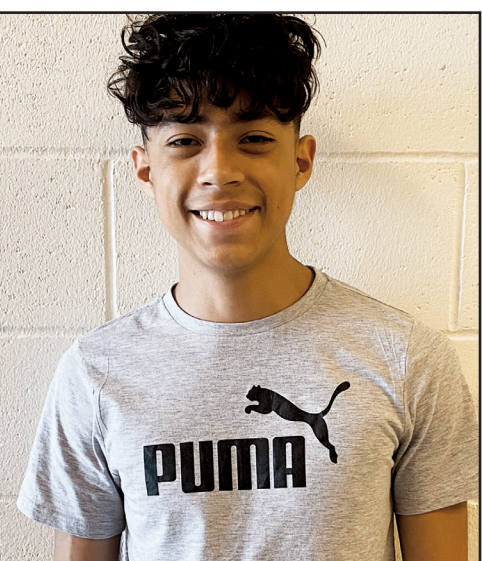
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been playing this sport?**

A: This is my second year.

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

*A: I like how the sport teaches
a lot of discipline.*

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

*A: Spanish because my
parents are Spanish.*

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

*A: To be a professional DJ
because I've been around it my
whole life because of my dad
and I currently do it.*

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

A: Virginia because of the scenery.

**Q: What is your favorite thing
about being a student-athlete at
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*A: You get a lot of popularity
points and you get to meet people
with the same interests.*

Declan

McGee

Year: Freshman

Sport: Cross Country



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

A: This is my second year.

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

*A: Running with my friends and
running in new places.*

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

*A: History because I find it really
interesting to see what once was
and what is now.*

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

*A: Kris Bryant because of his love
for his sport and how much fun he
has, even though it's his job.*

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

*A: My mom and my sister because
they always work hard and
encourage me to do better.*

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

*A: To work in archeology because
I love history and discovering and
learning new things.*

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

*A: Germany or Ireland because
of the scenery or the mountains
because I love to ski.*

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

*A: Definitely the friends and the
people I've had the pleasure of
meeting.*

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SPORTS

GIRLS: Rochelle moves to 3-3 in conference action

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“Our front-row players support the back row so well with their touches on the block,” Sly said. “They’re working together really well and there were so many rallies this evening where the ball never reached our side of the floor and Morris needed three or four chances to get it over.”

Rochelle took a timeout early in the third set after Morris emerged with an 8-5 lead. The Lady Hubs made several quality swings on the ball, but middle blocker Hanna Lauterbach proved difficult to score on, with the 6-footer using her length and leaping ability to impact the match on both ends of the court. Trailing 24-17, Rochelle rallied off four straight points including a pair of kills from sophomore Alison Ohlinger, who finished with 23 assists, six kills

and six digs.

Senior Addie Friestad and sophomore Taelynn Rodeghero each ended the match with five kills, while sophomore Dempsey Atkinson totaled 12 digs and senior Macy Ramos added two aces.

LaSalle-Peru

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team rallied from a first-set defeat to win the second and third sets against LaSalle-Peru on Tuesday. Sophomore Taelynn Rodeghero led the offense with 11 kills as Rochelle outlasted the Cavaliers 20-25, 26-24, 25-15.

Junior Kennedy Adamski and senior Addie Friestad each totaled seven kills in the match, while senior Payton Hale added six kills and sophomore Alison Ohlinger recorded five kills. Senior Macy Ramos led Rochelle behind the service line, finishing with a team-high four aces.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Members of the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team celebrate during Wednesday's Interstate 8 Conference match against Morris. The Lady Hubs are 3-3 in the conference after a close loss to the Redskins.

RTHS Girls Tennis

Lady Hubs sweep singles matches against Streator Bulldogs take all three doubles points to edge Rochelle netters 3-2 on Monday

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Seniors Abby Tarvestad and Samantha Sanford came through for two singles points during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis match against Streator on Monday.

The two seniors combined to drop only one game, with Tarvestad sweeping Rheagan Goluba 6-0, 6-0 on the No. 1 singles court while Sanford cruised over Hope Porter 6-0, 6-1 on the No. 2 singles court. Streator claimed all three doubles points, however, allowing the Bulldogs to escape with a 3-2 win over the Lady Hubs (2-6, 0-3 Interstate 8). Rochelle will continue its conference schedule with a road match at LaSalle-Peru on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams battled Charlee Bourell and Syria Zuniga at the No. 1 doubles court, coming just short in a 5-7, 3-6 loss. Seniors Bailey Jackson and Marisa Whaley took Marissa Vickers and Franchesca Rodriguez into a third-set tiebreaker at the No. 2 doubles court, fighting hard but falling 2-6, 6-2, 6-10. Senior Maleah Pointer and sophomore Riley Doyle lost to Mina James and Maddie Wahl 0-6, 3-6 at the No. 3 doubles court.

LaSalle-Peru

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team faced LaSalle-Peru on the road for an Interstate 8 Conference match Tuesday evening. Senior Abby Tarvestad emerged victorious at the No. 2 singles court, defeating Rylee Waite 6-2,

6-1 as the Cavaliers took down the Lady Hubs in the match 4-1.

Junior Elin Zheng faced Charlie Miller on the No. 1 singles court, falling 0-6, 0-6. Seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams took four games in a 1-6, 3-6 loss against Ava Lannen and Emy Hachenburger at the No. 1 doubles court.

Seniors Bailey Jackson and Marisa Whaley earned three games in a 1-6, 2-6 loss to Izzy Porter and Kailey Reese at the No. 2 doubles court. Senior Maleah Pointer and sophomore Riley Doyle claimed six games in a 2-6, 4-6 loss against Elena Leone and Kylee Halm at the No. 3 doubles court.

Rochelle (2-7, 0-4 Interstate 8) will host the Lady Hub Invitational at Rochelle Township High School this weekend.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Bailey Jackson hits a forehand shot during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis match against Streator on Monday. The Bulldogs edged Rochelle 3-2.

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