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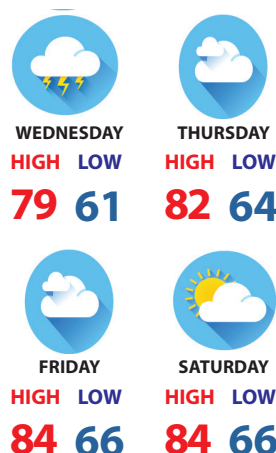
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# New substation in Rochelle

City officials break ground on \$13.8 million project

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** – The City of Rochelle broke ground on a new \$13.8 million electrical substation project Friday at 1600 Ritchie Court.

The substation will be the city's third, which Mayor John Bearrows called "unheard of" for its size. The substation will increase reliability for nearby industry and reduce reliance on Rochelle's Caron Road substation.

The site is next to the old Nippon-Sharyo building, which will likely become the location of Project Jackpot in the future, a still-anonymous business that is said to be making a capital investment of over \$130 million and adding 150 jobs that pay an average of \$52,000 per year before benefits to the area.

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said Project Jackpot will be Rochelle's largest electricity user. The substation will serve that and any other industrial growth going south. The



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

City of Rochelle and RMU officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$13.8 million substation project at 1600 Ritchie Court this past week. Above from left to right are Adam Lanning, Blake Toliver, Jason Anderson, Mayor John Bearrows, City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and BHM Project Manager Jason Jackson.

capacity of the new substation is 120 megawatts and it will be the city's largest.

"In the real estate world, they talk about 'location, location, location,' Economic Development Director Jason Anderson said. "Rochelle has that. It's had it for 150 years. What most communities

don't have is 'infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure.' Rochelle is a community that is on fire with infrastructure."

Fiegenschuh said the city will be paying cash for the substation project. Last year Rochelle sold its transmission assets to ComEd and it will be using

some of that money to fund the substation.

Bearrows noted the importance of not having to borrow money for the project.

"This project is an icon in my mind for the community," Bearrows said. "What that icon means is, there's many pieces in that

long chain of what makes a thriving, successful community. This is one of those links."

There have been "some times" in the past where industries in town have experienced brownouts, Bearrows said.

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# Park board swears in officials

Construction at Spring Lake nearly complete

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Flag-Rochelle Community Park District Board Meeting Monday saw newly-elected and appointed commissioners Tim Hayden, BT Carmichael and Joe Lenkaitis sworn in to their positions.

One commissioner position still remains open on the board.

Hayden was appointed president, Commissioner John Dobbs was appointed vice president, Commissioner Dale Wells was appointed treasurer, Commissioner Jodie Hart was appointed assistant secretary and Lenkaitis was appointed assistant treasurer.

Outgoing commissioner Mic Brooks was given a plaque for his years of service before departing.

Austin Stolte was announced to the board as superintendent of parks and facilities. The Rochelle resident said he's excited about the job.

"He has a vast knowl-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Flag-Rochelle Community Park District Executive Director Jackee Ohlinger swears in newly-elected and appointed board commissioners BT Carmichael, Tim Hayden and Joe Lenkaitis and Monday's meeting.

edge of construction and equipment," Executive Director Jackee Ohlinger said. "He's signed up for the certified pool course and playground safety."

Zeke Evans was also announced to the board as the district's new aquatic man-

ager. Evans has 10 years of experience in aquatics and is a certified lifeguard and pool operator. Current Aquatic Assistant Marianne Swanson will serve as interim manager while Evans gets acclimated, Ohlinger said.

### Spring Lake

In her report to the board Ohlinger said the Spring Lake construction project is nearing its end. Painting will occur this week, weather permitting.

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# District 212 board talks graduation

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Township High School graduation is planned for Saturday, May 29 at 10 a.m. on the football field, but rain the forecast may change that, Principal Chris Lewis said at Monday's District 212 Board of Education meeting.

"I've told students not to plan their parties for that day in case it gets moved or we have to wait around," Lewis said. "It will run in light rain if we have to. The alert now system with texts and social media posts will be used to convey plans to students. We will try again Sunday at 1 p.m. if it rains all day Saturday."

Due to the State of Illinois recently moving into the COVID-19 Bridge Phase, graduation tickets for each family have been increased from four tickets to seven.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## PARK: Grand reopening set for Spring Lake Pool

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A grand reopening is planned for Saturday, June 5.

Part of the project includes a splash pad at the facility.

“That’s us being able to make it free to the community and lengthen our season,” Ohlinger said. “Kids that work as lifeguards go back to school before the weather gets worse. The splash pad will make that part open. So far, it’s

“The splash pad... So far, it’s looking really wonderful.”

**Jackee Ohlinger**

looking really wonderful.”

A \$295,166.92 payment was unanimously approved for Sjostrom and Sons Construction, the fifth and final for the Spring Lake project.

## Haggestad graduates from U.S. Air Force Academy

RTHS alum will study military intelligence

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE—Graduation week traditionally consists of many activities and events across the U.S. Air Force Academy. Cadets and their guests take part in receptions, awards ceremonies, baccalaureate services, concerts, parades, air demonstrations and commissioning ceremonies.

The week culminates at Falcon Stadium with the graduation ceremony. Commencement speakers often include the President of the United States, Vice President, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Air Force and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

At the close of the ceremony, cadets are



dismissed and ceremoniously toss their caps into the air. Cheers and celebration are quickly silenced by the roar of the legendary Thunderbirds flying overhead to honor the graduating class.

Among the cadets tossing a cap next week will be Rochelle Hub Hunter Haggestad, the son of Teresa & Todd Haggestad,

who earned an appointment to the academy in 2017.

Hunter will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Management with a minor in Spanish and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

The Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony will take place Wednes-

day, May 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Falcon Stadium in Colorado. The 20th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley, is the commencement speaker.

The graduation ceremony will be livestreamed via this webpage: <https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/graduation/>, including the traditional Thunderbird flyover.

Visit this webpage for the latest, most accurate information on the graduation.

Mrs. Haggestad said a two month furlough follows graduation during which Hunter will be married before relocating to St. Angelo, Texas for six months of schooling in military intelligence, his chosen field.

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## RTHS: School waiting for guidance

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Plans for masking and distancing guidelines have not been finalized yet and Lewis said the school is waiting for clearer guidance. Superintendent Jason Harper said other county schools have required masks in the stands, but not on the field due to the ability to distance.

RTHS students had their end of year assembly

May 18 virtually. Final assessments are May 20, 21 and 24. Students with an A, B or C in their courses are not required to take them, Lewis said. Harper said RTHS is waiting on guidance for what school will look like next year, which will likely come in June.

“Originally in phase 5 of reopening it was supposed to be back to school with no restrictions,” Harper

said. “There will be a new definition of phase 5. Things may be tied to vaccinations. We just got into 12-15-year-olds and there are clinical trials going on now of those younger than 12. We will dig through it and continue to plan.”

“We want all of our kids back for as many minutes and days as we can.”

### Employment

The board unanimously

approved the hirings of Tyler Baker as volunteer assistant wrestling coach, Ryan McQuade as social studies teacher and head girls basketball coach, Holly Karner as social science teacher, Josh Fagan as physical education teacher and Andrea Swofford as art teacher.

The board unanimously approved the resignation of Amy Schweitzer as junior class advisor.

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# LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Above, Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows speaks during the city's groundbreaking ceremony for a \$13.8 million substation project, which will ultimately result in Rochelle's third substation. Below, city officials and RMU officials pose for a groundbreaking photo.

## CITY: Groundbreaking ceremony held for third substation

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The substation should "hopefully" eliminate that, he said.

Anderson continued to praise Rochelle's recent investment in infrastructure.

"We are a community of opportunity," Anderson said. "There are hundreds of jobs available in the industries we have. And later this summer, we're going to announce a large manufacturing development company that will be coming to Rochelle, creating hundreds of new jobs. Why? Because we have the power, water, sewer, fiber, roads, highways and rail access."



## RTHS theater students adapt to COVID protocols

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Instead of its annual live theater awards show, the Rochelle Township High School theater department enjoyed a Theater Season Wrap Party via Zoom, taking a stroll down memory lane before enjoying one of Mr. Wolter's signature poems.

They saluted newcomers Olivia Dreska, Rachael Swinson, Victoria Sheehy, Liam Wise, Kaitlyn Spencer and Avery Auld. They tipped hats to crew chairs Ava Coglianese, props; Jennifer Heinrich, costumes and Mirella Vazquez, sound.

They honored the graduating seniors who participated this year: Heidi B. Cruz, actor, Ariel Zuercher actor and student director

& improvisation coach, Grayson Yates, actor and member of multiple crews, Lauren Ponto, stage management chair and actor, Mirella Vazquez, prop crew/art, actor and sound chair and Ava Coglianese, prop chair and actor.

For outstanding dedication, these theater troupe members were awarded RTHS Theater Company Lifetime Memberships.

Because of COVID-19 protocols, the theater remained dark, forcing the troupe to explore new presentation formats like the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day presentation of A Christmas Carol via radio.

Improvisation became more than a creativity-growing exercise for RTHS Theater Director Amy Creuziger. She improvised to keep the per-

formance season. She has produced a show without info meetings or improv sessions or table reads. Her theater troupe did all of those things, never meeting face-to-face or performing for the applause of a live audience.

"We began by reading Charlotte's Web together and then decided for a 'performance experience' we would work on something

we could submit to radio; something that might draw an audience," Creuziger said. "Only meeting twice each week, I would have liked more rehearsal time. I love rehearsing. The students were self-motivated and recorded on their own. I've gathered their solo work, ideas and suggestions and put it together."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Richard Anthony Marie

**ROCHELLE** — Richard Anthony Marie, 73, passed away on Friday, May 14, at home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on March 29, 1948 to Bernard and Elizabeth “Betty” (Walsh) Marie in Peoria.

He attended Spalding Academy in Peoria and then enlisted in the Air National Guard, serving for six years. He followed the love of his life, Gwen (Joos) Marie to college at Northern Illinois University. They married on January 23, 1971 and settled into life in Rochelle shortly after.

He graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in business administration and pursued a career as an insurance adjuster which spanned many decades.

Rich was an engaged member of the Rochelle Jaycees for many years as well as an active participant in community softball and volleyball. He was an avid runner and could often



be seen running on Flagg Road with icicles on his mustache.

He greatly enjoyed driving school buses at various times in his life. Rich had a passion for golf and could be seen on the fairways from March through November every year. He loved spending time with family and lifelong friends throughout the years, especially if it involved sunshine and a beach.

He is preceded in death by his parents and survived by his wife, Gwen of Rochelle, his daughter, Allycia Natavio and grandchildren,

Ethan and Aiden Natavio of Lake Orion, Michigan and daughter, Megan Marie and husband, Scott Combs, of Anchorage, Alaska. He is also survived by his siblings: Theresa (Matt) Jennett, Charles Marie, Mike (RuthAnn) Marie, Mary (Dan) LaKemper and nephews, Brian and Cullen LaKemper.

Public visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 24 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 236 Kelley Drive, Rochelle with Father Jesus Dominquez officiating.

Cremation will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Rich’s memory to the Rochelle Community Hospital Association or to the David Crawford Foundation for the teachers of Rochelle Elementary District 231. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the guest book.

### Fred L. McBride

**ROCHELLE** — Fred L. McBride, 85, of Rochelle, passed away Friday, May 14 at Liberty Village in Rochelle. Fred was born December 14, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Howard and Evelyn (Raymond) McBride. He married Mary Diane Wolford on January 20, 1957 in Rochelle.

Fred started working with Rochelle Plumbing right out of high school in 1954. He took over the business in 1978. He and Diane owned and operated the business until retirement in 2004. He became known as the plumber with the cigar in his mouth.

Fred loved all genres of music and dancing with his wife, especially to the beer barrel polka. He like to fish, play cards and pool, and shake dice. Fred always put family first. He was very proud of his kids, grandkids and great grandkids.



If he liked you, you knew it and the same could be said if he didn’t like you. Fred had a great sense of humor and loved playing practical jokes.

Fred is survived by his children, Fred J. McBride, Pam (Joel) Alis, and Peggy (Lonnie) Capes; grandchildren, Melissa (Dan) Wurster, Fred D. (Cambrai) McBride, Jim Hook, Amy (Jeremy) Yates, Jaclyn Simpson, Christopher (Laura) Simpson, and Megan (Tim) Simpson; great-grandchildren, Jake and Owen Yates, Freddie D., Cheyenne,

Caroline, and Charlene McBride, Jimmy Hook, Austin Wright, Blake Walters, Timmy and Lola Thompson, and Ryder Simpson; brothers, Tom McBride and Jim (Gaye) McBride; son-in-law, Jon Simpson and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Fred is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Diane McBride; daughter-in-law, Sue McBride; son-in-law, Don Engelsing; three brothers, Howard, Don, and Robert McBride; and two sisters, Phyllis Cooper and Mary McBride.

A private family graveside service will be held Saturday, May 22 at Trinity Memory Gardens with Pastor Jack Briggs officiating. Contributions in Fred’s memory may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home.

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## Rochelle Police Department

### Officers cite six for speeding

**ROCHELLE** — On May 15 at 1:45 p.m. Marcus W. Rawles, 25, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended and use of a cell phone. He was given an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of June 18.

On May 15 at 2:35 p.m. Hinchaurriga G. Estrada, 32, of Steward was cited for speeding 65 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. He was given an I-Bond and a Rochelle

court date of June 18. On May 15 at 7:41 p.m. Paige L. McManus, 23, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On May 16 at 4:34 a.m. Juan B. Franco, 27, of Sycamore was arrested for two counts of driving under the influence and speeding 70 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. He paid \$100 and

was given a Rochelle court date of June 18.

On May 16 at 9:42 a.m. Valerie J. Brumann, 58, of Geneva was cited for speeding 53 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of June 18.

On May 16 at 11:15 a.m. Jermall Adams, 26, of Nicholasville, Kentucky was cited for speeding 67 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. He signed a promise to comply and

was given a Rochelle court date of June 18.

On May 16 at 2:23 p.m. Jan Nasiadka, 50, of Roselle was cited for speeding 94 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of June 18.

On May 16 at 2:58 p.m. Ali S. Albaghdadi, 47, of Clinton, Iowa was cited for possession of cannabis and a pipe and speeding 89 m.p.h. in a 70 m.p.h. zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of June 18.



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## Ogle County Sheriff's Department



### Freeport man arrested for DUI

**OREGON** — On May 16 at 4:44 p.m. Ronald Bandy, 48, of Freeport was arrested for driving under the influence after deputies responded to the 4,000 block of Illinois Route 2 for a motorcycle crash.

It was learned that Bandy was traveling north on Illinois Route 2, failed to navigate a curve and lost control coming to rest on the west bank of the Rock

River. Bandy was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron Fire for minor injuries. Bandy was also cited for driving on the shoulder and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Bandy was released at the hospital and will appear in court on July 2 at 9 a.m. Deputies were assisted on scene by Oregon and Byron Fire.

The accident remains under investigation.

## 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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RTHS: Theater season concludes

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Collaboration and technology made the production possible. Freshman Liam Wise composed the Marley's Theme underscore and then teamed up with Kaitlyn Spencer, Mirella Vazquez and Creuziger to create the foley effects (recorded live).

Compiled with some pre-recorded sound effects, the foley effects team provides anything from the howling wind and footsteps to squeaky doors and rattling chains.

The cast included McKayla Preston as Ebenezer Scrooge, Ava Coglianese as narrator and Topper, Cruz was a host and a lady, Swartz plays Jacob Marley, Bob Cratchit and Benjamin, Bella Nauman was Frances and Mrs. Cratchit, Ariel Zuercher was the spirit of Christmas past and merchant two, Gracie Yates was the spirit of Christmas present and a party guest, Ashyley portrayed Scrooge's sister Fan and the boy, Jennifer Heinrich as Fezziwig, Rachael Swinson was Belinda Cratchit and merchant one and last, but not least, Victoria Sheehy was Tiny Tim.

"I prefer live productions," Creuziger said, "But this was exciting to experience an audio production." Creuziger's husband, Russ Konstans, was the sound editor.

"He is familiar with a couple different programs, I believe he used Audacity and Wevideo," Creuziger said. "I designed with the students what and where

"I love rehearsing. The students were self-motivated and recorded on their own."

Amy Creuziger

the sounds would be and my husband and I added and revised when necessary."

She described Wise's song, Marley's Theme as "having layered sounds; a scary mood created by Liam. He built it electronically on Soundtrap. I believe it is one of the programs Band Director Shaun Schaefer shared with students. It has an electronic sound. Like all the music in the show, it is underscore, under dialogue."

The spring show, 'RTHS-TV' was a collection of short plays that observed the human experience, inspiring laughter and self-reflection.

Creuziger said four of the plays are from the anthology Alone Together, commissioned and originally presented in June 2020 as part of the University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Theater and Dance Launchpad Zoom Festival.

Each piece shared a window into our relationships with work, new love, friends, our passions and hobbies. The plays were linked with the troupe's original show, The Relationship Doctors.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Township High School custodial staff member Angie Simms receives the Illinois Principal's Association Non-certified Personnel Leadership Award from Principal Chris Lewis.

## Simms receives IPA award

RTHS custodial staff member recognized for service

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Township High School Principal Chris Lewis called a staff meeting in the auditorium last week, a common enough occurrence, but this particular meeting included non-certified staff (support, paras, and custodians).

"What new COVID-19 protocols were we in for

now,' was a question on everyone's mind. Meetings, protocols, changes to protocols and more meetings have pretty much defined the 2020-21 school year.

On the ground floor of all those protocol changes is the custodial staff, transforming themselves into cleaning ninjas and germ busters, keeping the campus clear of the coronavirus in addition to all of the usual building

and grounds maintenance.

So it is no wonder Lewis' audience burst into cheers and applause when he awarded the Illinois Principal's Association Non-certified Personnel Leadership award to Angie Simms, a lifelong Rochelle Hub and a member of our custodial staff since 2014.

"I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for nominating me for the leadership award," Simms

said. "It is both exciting and humbling to be recognized for such an honor. I can tell you I was completely caught off guard and very much surprised when Mr. Lewis called my name. This school year has definitely been an interesting one to say the least, but we have all pulled together and made the best of it and for that I think we all deserve an extra pat on the back and a round of applause."

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# LOCAL VIEWS

## Guest column

# Speed kills on roadways

REMEMBER the expression “speed kills?”

I believe it referred to a drug back in the 70s. But I think the expression should be used today in safe driving campaigns.

Every week we see people ticketed for not just 10 miles above the limit, but 25, 30 or even more. That is not safe driving.

I was driving on Hemstock Road the other day and no car was behind me. I looked in my mirror and suddenly, there was a car. I was doing about the speed limit, but this person had to be going a lot faster to catch up with me and then pass.

I have seen bicyclists on country roads. A car doing 55 could seriously injure or even kill a bicyclist, runner or someone walking a dog. Going faster than that is an invitation to disaster.

Slow down. Take an extra minute to get where you are going. That will be better than killing someone in an accident.

Speaking of which, there have been two accidents at Skare Road and Flagg Road in the past week, both caused by one vehicle pulling out in front of an oncoming car.

Maybe it's time for the county to consider a four way stop sign at the intersection and a reduced speed zone. There is an awful lot



Terry Dickow

of traffic on both roads.

If you ride a bicycle in the country, don't ride on Flagg Road. There is limited space on the sides, it is a busy road and people go fast. Take a backroad where there is less traffic.

## Lost in cyberspace

I admit it: Technology baffles me.

Last week's column ran in the midweek edition because it seemed to disappear in cyberspace. I sent it, but it was never received.

## Be a good neighbor

Everyone knows dogs are a person's best friend. Dogs have to do their duty somewhere. And if you're a dog owner, it's your responsibility to clean up the mess! Don't let your dog poop on someone's grass, be it a neighbor, stranger, business or other agency, and then leave it. Pick it up and dispose of it properly.

## Take in downtown

Need some exercise and fresh air? Why not take a walk around downtown Rochelle? You would be surprised at the businesses and architecture you can see while strolling along the sidewalks. Include the library and city hall on your walk and get to know your town a little better.

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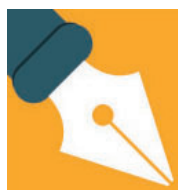


## Letter to the Editor

# We need to make sure we educate ourselves

Dear Editor,

We see the latest media coverage about further rights infringement. Gun rights are a continuing target. In reading the on-line commentaries to a recent Epoch Times article someone added a link to TacticalCivics.com. An intriguing title for a web site and invitational to me - Civics, Tactical?



The Tactical Civics approach is understanding who is in charge. I have been guilty of assuming those who are elected lead us and we must wait for the pulse of an election cycle to correct our problems by voting (meanwhile watching our culture go up for grabs). My mistake. Maybe our mistake too. Read the Preamble of our Constitution - We the People ... do ordain and establish. There it is, WE are the ultimate authority. Now, how do we exercise our authority? Article I Section 8 Clause 15 and 16 describes the militia, but not the one I thought I knew. Predating the constitution, it is We the

People that composes the militia. We charged the States with training us (Clause 16) to a discipline prescribed by Congress (Clause 15). The Constitution says WE can be called to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel invasions.

After reading the Militia Act of 1792 and revised by 1795, it became clear the intention of State Militia is to be trained and ready. Later, reading about its use in the Whiskey Rebellion, George Washington met with his cabinet officials and presented evidence of violence to Supreme Court Justice James Wilson who ruled military response was justified under the Militia Act. Washington assumed emergency powers to assemble 12,000 men from surrounding states as a federal militia. Now read the Second Amendment - A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

The right of the People to keep and bear arms, so WE can act

as a militia, is necessary to the security of a free State and shall not be infringed. This amendment is no longer ambiguous. It is straight forward protection of an individual right so we can act as a lawful collective force to execute the Laws of the Union.

This fundamental right, coupled with another institution that predates government, the Grand Jury, is an activating force to combat criminals in our midst. Both of these institutions are recognized in law. The grand jury once summoned by the state is beholden to no one - not a judge, not a prosecutor, not a sheriff. They can receive presentations, investigate, subpoena, and indict unlike career government officials who may fear who they anger. No waiting for an election cycle. Both these institutions can be lawfully introduced at the county level of government (thank you 10th Amendment).

Tactical Civics. Education and a plan. I am studying. How about you?

John Dickson  
Oregon

## VOICE ON THE STREET

# Question:

*Has the national gas shortage had any impact on you in the past week? If so, how?*

***“We now live in South Georgia and we’re able to fill up our gas tank on Sunday. There are several stations that are completely out still.”***

Joseph King

***“It shouldn’t. The pipeline doesn’t effect Illinois. And it was up and running again before there should have been a problem in the east. But people panicked as if there would never be any more produced. Seeing the hoarding has me troubled for the future of mankind.”***

Jimmy Rot

***“I’m living in Tennessee for school. We had an increase of about \$0.50/gal, and 50-75 percent of stations were low or completely closed. We’re just now seeing some stations being refilled. May parents are still in the Rochelle area and said their only issue was increase in price.”***

Megan Schramm

***“Almost 25 percent more cost at the pump, for a one time fill up, but otherwise, no.”***

Katherine Moser

***“No I haven’t noticed any changes here but we don’t go a lot.”***

Shelley Sims Reynolds

***“Yes. RMU is sending pink notices seven days after the bill is due and threatening to shut off my electric for \$52.”***

Jeff Neece

***“Nope.”***

Noah Stahly

***“The only impact it had on me was I couldn’t get gas at Casey’s in Creston so I had to get it in DeKalb. Gas is 20 to 30 cents more expensive in DeKalb, but I was able to get it for the same price at Meijer as it was at Casey’s in Creston.”***

Jennifer Payton

***“No.”***

John Elliott

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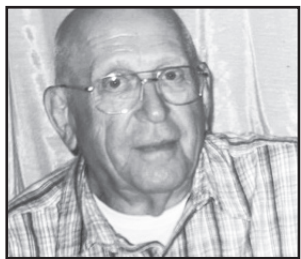
BY RILEY FLANAGAN FOR  
RTHS KEY CLUB

**ROCHELLE**—Eastern Iowa District Administrator Paul Palazzolo drove all the way from Springfield to present Golden K Advisor Dennis Swinton with the Payton/Blunt/Kay Memorial Award at its end of the year celebration at Cooper Park on May 16.

Swinton was supposed to receive the award at the 70th Annual District Con-

vention and Leadership Conference on the weekend of March 13, 2020. That was the week Gov. Pritzker issued a shelter in place order to quell rapid spread of the coronavirus.

Rochelle Golden K provided everyone with hotdogs, chips and pop and Key Club President Madison Ost brought ice cream. Key Clubbers enjoyed playing cornhole and volleyball and getting to honor their Golden K advisor.



Don Vogeler, then and now

## Vogeler celebrating 80th

**ROCHELLE**—Don Vogeler will be celebrating his 90th birthday on May 25.

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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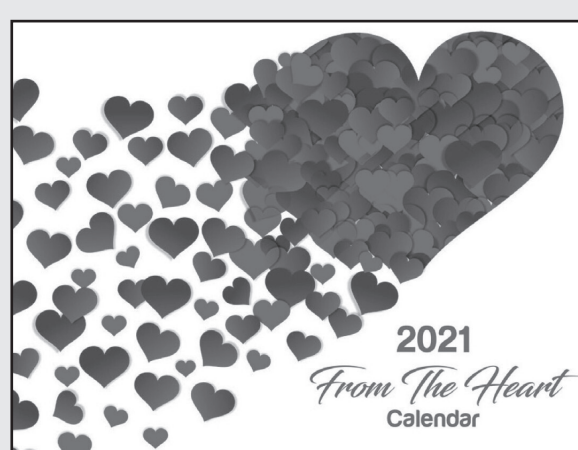
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Heidi Bonilla

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**May 24**  
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**May 25**  
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April 27 - Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, \$25

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April 29 - Judith Wyatt, Rochelle, \$25

April 30 - Angie Byrd, Rochelle, \$25

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May 2 - Susan July, Rockford, \$50

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May 8 - Spencer Meyers, DeKalb, \$25

May 9 - Evi O'Rorke, Steward, \$500

May 10 - Lexi Eckhardt, Bloomington, \$25

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May 12 - Jenny Thompson, Rochelle, \$25

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May 15 - Simber Zeund, Dixon, \$25

May 16 - Keith Cochrane, Malta, \$50

May 17 - Linda Presslor, \$25

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## The Kitchen Table Menu

May 20 - (Thursday) - Chicken Salad Sandwich on bread or lettuce, Soup, Salad  
 May 25 - (Tuesday) - Grilled Hamburgers or hot dogs, Pasta Salad, Cowboy Beans, Chips  
 May 27 - (Thursday) - White Chicken Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread  
 June 6 - (Sunday Brunch) - Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Sausage

Bacon Ham and Egg Bowls over Fried Potatoes  
 KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries  
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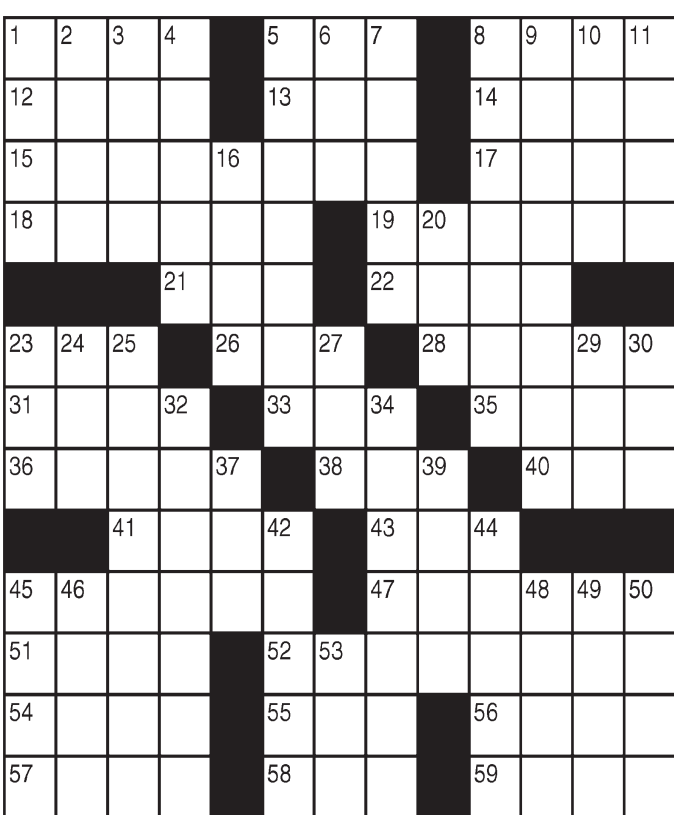


## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

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- 1 Green shade
- 5 Police officer
- 8 Achy
- 12 Last writes?
- 13 Coach
- 14 Bard's river
- 15 Besides
- 17 Hatchling's home
- 18 Bagel choice
- 19 Aquarium favorites
- 21 Weir
- 22 Mediocre
- 23 Fan's cry
- 26 '60s war zone
- 28 Entrap
- 31 Coup d' -
- 33 "The Voice" network
- 35 "My Way" composer
- 36 Event location
- 38 "Eureka!"
- 40 Speck
- 41 Zwei follower
- 43 Literary rep
- 45 Move fast
- 47 Wiped out
- 51 Teen fave
- 52 Oliver Twist's request
- 54 Margarita garnish
- 55 Leading lady?
- 56 Buffalo's lake
- 57 "A Room of



- Own"

58 Sailor

59 Grit

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1 May honorees

2 Bassoon's kin

3 Round Table titles

4 Lieu

5 Neanderthal

6 Raw mineral

7 Medicare section

8 "Evil Ways" band

9 Type of vol-

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10 Activist Parks

11 Tolkien creatures

16 Muscat's land

20 Overhead trains

23 Speed (up)

24 Devoured

25 Good-looking

27 CEO's deg.

29 "Top Hat" studio

30 Chow down

32 Swimming reptiles

34 Smooth talker

37 Shoe width

39 Malaria symptom

42 Map within a map

44 London newspaper

45 Hawaiian city

46 Tennis score

48 Asta's feeder

49 Ireland

50 Monopoly card

53 Eggs

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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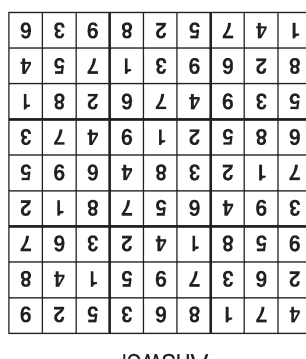
## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals N

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 RZMHZG UZMWPY RPVRPUZ. FJV  
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Answer

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Answer

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# SPORTS

## RMS Track & Field

### Royals face Meridian in track season finale

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — The Rochelle Middle School track and field team closed out its season with a meet against Meridian Junior High this past Thursday. The Royal seventh-graders won 53-51 while the Lady Royal seventh-graders fell 66-44. The Royal eighth-graders lost 43-34 and the Lady Royal eighth-graders were taken down 64-35.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Seventh-grader Mark Green reaches the finish line for the Royals.**

the long jump with a distance of 3.13 meters.

#### 7th Boys

Van Gerber won the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.36 seconds and Mark Green took third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 32.76 seconds. Declan McGee won the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:18.96 and Gabe Montes won the 800-meter run unopposed in 3:17.16. McGee also ran unopposed in the 1600-meter run, winning the event with a time of 6:23.81.

Zack Smith placed third in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 29.02. Wyatt Worthington won the high jump with a clearance of 1.27 meters and Green won the long jump with a distance of 3.73 meters.

#### 7th Girls

Dylan Etes took second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.82 and Emely Hernandez finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 36.13. Abby Losoya placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:31.69 and Vivian Worthington took fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 4:04.73. Amy Lopez won the 1600-meter run unopposed in 8:05.82.

Taylin Watson won two events this past Thursday including the 100-meter hurdles (21.73) and the 200-meter hurdles (38.83). Savanna Wilson took second in the high jump with a clearance of 1.17 meters and Paris Washington won

#### 8th Boys

Jackson Smith finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.41 and Trent Kreider won the 200-meter dash unopposed with a time of 36.02. Chris Hickey placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:21.61 and Smith won the 800-meter run in 2:42.70. Kreider won the 1600-meter run unopposed with a time of 6:40.57.

Smith won the long jump with a distance of 3.98 meters. Cash Budde took fourth in the shot put (6.79 meters) and third in the discus (14.37 meters).

#### 8th Girls

Makayla Lara placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.01 and Bridgett Ramirez took second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 35.28. Arline Villanueva finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:17.54 and Zoe White took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:17.85. Brisa Zepeda placed fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 7:53.39.

Jayden Johnson won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 21.75 and the 200-meter hurdles unopposed with a time of 39.49. Aaliyah Losoya won the shot put with a heave of 6.89 meters and placed third in the discus with a throw of 14.18 meters.

## HUBS: Wrestlers improve to 9-1

From page 1

North Boone's Tanner Meyers received a forfeit at 152 pounds.

#### Polo

Ben Harvey made history in his 182-pound matchup against Wayde Reimer, pinning him in only 14 seconds to break his older brother Alex's all-time Rochelle Township High School career pins record (76). Harvey now has 127 career victories in a Hub uniform, 12 victories behind Alex for the all-time career record. Matt Eyster took a forfeit at 170 pounds to begin the Polo dual.

After the Marcos received a forfeit at 195 pounds, Noah Messer and Jaden Cook extended the Rochelle lead with pins at 220 pounds and 285 pounds, respectively. Messer won over Joel



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Freshman Riley Damask secures a pin against Polo's Teegyn Heather during the Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling match against the Marcos on Saturday.**

Ludwig, while Cook beat Blake Diehl in 31 seconds. Freshmen Riley Damask and Tommy Tourdot then needed only 26 seconds combined to pin their respective opponents, with Damask beating Teegyn Heather with a 15-second

pin while Tourdot downed Gage Lagee in 11 seconds.

Ivan Pineda's major decision over McKeon Crase made it 40-6 Rochelle before Josey Weber and Weldon Nay scored first-period pins over Wyatt Meiners and Bryce

McKenna at 126 pounds and 132 pounds, respectively. Grant Thompson dominated DeAngelo Fernandez at 145 pounds, pinning him in 27 seconds. Polo took forfeits at 152 pounds and 160 pounds to end the dual.

## RTHS Softball

(COURTESY PHOTO)



### Lodico signs letter of intent with Judson University

Rochelle Township High School senior Bella Lodico recently signed her letter to continue her academics and her softball career at Judson University in Elgin next year. Lodico, who plans to study psychology, has played softball with the Lady Hubs over all four years of her high school career.

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Baseball



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Junior Nate Burdin loads up in the batter's box for the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team.

## Morris sweeps series with Hubs

ROCHELLE — Junior Braden Alfano threw all seven innings and allowed only four hits, but the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team was unable to get the bats going Monday evening, when Morris came to town looking to complete a two-game Interstate 8 Conference sweep.

The Hubs struggled to find any offense against Redskin starter Matt Lawton, who struck out 14 Rochelle hitters over six innings as Morris defeated the Hubs 4-1. Rochelle fell to 6-7 overall and 3-6 in the Interstate 8 with the loss. Alfano struck out six batters in his complete-game effort on the mound.

"I thought we were in both ball games and Braden did a great job today," head coach Jarrod Reynolds said. "We couldn't get the big hit when we needed it... Our pitching has been pretty good, but we haven't had the run support we've needed and we're going to work on that so we can hopefully score some more runs."

An error from the Hubs led to an RBI single that put Morris ahead 1-0 in the top of the second inning. The Redskins added two runs in the top of the fifth inning, scoring one on an outfield error by Rochelle and another on an RBI infield single.

Senior Spencer Warborg broke the scoreless drought for the Hubs, cracking a solo home run off Lawton to make it a 3-1 game in the bottom of the sixth inning. Morris plated an insurance run in the top of the seventh inning on an RBI groundout. Rochelle put two runners on base in the bottom of the seventh, but a strikeout ended the game.

### Game 1

The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team began a two-game Interstate 8 Conference series against

"I thought we were in both ball games... We couldn't get the big hit when we needed it."

Jarrod Reynolds

Morris on Thursday, falling 7-2 on the road and moving to 6-6 overall with the loss.

Morris took a 2-0 lead on two singles, one double and a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first inning. Rochelle earned one run back in the top of the second inning, scoring on an RBI single from senior Mark Hopkins before junior Andy Buskohl tied the game at 2-2 with an RBI double to left in the top of the third inning.

Two run-scoring singles put Morris ahead 5-2 in the bottom of the third inning. Both teams went scoreless over the fourth and fifth innings, but the Redskins added two runs on passed balls in the bottom of the sixth inning. Buskohl started on the mound for the Hubs, throwing four innings and striking out three before junior Eric Briseno took over in relief, striking out two batters in two innings.

Rochelle will begin a two-game series with LaSalle-Peru on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. The game will be at home.

### Fresh/Soph

The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph baseball team fell 6-0 against Morris on Friday to move to 5-3 on the season. Noah Lara and Christian Burnette each threw three innings, with Burnette striking out three batters.

Burnette also totaled two hits at the plate, with Garrett Gensler, Colton O'Rourke and Brandon Moody also recording hits.

## RTHS Boys Tennis

# Newman rallies to edge Rochelle

## Hubs concede home loss against Sterling

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team swept all three doubles matches against Newman Central Catholic on Friday, but the Comets surged back in singles play, taking five of the six available points to rally over Rochelle 5-4. The Hubs fell to 3-8 overall with the loss.

Sophomore Owen Haas and junior Peter Forsberg dominated Brady Partington and John Craft 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3 doubles, while juniors Devansh Patel and Jason Zheng outlasted James Rhodes and Thomas Powers 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles. At

No. 2 doubles, sophomore David Wanner and junior Alex Gilbert held on for a three-set win against Griffin Moran and Kaden Welty, taking the match 6-2, 3-6, 10-4.

Haas netted the lone singles win for the Hubs, defeating Partington 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6 singles. Forsberg came up just short against Carson Palmer at No. 5 singles, losing 5-7, 3-6 while Gilbert fell 0-6, 1-6 against Logan Palmer at No. 2 singles. Zheng lost 3-6, 0-6 to Craft at No. 3 singles and Patel fell 1-6, 1-6 to Moran at No. 4 singles. With the match tied 4-4, Newman Central

Catholic's Marvel Zhang handed Wanner a 6-4, 2-6, 6-10 loss at No. 1 singles.

### Sterling

The Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team continued nonconference play against Sterling on Monday, falling 7-2 and moving to 3-9 on the season. Sophomore Owen Haas helped secure two points for the Hubs, defeating Carter Morris 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6 singles and teaming up with junior Peter Forsberg to take down Morris and Benjamin Boze 7-6(4), 6-3 at No. 3 doubles.

Juniors Devansh Patel

and Jason Zheng fell 5-7, 1-6 against Luke Valentino and Carter Ryan at No. 1 doubles, while sophomore David Wanner and junior Alex Gilbert lost 2-6, 4-6 against Brecken Peterson and Kayden Loos at No. 2 doubles. Peterson swept Wanner 0-6, 0-6 at No. 1 singles and Gilbert was handed an 0-6, 0-6 loss against Connor Pham at No. 2 singles.

Zheng and Patel battled at No. 3 singles and No. 4 singles, falling 2-6, 2-6 against Valentino and 1-6, 2-6 against Ryan, respectively. Forsberg faced Loos at No. 5 singles, losing 4-6, 1-6.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Jason Zheng (left) and sophomore David Wanner (right) battle in doubles competition for the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team during Friday's nonconference match against Newman Central Catholic.

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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Rochelle senior Kiya Porter will be continuing her academics and her track and field career at Beloit College next year. Porter plans to study political science.

# Porter commits to Beloit College

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

THROUGHOUT her four years with the Rochelle Township High School track and field team, Lady Hub senior Kiya Porter has grown more confident in her throwing abilities and improved her focus during competitive meets. Porter has ascended to become one of Rochelle's top throwers this season, and she'll be continuing her track and field career with Beloit College next year.

"I chose Beloit College because of the small class sizes and the one-on-one LSAT preparation course," Porter said. "Continuing my athletic career with their track and field program was a bonus. I met the head coach and his biggest priority was giving his athletes the structure to achieve in both academics and athletics... I want to be challenged and pushed to my limits and I believe that competing at the college level will give me the opportunity to be challenged."

A shot put and discus thrower for the Lady Hubs, Porter has achieved new personal records in both field events this season. Porter threw 79 feet 7 inches to take third in the discus competition against Sandwich and Serena, while her 29-foot, 1-and-1/2-inch mark in Rochelle's Senior Night matchup with Rock Falls was enough

for third place. Porter has compiled three second-place finishes and three third-place finishes in the throwing events this season.

"Kiya has really earned the opportunity to blossom this year," Rochelle Lady Hub head coach Alison Vrana said. "We've been stacked in the throwing events over the last few years, so she didn't have many chances to compete, but she's been one of our top point earners this year. It's really great to see what she's given to the program, especially during her senior season."

Porter said she plans to study political science in order to eventually obtain a degree, enter law school and become a public defender. Under the tutelage of Rochelle throwing coach Zach Miller, Porter said she's learned how to not only correct her mistakes in the circle, but help others improve their skills as well. Porter said her biggest goals while competing with the Beloit College team will be to inspire her teammates and instill confidence in their abilities.

"I want to strengthen the team in any way I can," Porter said. "Zach has coached me for a couple of years and I can confidently say that he's made me a more focused athlete. He's helped me recognize that I'm capable of so much more. I've been doing really well this season and I believe that I will be able to take this newfound confidence to college next year."

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### PORTER COMMITS

RTHS senior Kiya Porter will compete for the Beloit College track and field team.  
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### RTHS Wrestling

# Hub dominance continues

Rochelle matmen extend win streak with Polo-North Boone sweep

**ROCHELLE** — Hub senior Ivan Pineda has worked hard to hone his wrestling techniques over the last four years. A few of those moves showed up during Saturday morning’s meet with Polo and North Boone, where the Rochelle lightweight earned two wins and helped lead the Hub varsity wrestling team to resounding victories over both the Marcos and the Vikings.

Rochelle’s matmen combined for eight pins against North Boone, dominating the Vikings 60-6 before adding eight more pins in their 58-24 win over Polo. Pineda wrestled at 113 pounds in the North Boone dual, needing only one takedown before pinning Kylan Hughes at the 1:45 mark. Pineda moved up to 120 pounds against Polo, outlasting McKeon Crase with a 16-8 major decision behind three takedowns, two near falls, two escapes and one reversal.

“I feel like we’ve been wrestling really well, especially since we don’t have anybody at a few of our weight classes,” Pineda

said. “We’ve done well everywhere else and I think we’ve all been putting the hard work in and kicking our opponents’ butts. My double and my scarf were working well for me today, especially when I had my opponents on the ground. We just need to keep doing what we’re doing and we need to make sure we’re keeping the right mindset.”

Rochelle (9-1) has won seven consecutive duals. The Hubs will host Genoa-Kingston and Rockford East on Wednesday before facing Oregon and Fulton at home on Saturday.

**North Boone**

Rochelle scored 60 consecutive points to open the dual against the Vikings. Junior Matt Eyster received a forfeit at 160 pounds before senior Ben Harvey took down and pinned Garrett Louis at 182 pounds. Senior Noah Messer and sophomore Jaden Cook immediately followed with pins at 220 pounds and 285 pounds, respectively, with Messer defeating Connor Runnells in the first period and Cook needing only 30

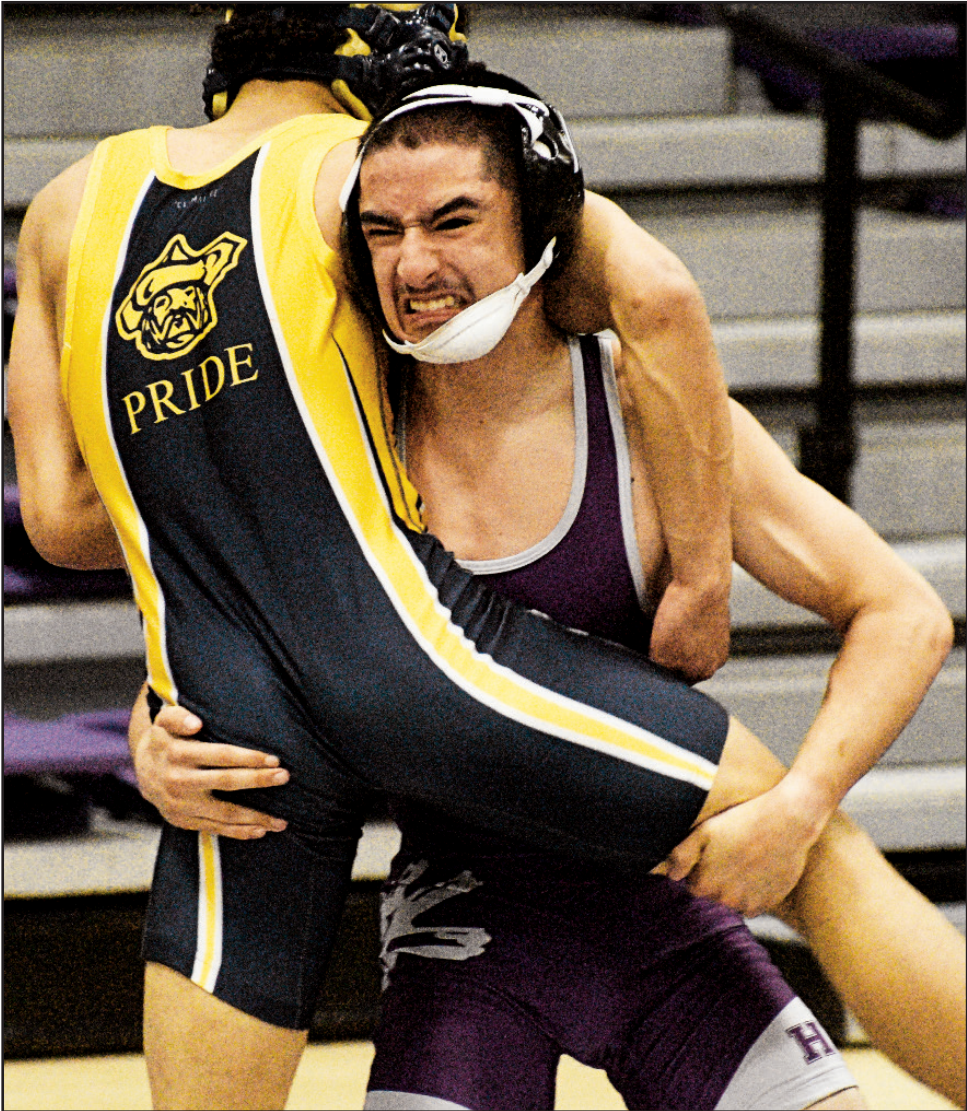
seconds in his victory over Ethan Delgado.

“We’re really gotten into a rhythm,” Cook said. “We’re putting a lot of work in right now. My headlocks and throws have been working well for me. We have a couple of gaps in our roster right now, but if we can fill those gaps, I think we’ll have a chance to win the conference title.”

After freshman Riley Damask took a forfeit at 106 pounds and Pineda won at 113 pounds, sophomore Josey Weber stepped into the ring for the Hubs, showing dominance against Kole Olsen with a 25-second takedown-to-pin at 120 pounds. Sophomore Weldon Nay kept Rochelle’s pin streak going at 126 pounds, defeating Joey Brown in only 35 seconds.

With Rochelle leading 48-0, sophomore Wesley Brown scored another Hub pin at 132 pounds, taking down Logan Witte before senior Grant Thompson recorded a second-period pin against Juan Galarza at 138 pounds.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
 Senior Ivan Pineda lifts Polo wrestler McKeon Crase off the ground during the Rochelle Hub varsity match against the Marcos on Saturday.

### RTHS Girls Soccer

# Lady Hubs outlast Oregon for first victory

Rochelle snaps six-match winless streak with 3-1 win over Hawks

**OREGON** — After six consecutive losses to open the season, Rochelle’s Lady Hub varsity soccer team earned its first win on Saturday, defeating the Oregon Hawks 3-1 and improving to 1-6 overall. Junior Lizbeth Milan, sophomore Jasmin Hernandez and freshman Kara Martinez each scored goals in the victory, while freshman Danica Ward recorded six saves.

“I’m really proud of my teammates and how well we communicated,” Milan said. “We kept our positive energy throughout the match and we didn’t get down on ourselves after they scored the first goal. We talked to each other throughout the match, which is something we haven’t done consistently.”

Rochelle outshot Oregon 25-9 and the Lady Hubs edged the Hawks 11-8 in shots on goal. Oregon emerged with the early lead, scoring in the 13th minute to earn a 1-0 advantage, which stood at halftime. The Lady Hubs scored all three goals in the second half, with Martinez finding the net in the 48th minute to even the match at 1-1.

Hernandez then broke through the Oregon de-

fense in the 57th minute, scoring to give the Lady Hubs a 2-1 lead and their first advantage of the season. Milan sealed Rochelle’s victory in the 80th and final minute, putting the ball into the Oregon net and sealing the highest-scoring game of the season for the Lady Hubs.

“It reminds us that we’re capable of scoring and winning games,” Milan said. “We have to keep pushing through and we have to want to win and score goals. We have to stay motivated to pass and talk with each other.”

**Sycamore**

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team hosted Sycamore for Interstate 8 Conference play on Monday, falling 10-0 and moving to 1-7 on the season. Rochelle will face Plano on the road Wednesday before hosting Stillman Valley on Friday at 4:15 p.m.

The Spartans outshot Rochelle 38-2 and held a 22-2 advantage over the Lady Hubs in shots on goal. Sycamore earned four corner kicks in the match, while Rochelle was held without one. Freshman Danica Ward recorded 12 saves in net for the Lady Hubs in the loss.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
 Junior Lizbeth Milan battles against Sycamore’s Ella Shipley during the Lady Hub varsity soccer match against the Spartans on Monday. Milan scored one of three goals in Rochelle’s win over Oregon on Saturday.