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### Employee contributions



(PHOTO BY JENNIFER SIMMONS)

During Monday night's City of Rochelle council meeting, the city's human resource director Nancy Bingham (far right) presented Rochelle Area Community Foundation Director Kim Montgomery with \$16,386. The money was part of the city's employee pledge program for 2020-21. Since it's inception, city employees have pledged approximately \$30,000 to the community foundation. Also pictured is Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh.

## Seal coat project to begin next week

**ROCHELLE**—The City of Rochelle's sealcoat project is set for Aug. 3 through 8, resulting in periodic lane closures in several areas.

Motorists are urged to use caution while traveling through construction zones and pay close attention to traffic control devices and flaggers. Signage designating no parking zones will be posted.

Areas on the schedule for seal coat in 2020 include the following:

- Askvig Subdivision including Harlan and Wendell Drives
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As a result of the 10-year capital plan to address maintenance requirements, numerous streets and roadways have been identified for maintenance. The application of a seal coat surface treatment is a cost effective way to maintain and preserve the life of these streets.

## Cook explains mail-in ballots

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** — With Election Day approaching and mail-in ballots increasing in popularity this year, the county mailed out applications to all registered voters.

Individuals in Ogle County who are currently registered to vote have already received or will be receiving a mail-in ballot application no later than Aug. 1. If a resident chooses to vote by mail, all he or she has to do is mail back the completed application.

If a mail-in ballot application is not received by Aug. 1, it is recommended to contact the Ogle County Clerk's Office to make sure the individual is registered to vote. The mail-in ballot application can then be downloaded from [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org).

"The applications were just sent out last



"The applications were just sent out last week and we know voters have been receiving them because we have been getting them sent back to our office."

**Laura Cook**

week and we know voters have been receiving them because we have been getting them sent back to our office," Cook said.

To receive a mail-in ballot, the Ogle County Clerk's Office must receive the application no later than Oct. 29 and the ballot itself must be postmarked from the post office by Nov. 3. The only way to turn in mail-in ballots and applications is by mail, as there will be no drop-off location in Ogle County this year.

Anybody who is not currently registered to vote can do so in person with a deputy registrar until Oct. 6. The only requirements to register are that the individual be 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen and bring a form of ID and proof of address.

A deputy registrar can be found at the Ogle County Courthouse as well as many libraries and city village halls. Individuals who have not registered to vote by Oct. 6 can visit the Ogle County Courthouse after

Oct. 6 and before Election Day to register and vote.

"Those who have not registered by the deadline of Oct. 6. can still do so during what they call the grace period," Ogle County Clerk Laura Cook said.

The county is also in need of election judges this year and is asking the community for its help. Anybody who is over the age of 18 can sign up to be a judge and anybody between the ages of 16 and 18 can sign up to be a student election judge.

The only requirements are that the individual be registered to vote in the county they will be judging in. Judges are paid \$120 for the day and begin work at 5 a.m. and work until after 7 p.m. when the election is finished. To sign up to be a judge, call the county clerk's office at 815-732-1110.

"Whether it is vote-by-mail, early voting or in person, I just hope that people participate the way that they want to," Cook said.

### Trip giveaway winner

Tom Hill was drawn as the winner of the 2020 Rochelle News-Leader Summer Subscription Getaway Drive. Along with taking advantage of a special subscription rate to the News-Leader, Hill entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Eagle Ridge getaway. Hill is pictured with News-Leader managing editor Jennifer Simmons (left) and his wife, Nancy, Tuesday morning.

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# LOCAL NEWS



Deanna Forrest presents checks to CASA board member and 100 Women member Julie Mann (both pictured center). Also present were (from far left) Arlene Sangmeister, Linda Corwin-Graber, Deanne Haub, (second from right) Jennie O'Rourke and Kim Montgomery (far right).

## CASA receives award from 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County

**OGLE COUNTY** — CASA of Ogle County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) was the second recipient

from the group 100 Women Who Care, Ogle County.

Two organizations were nominated

for the quarterly donation: CASA and Village of Progress. Brian Books, director of Village of Progress, and Julie Mann, board member of CASA and a 100 Women Who Care member, gave informative presentations about their respective organizations.

While CASA was the recipient at the July meeting, Village of Progress will be eligible again in October, and CASA can be on the ballot next July. 100 Women members may nominate an Ogle County 501c3 organization for consideration. Once the votes are tallied, the women write a check for the winning organization with the checks going directly to the non-profit.

CASA recruits, screens, trains and supports community volunteers who are court appointed guardians for a child in the abuse/neglect court system. Children often come from a difficult living situation, thus the care and personal attention CASA

volunteers provide for these children throughout the duration of the case is invaluable.

"If CASA was not involved in a case, that child is just a fan in the courtroom, a number on file or the one who falls through the cracks," Trisha Morrow, executive director of CASA said. "CASA volunteers provide a powerful voice for powerless children. CASA will use the donation from 100 Women to support their volunteer training program."

100 Women Who Care of Ogle County is open to any woman who is interested in learning more about the non-profits in the county and donating \$100 per quarter to the chosen organization.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 15 at Alfano's in Rochelle.

For further information, contact Deanna Forrest at forrestdeanna@hotmail.com.

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## Man arrested for driving under influence

On July 24 at approximately 8:20 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 400 block of East Third Street in Leaf River. After further investigation, deputies arrested Ronald Reitinger, 37, of Leaf River, for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while license suspended. Reitinger was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On July 24 at 11:51 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at Illinois Route 38. After a short investigation, Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested Christopher Moscoso, 22, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for no valid driver's license.

Moscoso will appear in court on Aug. 21 at 9 a.m.

On July 24 at 10:35 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 102. After a short investigation, Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested Mario Smith, 37, of Madison, Wisconsin, for driving while license suspended. Smith will appear in court on Aug. 21 at 9 a.m.

On July 24 at 4:09 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 88 at mile marker 76. After a short investigation, Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested Elivis Perry, 32, of Chicago, for driving while license suspended.

Perry will appear in court on Aug. 21 at 9 a.m.

On July 24 at 2:06 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1400 block of N. Illinois Route 2. After a short investigation Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested Melisa Carreno, 34, of Leaf River, for driving while license suspended. Carreno will appear in court on Aug. 21 at 9 a.m.

On July 24 at 6:28 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 96. After a short investigation Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested Jacob Freeze, 29, of Farmersburg, Indiana, for driving while license

suspended. Freeze will appear in court on Sept. 3 at 9 a.m.

On July 25 at 7:46 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 64 at Meridian Road. After a short investigation, Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested Travis Mullen,

35, of Carol Stream, for driving while license suspended, possession of drug equipment, possession of controlled substance, possession of cannabis unlawful container. Mullen was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On July 25 at approx-

imately 4:49 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 88 at mile marker 75. After a short investigation, Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested Maurice Hart, 25, of Chicago, for driving while license suspended. Hart will appear in court on Aug. 21 at 9 a.m.

## Woman arrested for domestic battery

On July 17 at 11:26 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Bethzaida Molina-Crespo, 19, of Rochelle, for domestic battery. She was transported to jail.

On July 24 at 10:59 a.m., Rochelle police cited Trevor L. Bialas, 31, of Rochelle, for speeding 67 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone. He posted and I-Bond and was given a court date of Sept. 11.

On July 26 at 3:22 p.m., Rochelle police cited Larry R. Vancil, 83, of

Sycamore, for speeding 53 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Sept. 11.

On July 27 at 11:09 p.m., Rochelle police cited Joseph P. Stallone, 59, of Rochelle, for improper lane usage, failure to reduce speed that resulted in an accident and failure to report an accident to the police. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Sept. 11.

## Local Girl Scouts receive \$1,700 grant from United Way of Ogle County

**OGLE COUNTY** – Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois received a generous \$1,700 grant from United Way of Ogle County on July 1.

Funds from this grant will be used to support the organization's Building Tomorrow program which provides benefits of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to low-income and underserved girls, ages 5 to 18, in Ogle County.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience develops future female leadership through informal and experiential education, social emotional learning, and outcomes-based activities. The goal is girls' success in an informal setting, like a Girl Scout activity, which leads to greater confidence in the formal classroom setting.

GSNI would like to thank United Way of Ogle County for speaking up on behalf of girls, for joining in the Girl Scout Mission where girls have a space all their own, where their interests, their experience, and their leadership — today and tomorrow — is the top priority.

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## Obituaries

**ROCHELLE** — Donald P. Higgs, 86, resident of Oakcrest Nursing Home since October of 2017, a long-time resident of Rochelle since 1968, died at 2:40 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Oakcrest Nursing Home in DeKalb from prostate cancer.



Don was born June 22, 1934 at home near Monica, Illinois,

the son of Paul Doty and Lois Elvira (LaMay) Higgs. He married Margie Lee Bliss on Aug. 24, 1956 in Princeville, Illinois.

Preceding Don in death was his sister and one granddaughter.

Don is survived by his wife, Margie Higgs of Rochelle; one brother, Richard Higgs of Las Cruces, New Mexico; two daughters, Becky (Mike) Fritz of McHenry, and Melinda Higgs of Denver, Colorado; one son, David (Shawn) Higgs of

## Donald Higgs

Richmond, Illinois; and seven grandchildren.

A faithful Christian, Don was a 52 year member of the First Presbyterian Church in Rochelle where he served multiple years as a deacon and an elder. Don graduated from the University of Illinois in 1956 with degrees in Agriculture Sciences & Education and later earned a Masters degree in Education from the University of Illinois. Don taught high school agri-

culture classes in Southern and Central Illinois from 1956-1968. From 1968-1977, Don taught agriculture at the newly opened Kishwaukee College and then worked as an administrator at Kishwaukee College from 1977 until he retired from there in 1997. Don loved the outdoors, his family, playing with his grandchildren and adored his wife, Margie, and their 64 years of marriage together.

Funeral services will be at

10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle with Pastor Doug Forsberg officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church. The funeral service will be live streamed on the Unger Horner Funeral Home Facebook page. Interment will follow in Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle.

Please visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Ramona McCaslin

**ODESSA, Texas** — Ramona “Moni” Rose Bogue McCaslin, long time Texas and Illinois resident, died July 22, 2020 in Dallas at 93.

Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 31 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Family Center with Reverend Dr. Ron Hankins

of 1st Presbyterian Church of Odessa officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Born to Norwegian immigrants, she grew up in Rochelle, as the daughter of Dr. A.R. Bogue and



Rosalind Victoria Bogue. She was married to Roy “Mac” McCaslin Jr. for 56 years. They moved to Odessa in 1976 from Rockford where Roy was President of Meither Machine Works.

She has a BS degree from Bradley University, and volunteered many hours at her

church and in the hospital auxiliary. Moni was also an avid bridge player at the Odessa Country Club.

She is survived by two sons, Scott A. (Pat) of Dallas and Jeffrey E. of Granbury; grandchildren, Kate McKeon, Kelly McCaslin, Victoria (Dylan) Dees, Matthew (Lisa) Mc-

Caslin, Joshua McCaslin; and great-grandchildren, Sloane Dees, Journee McCaslin, Jacob McCaslin and Jadon McCaslin.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send condolences to the family, please sign her guestbook at [www.sunsetodessa.com](http://www.sunsetodessa.com).



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**ROCHELLE**—Rosemary “Rosie” Simpson, 64, of Rochelle, formerly of Mendota, left this world on July 25, 2020 at JourneyCare Hospice Center in Barrington where she had been a patient for several days and family said their goodbyes in her final struggle with COPD.

Rose was born April 10, 1956 in Mendota to Marion “Tuffy” Simpson and Zada Brown Simpson.

Survivors include three grown chil-

dren, Bradley Simpson of Minnesota, Erika Hallam and David Myers of Texas; five grandchildren, all in Texas; three sisters, Andrea Bryan formerly of Mendota, Dawn Sturges of Arkansas, and Shawn Cherney of Naperville; and nieces, nephews, several cousins, and aunts.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Rosie grew up near LaMoille where she attended school and then graduated

from Mendota High School. She was involved in tumbling most of her life as a participant, a studio owner, coach and in later years as a judge for USTA. A scholarship in honor of her has been created by the USTA.

She was also a talented artist, a friendly, caring and kind person who always welcomed all with a big smile.

She most recently made her home in Rochelle and was a member of the Methodist church.

## Annual \$30,000 scholarship competition kicked-off

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Commander Laurie Emmer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Department of Illinois, announced the kick-off of this year’s VFW’s Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition. Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed entry form to their local VFW Post by Oct.

31. The 2020 theme selected is “Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned.” Students begin by competing at the local Post level, then Post winners compete at the District level with the winner advancing to the state competition.

All state first-place winners receive a four day trip to Washington, D.C., and the chance to compete for their share of more than \$150,000 in scholarships. The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 college scholarship.

Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at their local VFW Post or contact VFW State Headquarters by phone at 217-529-6688 or email the VFW Department of Illinois at [vfwil@vfwil.org](mailto:vfwil@vfwil.org) for more information.

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# STATE NEWS

## Lawsuit alleges State Police unconstitutionally delaying FOID card applications

Officials point to increased requests, Rauner-era budget stalemate as cause of delays

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**SPRINGFIELD** — Gun rights advocacy groups filed a federal lawsuit Monday against the Illinois State Police claiming that the office in charge of handling Firearm Owners Identification card applications is unconstitutionally delaying that process.

State statute dictates that “no person may acquire or possess any firearm, stun gun, or taser,” or ammunition, without having a state-issued FOID card. ISP has 30 days from the date it receives an application and filing fee to either approve or deny that request. For renewals, state police officials have 60 days.

The Firearms Services Bureau, in charge of processing those applications, “often” misses those deadlines, according to the lawsuit. Residents are left “in limbo for months,” argue the State Rifle Association, based in Chatsworth, and Second Amendment Foundation.

The Foundation, based in Bellevue, Washington, has Illinois members.

Court documents misidentified the bureau chief of that ISP office — it is Maj. Jarod Ingebritsen, a spokesperson said, not Jessica Trame. The lawsuit was also filed against State Police Director Brendan Kelly.

“The consequences for delay are neither abstract nor a mere inconvenience; they are a matter of life and death,” the groups alleged. “Sadly, in similar situations, where the government bureaucracy legislatively empowered to act as a Second Amendment gatekeeper has dithered in processing applications, there have been fatal results.”

The only example cited in the lawsuit is a 2015 case in which a New Jersey resident was killed by her ex-significant other before her gun permit application was processed.

Members of the two groups, as well as four Illinois residents — from Chicago Heights, Oak Forest and Buffalo Grove — did not receive notice from the State Police about whether their applications were approved or denied within the 30-day timeframe mandated by statute, according to the court document.



Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly speaks during a news conference Feb. 14 at the Capitol in Springfield. (Credit: blueroomstream.com)

It does not specify when the applications were filed or how long those Illinoisans have waited for ISP action, but does mention a June CBS Chicago story in which a spokesperson said an influx of new applications was delaying processing.

“With an explosion of applications and firearms purchases during the pandemic and current events — 63,823 FOID applications ... just last month — broader legislative remedies to streamline and modernize the FOID process will be necessary to meet statutory timelines,” a spokesperson said in an email. “We look forward to working with all interested parties and members of the General Assembly to reach those solutions. The Firearms Services Bureau is committed to resolving the issues and meeting our public safety mission.”

The spokesperson added that the number of FOID

card applications filed in June is up 148 percent from June 2019 when 23,359 applications were submitted to the State Police.

In the lawsuit, the groups argue the delay is also caused by “the State of Illinois’ persistent refusal to provide the resources necessary.”

Almost \$30 million allocated to the State Police for conducting background checks and responding to FOID card applications was transferred to other state accounts, according to a 2019 Government Forecasting and Accountability report.

“The Illinois State Police agree FOID applications should be processed quickly and within the statutory guidelines,” the ISP spokesperson said in an email. “Financial instability brought on by the lack of a budget in the prior administration greatly impacted the processing of FOID applications by the Firearms Services Bureau.”

She added that “at least” 32 added analysts and investments in technology allowed under this fiscal year’s budget will help address the issue.

“Illinois cannot justify completely and indefinitely denying its residents their fundamental Second Amendment right to possess a firearm to defend their lives, families, and homes while they wait for the ISP to approve their FOID card applications,” according to the lawsuit. “Simply put, if the State of Illinois is going to condition the exercise of a fundamental right on the receipt of a license, then the process for issuing that license cannot be defective to the point of near-inoperable.”

The groups are requesting a judge declare that the State Police violated two rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution — the Second Amendment right to bear arms and the Fourteenth Amendment right to “an objective, prompt, and appealable procedure.”

ISP’s “challenged practices are now causing and will continue to cause (Illinoisans) to suffer irreparable injury,” according to the court document.

Additionally, the groups are asking a district court federal judge to compel the State Police to “immediately issue FOID cards” to the residents named in the lawsuit and pay monetary damages and attorney’s fees.

## Universities launch aggressive testing program before students return

THE CENTER SQUARE

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois’ public universities are launching an aggressive COVID-19 testing and quarantining program this fall to keep students, faculty and staff safe when classes resume.

The large-scale testing effort will put Illinois’ public universities in the vanguard of schools that are working proactively to stop the spread of the virus on campus during the pandemic.

Paul Weinberger, director of federal regulations for the University of Illinois system, said the effort was spearheaded

by scientists at Urbana who developed their own “in-house” COVID-19 testing system. The system has the capacity to handle tens of thousands of tests every day. The idea is to head off any outbreaks quickly by quarantining people who are exposed to the virus before they develop symptoms or further spread it.

“We need to have accurate and timely data,” Weinberger said.

Because the testing system was developed at U of I, the cost of the program was “relatively cheap,” Weinberger said. The designers hope it will more than pay for itself by containing the spread

of the virus and allowing the schools to continue to educate 180,000 students as the pandemic continues.

Costs related to the pandemic have been staggering for the U of I system schools. Lost revenue, refunds, and other costs in the spring added up to \$50 million dollars in losses by early April. By July, costs related to the pandemic alone had cost U of I system schools \$234 million.

Congress has been working on a second COVID-19 emergency aid package for weeks now. On July 17, the presidents of the universities in the U of I system sent a letter to representatives

in Congress asking for \$47 billion in additional emergency funding for its universities and students. They asked for an additional \$26 billion in funding for federal research agencies.

The U of I system schools are research powerhouses for the federal government. They receive half a billion dollars in federal research funding every year for research with federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health.

The U of I universities include the University of Illinois, University of Illinois at Chicago and University of Illinois at Springfield.

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Guest column

## Madigan's fate could come down to Mapes' testimony

“NOBODY gets in to see the wizard. Not nobody, not no how.”

Those words quoting the “Wizard of Oz” hung from the wall of the statehouse office of Tim Mapes.

And they summed up his job nicely. He was the gatekeeper to Mike Madigan, speaker of the House and chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party.

He routinely turned away legislators, lobbyists, businessmen and others seeking an audience with the most powerful politician in Illinois.

But in the wake of a recent plea deal between Commonwealth Edison and federal prosecutors people are asking: What does Tim Mapes know and what will he say?

There is no indication that Mapes has done anything wrong, but it was the nature of his job to be in the know.

After all, for 26 years, he was Madigan's chief of staff. And he also was the director of the Illinois Democratic Party – while Madigan was speaker of the House and chairman of the Democratic Party.

Tim Mapes was once one of the most important people in Springfield. But unless you are an inside player in state government, you've likely never heard of him.

In the recent plea deal, ComEd essentially admitted to giving bribes to Madigan. The bribes would be in the form of contracts and jobs at the giant utility that Madigan could dole out to his supporters.

Through a spokesperson, Madigan has said he is innocent of wrongdoing. And he

has not been charged with a crime.

That said, it would appear that Madigan is the target of federal prosecutors. And this is why questions have been percolating through Springfield as to whether prosecutors will seek Mapes' cooperation in pursuing a case against Madigan.

When George Ryan went to prison, it was after his former chief of staff, Scott Fawell, testified against him. When Rod Blagojevich was locked up, it was after his chief of staff Bradley Tusk testified against him.

So, it's no stretch to assume the feds may be hoping for some cooperation from Mapes or one of Madigan's other confidants.

“Madigan plays it pretty close to the vest,” Fawell said. “He only has a few people who he tells what he is thinking and Mapes was one of them. I anticipate the feds are going to put pressure on him to see if they can get him to talk. The thing is when you are chief of staff, you're the go-to guy to get things done.”

Fawell, who was sentenced to more than six years in prison on corruption charges, said the pressure to testify is enormous.

“They will go through your taxes and see if there is anything there that they can prosecute you on. Then they will lean on your friends and family members and threaten them with prosecution if you don't cooperate. There is a reason the federal government wins 99 percent of its cases.”

Mapes did not return phone calls seeking comment Monday. He has not been accused of any crime.

But all has not been well between Mapes and his former boss.

In 2018, Madigan

removed Mapes from his jobs, after he was accused of fostering “a culture of sexism, harassment and bullying that creates an extremely difficult working environment.”

It's worth nothing the sexagenarian was not accused of making sexual advances toward any staff members. Accusations centered on remarks that just a few years before would likely not have resulted in any disciplinary action. He was an early casualty

of the #MeToo movement.

Whether the circumstances of his ouster would make him more or less likely to cooperate with federal investigators is not known.

“It's an extremely isolated position he's in right now,” Fawell said. “I remember showing up at a golf tournament when the feds were investigating George Ryan. Nobody wanted to talk to me because they feared being subpoenaed. You feel very alone.”

Longtime statehouse reporter and political observer Charles Wheeler III, said he doesn't anticipate criminal charges being made against Madigan.

“Mike Madigan knows where the line is and he doesn't cross it. He's not going to cross it in public and he's not going to cross it in private when he's talking to Tim Mapes or anyone else. If the prosecutors had anything on Madigan, they would have already charged him.”

But Fawell said dealing with federal prosecutors is rarely so straightforward.

“I'm not saying that people lie. But after they have been interviewed several times by prosecutors, what they remember being said in a particular conversation can change.”

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## Question:

*Do you think there should be a second round of stimulus checks?*

*“Yes, a lot of people are struggling and need it for bills. Last time they gave one you could not get a laptop or big screen TV. My TV went out. A good question to ask is how many actually paid bills with it.”*

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# COMMUNITY

## Schwartz, Travis wed in Texas

**KATY, Texas** — Kathryn Elizabeth Schwartz and Cameron Allen Travis, both of Katy, Texas, were wed June 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. during a doubling ceremony in Katy, Texas, by Jan Leonard.

Parents of the couple are Joe and Jill Schwartz of Rochelle, Jeff and Margie Travis of Fulshear, Texas, and Loren Travis of Katy, Texas.

The bride wore a white wedding dress and carried a bouquet of Alstroemeria in shades of purple.

The bridal party wore shades of purple.

The bride's attendants included Taylor Bigelow of Rochelle, friend of the bride; Shanna Metzger of Denver, Colorado, friend of the bride; Kristie Peo

of Katy, Texas, friend of the bride; and Kari Schaefer of Katy, Texas, friend of the bride.

The groom's attendants included Charles Cribley of Katy, Texas, friend of the groom; Chris Travis of Katy, Texas, brother of the groom; Fabian Maldonado of Osage Beach, Missouri, friend of the groom; and Kyle Sims of Katy, Texas, friend of the groom.

Kinsley and Ellison Reagan, nieces of the groom, served as the couple's flower girls.

A reception was held at Toddy Oaks in Katy, Texas.

The couple's wedding trip was postponed due to COVID-19.

They make their home in Katy, Texas.



Kathryn (Schwartz) and Cameron Travis

### The Kitchen Table menu

July 30 – (Thursday) – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, roasted veggies (carrots, celery, onions and zucchini)  
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\*The Kitchen Table is located at 7034 S. Klondike Road, Rochelle. The suggested donation is \$5 unless otherwise

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July 6 - James Liberator, Rockford, \$25

July 7 - Tom Kane, Byron, \$25

July 8 - City of Rochelle, \$25

July 9 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25

July 10 - William Fawkes, Sterling, \$25

July 11 - PJ O'Rourke, Steward, \$25

July 12 - Heidi Melton, St. Simons Island, Georgia, \$50

July 13 - Joe King, Rochelle, \$25

July 14 - Jim Truckenbrod, Rochelle, \$25

July 15 - Anita Bowers, Byron, \$25

July 16 - Ed Rice, Rochelle, \$25

July 17 - Chad Scott, Rochelle, \$25

July 18 - Gisela Clayton, Compton, \$25

July 19 - Zac Gill, Rochelle, \$50

July 20 - Rosie Herebia, Davis Junction, \$25

July 21 - Darlene Reynolds, Rochelle, \$25

July 22 - Lois Hayes, Steward, \$25

July 23 - Tessa Sturgeon, New Albany, Indiana, \$25

July 24 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25

July 25 - Delilah Melton, St. Simons Island, Georgia, \$25

July 26 - Mike Dale, Edgerton, Wisconsin, \$50

July 27 - Dennis Stewart, Rochelle, \$25

July 28 - Dakota Ames, Rochelle, \$25

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

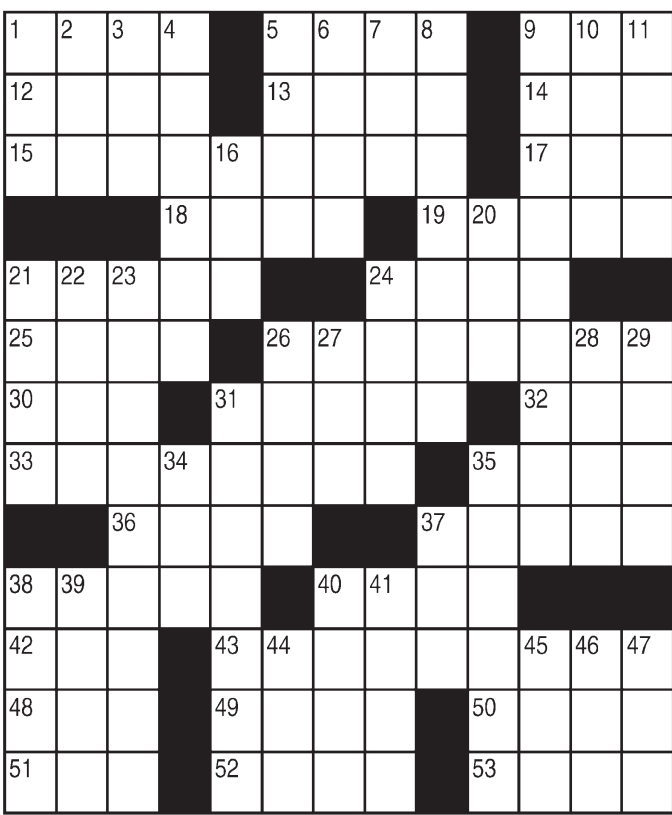


## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Oil cartel
- 5 Largest continent
- 9 Crime scene evidence
- 12 Lounge around
- 13 Charged bits
- 14 A billion years
- 15 Perry Mason's client
- 17 Entertainment
- 18 Smell bad
- 19 Geneva's river
- 21 Skiers' 7-Down
- 24 String instrument
- 25 Do as you're told
- 26 Old cars for new ones
- 30 "Help!"
- 31 Repeat verb
- 32 Arctic bird
- 33 Confiscations
- 35 Sans siblings
- 36 Diner staffer
- 37 Name
- 38 BLT meat
- 40 Swimming venue
- 42 Alias abbr.
- 43 Secret or Sure
- 48 Crib



- |                       |                      |                    |                    |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 49 Elderly            | 50 Press             | 51 Pismire         | 52 May honorees    | 53 Kindly bloke      |
| 1 Antiquated          | 2 "The Raven" writer | 3 Sprite           | 4 Group of priests | 5 Helper             |
| 6 Drench              | 7 Hostel             | 8 On both          | 16 Born            | 20 Weeding implement |
| 21 Privation          | 22 Reed instrument   | 23 Drying agent    | 24 Cisterns        | 26 Ankara resident   |
| 27 Fish eggs          | 28 — and void        | 29 Terrier variety | 31 Former          | 34 Menagerie         |
| 35 Drilling apparatus | 37 Also              | 38 Ali —           | 39 Related         | 40 Verse             |
| 41 Probability        | 44 Id counterpart    | 45 Exist           | 46 Negative prefix | 47 Explosive stick   |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	9	2		4			5	
	4				9			1
7			6			3		
5					7	4	1	
		3	5					6
	8			3			7	
		4	9			2		
1			2	6				8
	6				8		9	

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: O equals M

CY S KGSISDG PRSBTP DR HDZP DY  
BISBTFIP CR NFJ, ECHH EF FRJ WK  
ECZG S BIWONM OWOOM?

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Answer

4	6	1	8	5	3	7	9	2
8	3	7	4	9	2	6	5	1
5	9	2	1	7	6	4	3	8
7	2	5	9	3	4	1	8	6
9	8	6	2	1	5	3	7	4
3	4	1	7	6	8	9	2	5
6	4	3	5	2	9	8	7	1
1	2	9	6	8	7	5	4	3
3	5	7	8	3	4	2	1	6

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V
N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V
N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V
N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V
N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V
N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V
N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V
N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V
N	O	I	G	E	N	T	A	V

King Crossword

with a crumbly mummy?  
crackers in bed, will we end up  
if a parash snacks on lots of  
answer  
CryptoQuip



# PRIME TIMES

## I thought shingles was an old person's disease: What everyone 50 and up needs to know about this disease

FATHER, business owner and Rhode Island native Steve B. was forced to spend the holidays sidelined with shingles at the age of 51.

"I look forward to the holidays every year. In addition to the fun and festivities of the season, I get a little downtime to enjoy my favorite things: spending time with my family, working out and watching sports," Steve said. "But that holiday season, I felt an odd burning pain I'd never felt before."

Steve and his wife were on their way to a New Year's Eve party when he began to feel discomfort and pain in his back. Steve's wife took a look, but didn't see anything unusual. Steve expected the pain to subside on its own. However, the next morning, when Steve asked his wife to look at his back again, she was shocked to find a blistered rash. He knew he had to seek medical attention - fast.

"I thought about making an appointment when the symptoms started, but I didn't have the words to describe this unusual back pain, nor were my symptoms visible to the naked eye," Steve recalled. "What could I say? 'Hey Doc, my back is burning?' Would that even help?"

When Steve was finally able to see his doctor, he was immediately diagnosed with shingles.

Anyone who has gotten chickenpox is at-risk of contracting shingles, also known as herpes zoster.

[1] When chickenpox becomes dormant within the nerves, it can reactivate later in life, causing shingles.

[2] Shingles typically presents as a painful, itchy rash that develops on one side of the body and can last for two to four weeks.[3]

Shingles kept Steve from doing the things he loved the most. "I never call out of work. Because of shingles, I missed three days. As a proud father of a high school athlete, I never miss one of my daughter's basketball games. Because of shingles, I missed three games."

After a long two weeks from the start of his symptoms, Steve began to feel better. He never considered vaccination and thought he was too young to contract the disease when, in fact, approximately one in three people in the United States will develop shingles in their lifetime.[4]

"My experience with shingles affected everyone around me. My wife and children, used to seeing me energetic and lively, were blown away at how worn out I was for



days on end. After seeing the impact of this virus, both my business partner and brother ran out to get the shingles vaccine."

Steve learned firsthand that shingles doesn't play favorites. As a GSK spokesperson, Steve wants to educate others about shingles symptoms, risks and the importance of vaccination. He insists, "Don't assume you aren't at risk due to age - talk to your doctor about how you can help prevent shingles from happening to you."

If you're 50 years of age and older, talk to your doctor about vaccination against shingles. Vaccination will help reduce the risk of developing shingles and the potential long-term pain from post-herpetic neuralgia, a common complication caused by the disease.

For more information, visit [www.ShinglesDoesntPlayFavorites.com](http://www.ShinglesDoesntPlayFavorites.com).

*This is one person's experience; other people's experiences with shingles may be different.*

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## How to help older adults avoid fraudsters during the COVID-19 pandemic

(BPT) — Crises and upheaval have a way of bringing out the best - and, sometimes the worst - in society. That's why, June focused on Elder Abuse Awareness and in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was important to protect the online information of senior and vulnerable friends and loved ones.

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center has seen an increase in online extortion attempts as state governments have issued "stay-at-home" orders in response to the crisis. That comes at a time when The Better Business Bureau says fraudsters are targeting older populations in particular.

"Our elderly population are the wisest and most treasured members of our communities," says DJ Johnson, Charles Schwab's Senior Vice President of Corporate Risk Management. "However, they're at a higher level of risk, not only due to possible physical complications with the virus, but also by being targeted by online scammers who have increased their efforts to defraud this susceptible group. As the senior population is confronted with challenging decisions, whether about visiting stores for groceries or isolating themselves from loved ones, criminals can prey on vulnerability from several fronts."

Scammers have deployed several methods intended to trick individuals into sending money, disclosing personal information or downloading malicious software. At Schwab, teams are trained to pay attention to behavioral cues that might be the result of an attempted scam.

### Awareness of scams targeting seniors is key

While fraud can come in many forms, here are a few specific schemes that can be more targeted at the senior population:

Emergency scams: Schemers misrepresent themselves as a family member requesting money for care, or requesting supplies to "stay afloat."

Social Security: Scammers pose as someone from the Social Security Administration requesting payment or personal information to prevent benefits from being suspended or reduced.

Investment scams: Fraudsters promote investments in companies that claim to prevent, detect or provide a cure for COVID-19.

So now, more than ever, it's important to stay informed in order to detect signs of fraud. Added isolation can increase vulnerability to falling victim to a scam.

### Tips

Consult with family members and friends prior to acting on a request for funds.

Assign a trusted contact.

The Social Security Administration is not suspending benefits and will never request payment to receive them.

Perform extra due diligence when making investment choices. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

### Fake websites

People are turning to the internet for up-to-date information about COVID-19 and to purchase goods that either cannot be found in stores or as an alternative to shopping in person.

To take advantage of this, fraudsters set up websites to offer goods or services, such as protective gear (gloves and face masks), cleaning products, vaccines, testing kits and home delivery services. They then use these sites to collect payment and personal information with no intention of delivering the goods and services. This data is used by the fraudsters, or sold to other criminals on the dark web.

### Tips

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or [coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), or contact your physician for information regarding COVID-19.

Avoid visiting pages offering cures or vaccines.

Go directly to websites by entering a trusted URL address into your browser.

Avoid using phone numbers for companies found through general web searches.

Read site reviews regarding product delivery and purchases. The reviews may indicate if a site is selling counterfeit products.

### Phishing

Phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending emails or texts purporting to be from reputable sources to persuade individuals to reveal personal information, such as login credentials.

### Tips

Be suspicious of any email or text that requests your personal information.

Hover over links to check validity, or visit websites directly by entering a known URL address into your internet browser before logging in or accessing material.

Help ensure a website is secure before entering personal information.

Do not click or download suspicious or unknown attachments, and be wary of attachments even from people you know.

### Impersonations

Impersonation fraud schemes are used by impostors to obtain personal information and request fraudulent payments. The scam may begin with a phone call, email, computer pop-ups, text or other communication. Fraudsters are employing pandemic-related robocalls, claiming to be associated with charities, insurance companies or businesses offering products or cures. Some calls even offer cleaning services for your home. Impostors may pretend to be government officials and try to capitalize on the extended tax-filing date and proposed economic-stimulus checks.

### Tips

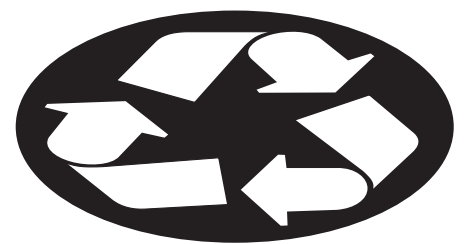
Avoid answering calls from unknown numbers.

Hang up if you do answer a call that's unusual. Don't press any buttons because this could lead to more calls.

Don't supply personal, account or payment information, especially if you feel you're being pressured.

Never send money in response to a robocall or social media message.

For information on more ways to educate and protect yourself and your elderly family members from cybercrimes, visit [schwab.com/schwabsafe/security-knowledge-center](https://www.schwab.com/schwabsafe/security-knowledge-center).



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# SPORTS



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## Thiravong reaches semifinals at 2020 Greater Rockford Women's Golf Classic

Rochelle senior Megan Thiravong opened the 2020 Greater Rockford Women's Golf Classic with a strong first-day performance, carding 81 in her qualifying round on Sunday to enter the Championship Flight seeded No. 5 overall. Thiravong won her first head-to-head match, defeating No. 4 seed Jessica Slattery (2 up) to advance to the semifinals, where she'll face No. 1 seed Natalie Hooper this coming weekend.

## Local wrestlers battle at USA Nationals

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BETTENDORF, Iowa** — Six local wrestlers traveled to the USA Nationals event held by RMN Events this past weekend. Two wrestlers brought home second-place finishes in their respective brackets including Elijah Nadig, who competed in the 8U Folkstyle Division, and Elias Koonce, who competed in the 15U Folkstyle Division.

Three wrestlers took home fifth-place finishes in their respective brackets including Caleb Nadig (18U Folkstyle Division), Joseph Nadig (15U Folkstyle Division) and Benjamin Nadig (10U Folkstyle Division). Brenden Voight also competed, but did not place.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Six local wrestlers competed in the USA Nationals event in Bettendorf, Iowa this past weekend. Pictured above from left to right are Elijah Nadig, Joseph Nadig, Elias Koonce, Benjamin Nadig and Caleb Nadig. Not pictured is Brenden Voight.

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FOR THE  
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2020 AND ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2021

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BE IT FURTHER

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the date of adoption  
of the Ordinance, it  
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hereunder set our  
hands in Creston,  
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July, 2020.

1. The specific number  
of voters required  
to sign a petition  
requesting that the  
question of adoption  
of the resolution be  
submitted to the  
electors of the District  
is 48.

2. The petition must  
be filed on or before  
August, 29, 2020.

3. The referendum  
would be held April 6,  
2021.

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Utilities, Adam Lanning,  
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percent (5%) of bid,  
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specification 2031  
K002.

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**Auction Location:** This auction will be held at Bearrows Auction Center, at 10786 E Fowler Rd., Rochelle IL 61068

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**Henert Trust & Brian Henert – Owners**

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10:00 AM

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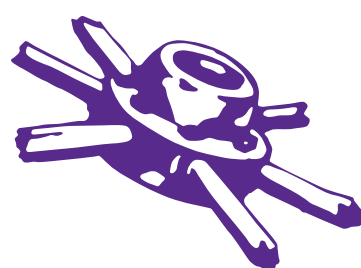
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## HUB SPOTLIGHT

# Kirk swinging for strong senior season

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**D**ESPITE not carrying a single senior on its varsity roster in 2019, the Rochelle Township High School golf team managed to record its best season in recent years, winning six dual matches. The Hubs are set to return a pair of seniors this fall including third-year varsity player Reese Kirk, who will be striving to become one of the top golfers in the Interstate 8 Conference.

"My goals for my senior season are to make it to the sectional tournament and become a top-10 or top-5 player on the conference leaderboard," Kirk said. "I felt that I performed pretty well last season. There were times where I could have made better shots, which could have put me in better situations to make more good shots. Even though we had a really young core, I thought we did great as a team, and it was fun seeing new players shoot new low scores."

The 2020 season will not only be Kirk's third on the varsity team, but his fourth as a member of the RTHS golf program. The former Most Improved Player Award winner said his club selection, his mental approach to the sport and envisioning his next shots are two factors that have brought his scores down from the high 50s to the low 50s and upper 40s.

Kirk's top performances in 2019 included carding 45 in Rochelle's home victory over the Sandwich Indians and shooting 45 in the team's triangular sweep over Dixon and Freeport. Kirk made his most significant leap as a sophomore, elevating from the junior varsity team to the No. 3 varsity slot and eventually the No. 2 slot, which he then filled throughout his junior year.

"I thought I drove the ball well last season and I started off the tee much better," Kirk said. "I set myself up for great fairway shots and I made shots less stressful than they would have been if



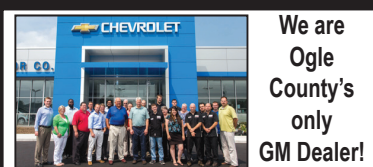
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**Rising senior Reese Kirk will be striving to become one of the elite players in the Interstate 8 this coming season.**

I had to hit the ball out of the rough. I thought our team did well in setting ourselves up for our next shots, but I think we can improve on picking ourselves up after bad shots. Some expectations would be for us to shoot in the 40s on varsity and make a great run as a team."

"My goals for my senior season are to make it to the sectional tournament and become a top-10 or top-5 player on the conference leaderboard. I felt that I performed pretty well last season. There were times where I could have made better shots, which could have put me in better situations to make more good shots. Even though we had a young core, I thought we did great as a team..."

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# SPORTS

SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS

Rising senior Reese Kirk will look to up his game when the Hubs tee off this fall.

See page 11 for more details

RTHS Boys Track

## Dobbs stepping down

Rochelle head coach resigns after leading program for 18 years

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

JOHN Dobbs has been synonymous with Rochelle Township High School track and field for over two decades. Since becoming the head coach of the Hubs in the early 2000s, Dobbs has worked with hundreds, if not thousands, of student-athletes while helping many of them achieve school records, earn conference medals and qualify for the IHSA State Championships.

Dobbs has written the final chapter in his long and prosperous coaching career, however, revealing earlier this month that he will be stepping down after 18 years as Rochelle's head coach. Dobbs said he will remain on staff for one more year, though, reverting to an assistant coaching role in what will be his 22<sup>nd</sup> season with the Hubs.

"This will be a good transition year for whoever becomes the head coach," Dobbs said. "I'll be an assistant coach and

"I'm proud that we've been able to put such a great staff together and help our kids understand the physical and psychological training it takes to believe in themselves..."

John Dobbs

I'll be there whenever the new head coach needs help... I really believe in our staff, and many of us have been working together for several years. We've really learned how to tweak our training and get our kids ready for the state meet so they can get on the medal stand. We were really struggling in that department when I first started here."

Nine of Rochelle's current varsity records and nine of the school's current fresh-soph records were set under Dobbs, who also said he will be stepping down as head coach of the Rochelle Area Track Club and retiring from teaching after the 2020-21 school year. Outside of the 2020 season,

which was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rochelle program has fielded IHSA state finalists over at least eight of the last 10 seasons. While he won't be the head coach, Dobbs said he hopes to remain involved with the track and field program after his retirement.

"I'm definitely going to miss the rewards at the end of each year of seeing the kids improve so much," Dobbs said. "I'm proud that we've been able to put such a great staff together and help our kids understand the physical and psychological training it takes to believe in themselves, become successful and become state-caliber athletes."

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Township High School boys track and field coach John Dobbs will be stepping down after running the program for 18 years.

RTHS Wrestling

## Team-first attitude keys Thompson's success

Rising senior overcomes early-season injury to earn first sectional bid

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

ALTHOUGH an early-season injury initially slowed down Rochelle Township High School wrestler Grant Thompson, the 132-pounder worked his way back to finish his third varsity season as not only one of the best grapplers in the conference, but in the region as well.

Thompson was a mainstay in the varsity lineup this past season, winning 22 matches and helping the Hub to an 18-4 dual record. The rising senior finished third in both the Interstate 8 Conference and the IHSA 2A Regionals, earning an opportunity to compete in the IHSA 2A Sectionals for the first time in his three years on the RTHS wrestling team.

"I felt that I performed well, but I could have done better had I not gotten injured in the beginning of the season," Thompson said. "I thought that I performed well during our dual meets and I thought I did everything I could to help our team. I want to improve my speed and my technique for

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rising senior Grant Thompson won over 20 matches and qualified for the IHSA 2A Individual Sectional Championships this past season. Despite some injuries over the past few years, Thompson has become a consistent contributor to the varsity wrestling team.

next season. My goals are to win 25-or-more matches and qualify for state. I will have to work hard and be very determined if I want to make it to the state meet."

A former IWCOA Fresh-Soph Sectional qualifier,

Thompson won 16 matches during his sophomore campaign, which was cut short due to a head injury. As a freshman, Thompson earned a starting varsity spot at the 120-pound weight class, finishing fourth in

the IHSA 2A Regionals and ending the season with 20 victories. Thompson competed alongside the team that won 19 duals and took fourth place in the IHSA 2A State Dual Championships. "I thought we performed

well as a team this past season, even though we had some empty weight classes," Thompson said. "We could be filling some of those weight classes this coming year and I think we'll have a better chance

to win more close-scoring dual matches. I thought we wrestled well in our dual meets and placed well in tournaments. I think that, as a team, we can improve more on being more technical with our shots."