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## RPD Detective Sgt. Kaltenbach retires after 21 years

Ashton native spent 18.5 years in investigations during his career

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At the end of July, Rochelle Police Department Detective Sgt. John Kaltenbach retired after 21 years with RPD. Kaltenbach was recognized by the city council at its Aug. 12 meeting.

After working patrol for his first 2.5 years with RPD, Kaltenbach spent the rest of his career in investigations. He also served the department as a firearms instructor, an OC instructor, a TASER instructor, and a use of force instructor. He also took youth of the community on boundary waters camping and canoeing trips, taught hunter safety courses, implemented the first citizens police academy RPD did, and served on the boards for Foundation for Focus House, Ogle County Drug Court, and Ogle-Lee Crime Stoppers.

“I grew up in Ashton,” Kaltenbach said. “My mom was a nurse at Rochelle Community Hospital and worked nights and I’d stop in and see her. I got to meet Evan Rugeberg, who was a sergeant here. Evan and I became friends and that got me involved in law enforcement when I was



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in high school. I graduated and went to Sauk Valley Community College and got my degree in law enforcement. Then I started working construction. I met my wife and she pushed me to pursue my passion of law enforcement. I tested with four agencies: Sterling, Beloit, Rockford and Rochelle. RPD offered me the first job and I’ve been here ever since.”

Kaltenbach was promoted to detective sergeant in 2022. He oversaw the investigations division and

school resource officers, followed up cases when needed and was in charge of evidence. He enjoyed policing because every day was different, with not knowing what would ensue every time the radio went off.

Kaltenbach also liked policing in a small-town atmosphere.

“You get to know the community and the community gets to know you,” Kaltenbach said. “When someone would have a problem, they called me

directly and I could help with those situations. And I loved driving in the parades and working heritage festivals. I liked the parades because my kids loved to ride with me and throw candy. I liked going to schools and giving talks about what we do. Those things were important to my kids and my family.”

RPD’s investigations division typically works on felony-level cases.

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## RFD receives grant for expansion

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Aug. 19, the City of Rochelle and the Rochelle Fire Department announced their receipt of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of \$919,368 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that will allow for the addition of three full-time firefighter/EMTs.

Last year, the city council agreed to a new contract with RFD’s union to increase its staffing by a total of six new firefighters/EMTs. Three have already been hired and the cost of the next three hires will be covered by the grant for the next three years. After the coming hires, RFD will have 18 permanent full-time firefighter/EMTs.

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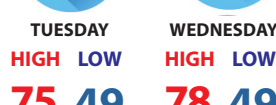
Ian Metzger medaled in second place at the Rock Falls Rocket Invitational on Saturday, Aug. 24. See Sports

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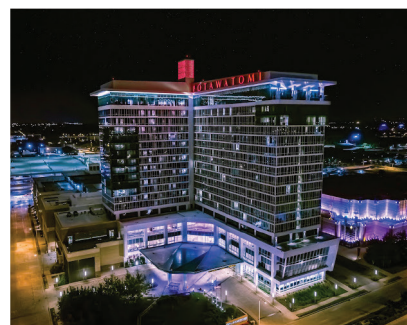
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## Over 100 Corvettes stopped in Rochelle on Tuesday

‘It’s fun to have everyone participate. It’s a hobby and it’s our passion’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Tuesday morning, over 100 Chevrolet Corvettes stopped in Rochelle at the Petro Travel Plaza.

The Corvettes made up the North Central Corvette Caravan, combining the states of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska, as well as Central Canada. The journey continued the rest of Tuesday and Wednesday as Corvettes from all over the United States made their way to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky to celebrate its 30th anniversary. The caravan also made stops in Rochelle in 2014 and 2019, Caravan Captain Ed Saari said. The journey is done every five years.

“Every five years the National Corvette Museum has an anniversary celebration and they ask 20 people from around the country to gather Corvettes and lead them to Bowling Green,” Saari said. “We start in Wisconsin. We make stops like this one along the way.



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Our next stop is Bloomington, Illinois where we’ll be joined by Corvettes from Iowa, the Milwaukee area and Chicago. Then we go to Effingham, Illinois where we’re joined by more Corvettes. We stay there over-

night and the next morning we go to Bowling Green, where we’ll be joined by 2,200 other Corvettes from all over. What we have here in Rochelle right now is small compared to what we’ll have.”

Saari said the caravan takes a lot of planning with reservations and working with stakeholders and law enforcement at stops along the way on how the Corvette caravan will get in and out with traffic. He

thanked the Petro Travel Plaza and the Rochelle Police Department and Illinois State Police for their help Tuesday.

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## HUB NEWS

### What Is Happening @ RTHS

## Welcome Back, Hubs!

Sept. 2 No School – Labor Day

Sept. 7 Looking for Silver Service Volunteer Hours or just want to help out a local charity? The Hope Chest in downtown Rochelle is looking for help on Saturday, Sept. 7th starting at 8 am. Stop by the store at 411 Lincoln Highway or call Sandy at 815-751-7034 for more info.

Sept. 16 RTHS Board Meeting 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Sept. 18 RTHSEF Trivia Night

Sept. 26-28 Fall Play

With the Fall sports season underway, our Volleyball and Football concession stands are looking for volunteers to help out while earning **Silver Service Hours**.

The following dates are open:

\*Volleyball - Tuesday, 9/3 - 5pm

\*Volleyball - Wednesday, 9/4 - 5pm

\*Volleyball - Saturday, 9/7 - 8am

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# LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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## CORVETTES: Caravan stops in Rochelle en route to national museum

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along the way. Participants in the caravan enjoy driving their Corvettes above all else, Saari said.

"Corvettes are more like a family than any other brand," Saari said.

"If you have a Ford Mustang for instance, there are show-and-shine shows. But there's never an event where they gather people and go to the factory like we are.

It's a family of people that love driving their cars. 90 percent of these people never go to a show and shine. They don't want to put their hood up and polish their car.

We have people here that won't wash their cars for three days. 90 percent of the people that do this with us are couples that do these kinds of things. We have people all along

the way who join us on the fly when we go by. It's fun to have everyone participate. It's a hobby and it's our passion. I just love the people and I love to drive my Corvette."

## Register for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois' 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Thin Mint Sprint!

**FOX RIVER GROVE** — Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) will host its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Thin Mint Sprint fundraising 5K fun run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 8:30 a.m.-noon in partnership with the Fox River Grove Memorial Library Running Club. The race route will begin

and end at Lions Park in Fox River Grove and take participants along a scenic path through Fox River for a timed run, ending with an after-party. After-party event includes performances by School of Rock-Barrington, onsite Kona Ice truck, Face Painting by Kema, inflatables, and other

local exhibitors!

Registration is \$40 per person through Sept. 13, and \$45 per person on race day, Sept. 14. Registration fee includes Thin Mint Sprint T-shirt, chipped-timing bib, medal, fun patch, box of official Girl Scout Thin Mints® Cookies, and extra swag

items. Race packet pick-up will be available the week of Sept. 1. Register online at <https://www.girlscoutsni.org/fundraising#thin>.

All funds raised through the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Thin Mint Sprint will support GSNI's financial assistance programs ensuring increased

access for more local Girl Scout memberships, activities, and leadership experiences!

GSNI would like to thank these generous Thin Mint Sprint sponsors and supporters: Northwestern Medicine, Squirrel's Nut Butter, 4imprint, Little

Brownie Bakers, ALDI, Woodman's Markets, Ashton Farms, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc., Grove Plating Company, Inc., Casey's, Bear Family Restaurants, Hurley & Volk Orthodontics, and Fox River Grove Memorial Library Running Club.

## DRA, Museum launch local business snapshot program

**ROCHELLE** — The Downtown Rochelle Association in partnership with the Flagg Township Museum wants to take a "snapshot" of the local businesses and collect a bit of history at the same time. Starting on Sept. 5 and on every Thursday and Friday from 1-2 p.m. staff from the museum will be taking "snapshots" of local businesses and the people involved and collecting business histories. Any business that would like

to schedule a specific time for their "snapshot" can contact the museum at 815 562-3040 or [hubhistory@gmail.com](mailto:hubhistory@gmail.com).

A form for capturing the history of the local businesses is also part of the project and can be found at the museum's website, [www.flaggtownshipmuseumrochelle.org](http://www.flaggtownshipmuseumrochelle.org) by scrolling down the home page to the link under Taking Snapshots. In addition, any business owner who would like the information emailed can

send a request to [hubhistory@gmail.com](mailto:hubhistory@gmail.com). It is the goal of the Downtown Rochelle Association and the Flagg Township Museum to document the local business scene that is thriving today before it changes or is lost.

The mission of the Flagg Township Historical Society and Museum is to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history through education, research, collection and preservation of information for the benefit of the public of today and in the future.

## Stoller to hold September traveling office hours

**DIXON** — State Sen. Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) has announced this staff will be on hand throughout the 37<sup>th</sup> Dis-

trict during the month of September for Traveling Office Hours.

Traveling Office Hours for the month of September

will be held as follows: Friday, Sept. 13. Polo Public Library. 302 W. Mason St., Polo, IL 61064. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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# OBITUARIES

## George W. Schmidt

**ROCHELLE** — George W. Schmidt, 93, passed away Friday, August 23, 2024 at Manor Court in Rochelle, IL. George was born on June 23, 1931 to George and Louise Schmidt in Chicago, IL.

In addition to his parents, George is preceded in death by his first wife Jean, second wife Judy, sister, Louise Andreas and his grandson, Bryan Campbell.

George is survived by his five children: Greg Schmidt, Gayle Campbell, Geri Schmidt, Glenn Schmidt and Gary (Holly) Schmidt; grandchildren: Brett Campbell, Brooke Schmidt, Joey Johanning,

Greg and Matt Schmidt, Kevin, Shannon and Allison Schmidt, four step grandchildren including Stevie and Ashley Carter, and nine great grandchildren.

George served in the Naval Air Reserve for eight years. After his marriage to Jean, he built his home and moved his family to Addison, IL in 1959 to raise his children there. Employed by Blinderman Construction for a major portion of his adult life, he retired and moved to Rochelle, IL when he purchased Chelle-Crest Family Bowl, which was a life-long dream of his.

Celebration of Life will be held at Harvest Baptist



Church, 241 Scott Ave, Rochelle, IL on Saturday, September 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Family requests no donations be made. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Harold William Julifs

**STERLING** — Harold William Julifs, 89, of Sterling, died Sunday, August 25, 2024, at CGH Medical Center after a short illness.

He was born October 18, 1934, in Pocahontas, IA, the son of Claus and Hannah (Aden) Julifs. He married Sandra Walters on July 22, 1961, in Scarsdale, NY. Harold graduated from Adams, MN, high school in 1953 and received his BS in Agriculture Education from South Dakota State University, in 1957. He served in the USMC from 1957 to 1959 and worked at the Brown County Farm Bureau Service Co., in Sleepy Eye, MN for 2 years after his discharge. He started a 29-year career at Del Monte Corporation in 1961. He served as a fieldman, field supervisor, assistant plant superintendent, plant superintendent, and area manager at operations in Sleepy Eye, Stevens Point, WI, and Rochelle. He retired from Del Monte in June 1990. He did not stay retired for long as he worked part-time for Tri-County Opportunities Council in Rock Falls, IL, and as a part-time instructor at Sauk Valley Community College.

Harold was active in many service organizations.

He was a long-time Rotarian in Sterling and Rochelle where he was a past president. He was on the Sterling Rock Falls Child Care board of directors (past president). He was a member of the Rochelle Streets and Roads Advisory Commission. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sterling serving as a church council member, president, and treasurer. He was active in Via De Cristo and was a member of the ELCA Northern Illinois Synod Stewardship Subcommittee and Congregational Life Committee. He was also a past president of the PADS board.

Harold is survived by his wife, Sandra Julifs of Sterling; two sons David (Roxann) Julifs of Torrance, CA, and Steven (Kimberly) Julifs of Shorewood; four granddaughters, Heather (Justin) McCarthy of Beaverton, OR, Holly Julifs of Winston-Salem, NC, Danielle Julifs of Portland, OR, and Rebecca Julifs, of Rochester, NY; two great-grandchildren, Peyton McCarthy and Reece McCarthy; a sister, Jean McClure of Arvada, CO; two sisters-in-law, Debra Julifs of Rochelle, and Patricia Roos of Salisbury, NC; two nieces Julia



Roos of Shelby, NC, and Robin (Gregg) Gilkey; and one nephew, Warren (Jenni) Roos of Independence, OH.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Dean Julifs, Don Julifs, and infant Gordon; his infant daughter Kathryn Margrete; and two brothers-in-law, Clifford McClure and James Roos.

Visitation will be held from 12:00-1:00pm on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sterling. Funeral service will begin at 1:00pm. Burial will conclude at Oak Knoll Memorial Park in Sterling.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sterling Rock Falls Child Care, or Tri-County Opportunities Council.

Online condolences may be made at [www.mcdonald-funeralhomes.com](http://www.mcdonald-funeralhomes.com)



in Dixon. Visitation will be on Saturday Sept. 14, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the church. Burial of cremated remains will be at a later date at Ashton Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to Ashton Fire Dept. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Online condolences can be left at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com)

### ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**ROCHELLE** — On Aug. 25 at 8:34 a.m. Anthony C. Nunez, 20, of Rockford was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Aug. 25 at 5:35 a.m. Matthew D. Taylor, 41, of Freeport was cited for speeding 70 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 26 at 12:47 p.m. Madison Carmichael, 21, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 62 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 26 at 11:58 a.m. Kevin Kleefisch, 30, of Steward was cited for seat belt required. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 26 at 11:41 a.m. Trina Freeland, 50, of Conroe, Texas was cited for seat belt required. She

signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 26 at 11:15 a.m. Katelyn Izer, 29, of Mt. Morris was cited for seat belt required and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 26 at 8:59 a.m. Anita Chavez, 34, of Rochelle was cited for seat belt required and was arrested on a Lee County warrant. She paid \$600 and was released on the warrant and for the citation, she signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 26 at 3:25 p.m. a 13-year-old juvenile of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Aug. 26 at 12:09 a.m. Dilxon U. Jimenez Roda, 19, of Rockford was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for speeding and no insurance. He signed a promise

to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 27 at 9:21 p.m. Joseph Solano, 18, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 65 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 27 at 7:19 p.m. Ashley Jones, 33, of Rochelle was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Aug. 28 at 1:30 p.m. Anthony Boudreau, 65, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Aug. 28 at 7:20 p.m. Steven C. Ward, 59, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 59 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 20 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

### OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**OREGON** — On Aug. 27 at approximately 5:39 a.m. deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 11,000 block of East Illinois Route 38. After conducting an investigation, it was determined that a beige 2005 Chevrolet 2500 was southbound on South Center Road, when it exited the west side of the roadway, and partially entered a standing corn field. The beige Chevrolet then reentered South Center Road, crossed East Illinois Route 38, and entered the southwest ditch. The beige Chevrolet drove through a standing bean field south of East Illinois Route 38, before turning east, crossing South Center Road, and then entered the east ditch. The beige Chevrolet struck a utility pole with the passenger side of the truck, and entered a standing corn field. The beige Chevrolet turned around in the standing corn field, before re-entering South Center Road, and proceeding westbound on East Illinois Route 38. The beige Chevrolet then became disabled in the lane of traffic. The driver of the beige Chevrolet, William Mongan, 31, of Oregon was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of a combination of drugs and alcohol. Mongan was also issued citations for leaving the scene of an accident, improper lane usage, operating an uninsured vehicle, transportation of an open alcohol container, and no seatbelt. Mongan was taken by Rochelle EMS to Rochelle Community Hospital for treatment of his injuries during the incident. Mongan was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Aug. 27 at approximately 5:55 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,600 block of North Illinois Route 2 on a black Harley Davidson. After conducting an investigation Najib Atiyeh, 55, of Wayne, Illinois was placed under arrest and cited for driving under the influence. Atiyeh was also issued citations for speeding 95 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour zone, improper passing in a no passing zone, reckless driving, and driving under the influence over .08. Atiyeh was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released.

On Aug. 28 deputies responded to 11461 N. Peca-tonica Road in reference to a check welfare. Upon investigation, Huberto Hernandez-Pineda, 42, of Leaf River and Luis Mario Gutierrez, 21, of Leaf River, were placed under arrest for possession of firearms without a FOID card and

mately 2:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of North Mulford Road. After investigation, deputies placed Jamie Howard, 35, of Rockford, under arrest for driving while license suspended. Howard was additionally issued citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. Howard was released on a notice to appear at the scene and given a future court date.

On Aug. 27 at approximately 12:26 p.m. deputies made contact with a male in the 1,100 block of North 6th Avenue in Rochelle. The male was identified as Christopher Jones, 41, of Rochelle, and was placed under arrest for an active Ogle County failure to appear warrant for driving under the influence of alcohol. Jones was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Aug. 29 at 2:31 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Kilbuck Road. The driver of the vehicle, David Rasmussen, 46, of Rockford was arrested for driving while license revoked and no vehicle insurance. He was taken to the Ogle County Jail and later released on a notice to appear.

On Aug. 30 at approximately 1:47 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 112 northbound. After further investigation Jamall Fisher, 53, of Freeport, was placed under arrest for driving while license revoked. Fisher was also cited for expired registration. Fisher was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear.

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possession of ammunition without a valid FOID card. Both were released on notices to appear.

On Aug. 28 at 6:17 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. As a result, deputies arrested Anna L. Varner, 27, of Rochelle for driving while license revoked. Varner was additionally issued citations for no front registration, and expired registration. Varner was transported to the Ogle County Jail, and released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Aug. 28 at approximately 9:57 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a green Hyundai sedan in the 7,000 block of North River Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Robert C. Baker, 19, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Baker was also cited for disobeying a stop sign. Baker was released with a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Aug. 29 at 2:31 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Kilbuck Road. The driver of the vehicle, David Rasmussen, 46, of Rockford was arrested for driving while license revoked and no vehicle insurance. He was taken to the Ogle County Jail and later released on a notice to appear.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## KALTENBACH: Detective sergeant retires after 21 years with RPD

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Kaltenbach said doing that for 18.5 years became “a lot to deal with” at times. Working investigations in small towns for so many years can be good and bad, he said.

“It’s good because you’re able to help people you’ve built relationships with when they need help,” Kaltenbach said. “The bad side of it is, you have to give people you know bad news. There were a lot of hard cases. At first you compartmentalize. When you’re in the middle of those high-stress situations day in and day out, it does weigh on you and affect you. It really took hold when I had kids. That changed things. It makes you see things differently, especially when you’re dealing with cases that involve children.”

Kaltenbach is an outdoorsman and enjoys hunting, camping, canoeing and fishing. Years ago after wanting to do something to give back to the community, he started taking area youth

on canoeing and camping trips up north with help from donated sponsorships. Those trips resulted in some of his best memories over the years.

“I’d try to get students that maybe wouldn’t be able to do something like that on their own,” Kaltenbach said. “That really took off and I enjoyed doing it and made great relationships with a lot of the students later in life and I still talk to a lot of them and their parents. It was a way to give back to the community and it gave them a different perspective on law enforcement when they saw me in that light. Every trip, there’s been one or two really significant things that happen that you remember. I’d see kids become friends that never would at the high school.”

Kaltenbach said he’s still acclimating to not working for RPD anymore. He called it strange to not be at work interacting with the other officers and not having his squad car parked outside his house. But he has enjoyed not having to worry about



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

**John Kaltenbach was promoted to detective sergeant in 2022. He oversaw the investigations division and school resource officers, followed up cases when needed and was in charge of evidence. He enjoyed policing because every day was different, with not knowing what would ensue every time the radio went off.**

his phone ringing at 2 a.m. about a case anymore.

Retirement for Kaltenbach and his family will include traveling in an RV for a year. His choice to leave RPD came because he and his wife were able

to make that happen. He’s excited to see the country and show the country to his kids.

“It’s bittersweet,” Kaltenbach said. “Yes, I’m ready to leave and go onto the next thing, but I’m not. We have

a lot of good, young officers now at RPD that I would’ve loved to stay and help mold and advise and direct. I’ve been given an opportunity where everything lined up. I always wanted to travel after I retired when the kids

were out of the house. We got an opportunity to do that now with our kids. I enjoyed working in the community and I appreciate all of the people that supported me and everything I’ve done over the years.”

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

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

**St. John’s Lutheran Church**, 126 E. South Street, Creston. Phone 815-384-3720, Email: [StJohnsLutheran@aol.com](mailto:StJohnsLutheran@aol.com), members of NALC/LCMC. Worship is led by **Pastor Terese Whitten** 231-878-4150. St. John’s Lutheran Church is a part of God’s Family, planting hope, nurturing faith, and harvesting love. Fellowship time begins at 10:00 followed by worship at 10:45. Sunday school is conducted during worship service except during the summer.

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

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





# LOCAL VIEWS

## Here in Illinois, your U.S. Department of Labor has your back

LABOR Day began as a federal holiday to honor our nation's workers and to remember those in the labor movement who came to their defense over a century ago. They demanded that workers' economic contributions be recognized, and that people had safe workplaces, received fair wages and had opportunities to succeed. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland took an important step and declared the first Monday in every September since to be Labor Day.

For those of us at the U.S. Department of Labor, every day is Labor Day. Thousands of people throughout the nation and here in Illinois work hard each day on behalf of working people. We help make sure people have ac-

cess to training programs and good jobs in their communities, and enforce laws that protect workers' rights, wages, safety, health and earned benefits. From 2023 through June 30, 2024, your Labor Department has:

Recovered \$8,804,644 in wages for workers whose employers failed to follow the law.

Recovered \$88,526,323 in lost employee benefits in health-care and retirement programs.

Your federal Labor Department has also:

Conducted 2,225 federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigations protecting worker's safety and health from Oct. 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Issued 1,948 violations

following Mine Safety and Health Administration investigations to protect miners on the job since Jan. 1, 2024.

Your Labor Department invested \$81.5 million in active grants in Illinois that expand Registered Apprenticeships, support homeless veterans, safety and fund job training programs for youth, women, formerly incarcerated people and those in rural communities that provide skills workers need to get good-paying jobs with benefits.

In 2024, your Labor Department has established new federal rules to protect workers that include:

An overtime rule, ef-

fective July 1, 2024, increasing to \$43,888 the annual salary one must earn to be exempt from overtime, in most jobs. On Jan. 1, 2025, that increases to \$58,656 annually and requires salary adjustments every three years beginning in 2027.

A rule that better protects workers from being misclassified as independent contractors and being denied full wages, benefits and protections.

New regulations to protect miners from exposure to silica dust, a leading cause of lung disease and death.

Regulations that require employers to allow an employee representative to accompany OSHA inspectors to protect

workers' interest.

An H-2A farmworker protection final rule that protects temporary migrant workers from labor exploitation and human trafficking and adds safety requirements.

A retirement security rule requiring investment advisers to have policies and procedures to avoid conflicts of interest and make sure they give investment advice in the best interest of growing and protecting their clients' retirement funds.

Proposed a rule to require employers to protect workers from excessive indoor and outdoor heat exposure.

We're also addressing many other critical issues — such as pay inequity, access to affordable childcare, workplace flexibility, paid leave and

training — and working with employers, workers and local, state and federal leaders to build a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce that leaves no one behind.

Your Labor Department remains committed, as it has since 1913, to fostering, promoting and developing the welfare of working people, improving their working conditions and enhancing their opportunities for profitable employment because we know when families succeed, communities thrive, and the nation prospers overall.

*Ruben R. Chapa is Chair of the U.S. Department of Labor's Executive Committee for the Chicago and Kansas City Region and Regional Director of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.*



Ruben Chapa

## Wolter: Development of roadways

LAND, water, air and space transportation systems all consist of three main components: (1) vehicles, which enclose and protect the operators, cargo, and on-board navigation and control components, (2) Support structures, which are buildings used to service and maintain the entire system, and (3) pathways, which provide feasible travel routes for vehicles.

As residents of the "Hub City", we are surrounded by complex transportation pathways which run through and around Rochelle including roadways, railroads, and air routes to our municipal airport. Our city has been greatly influenced by historical events and the development these

transportation systems have created. Common examples include personal transportation systems like cars, trucks, gas stations, and residential garages; public systems like inter-state and state highways, buses, trains, and commercial airports and airplanes; private systems such as private jets and commercial delivery services like FedEx; government systems such as Navy ships or the U.S. Postal Service, and systems which combine more than one and can be thought of as "intermodal". To gain a better perspective of our own lives as well

as conditions defining the collective good, an understanding of transportation technology systems is necessary. After all, we all use and rely on them!

In the previous transportation article, we discussed how the wheel transformed transportation in its earliest days. The friction-reducing benefits of wheels allowed carts pulled by humans and animals to move much greater loads longer distances and with less effort. The wheel is one of the most influential technologies. But the wheel alone cannot realize its greatest potential — it needs to be combined with pathways that enable all the benefits a circular rolling hub, axle, and wheel system can provide.

In this article we'll discuss how roadways developed and provided even greater advances in land transportation systems

The earliest forms of roads were mere footpaths traced by human and animal movement. These paths were often simple dirt trails connecting settlements, water sources, and food supplies. As communities grew, so did the necessity for more organized routes. The earliest constructed roads were made from packed earth, allowing for easier travel for carts and wagons. Ancient civilizations, such

as the Mesopotamians, Romans, and Greeks, began to develop structured road systems. The Romans were particularly famous for their road-building skills. They constructed a vast network of roads (over 250,000 miles) that connected different parts of their empire. Roman roads were well-engineered, often featuring layers of sand, gravel, and stones for durability and drainage. The saying "All roads lead to Rome" stems from this extensive network. Around 130 BC, the Silk Road was a network of trade routes connecting Asian civilizations in the East with Anglo-Saxon civilizations in the West. It included various forms of paths and overland routes that facilitated trade, culture, and technology exchange between civilizations.

After the fall of the Roman Empire, road maintenance declined in Europe. Dirt roads were often poorly kept, leading to difficult travel conditions. However, some roads remained crucial for trade, especially those leading to and from major cities and ports. By the 17th and 18th centuries, turnpike trusts were established in England and America,

allowing private companies to build and maintain roads in exchange for tolls. This led to the creation of improved, packed gravel roads.

The next major advancement in road building technology, the Macadam Road, was named after Scottish engineer John Loudon McAdam. This construction method emerged in the early 19th century and was made of layers of small stones that provided a solid, drainable surface, leading to substantial improvements in road quality. Petroleum-based additives sprayed on top to provided more durable, water-resistant, and less dusty roads that also lasted longer. Macadam Roads were also very suited for long route in rural areas where paving with brick or stone was simply not possible.

The rise of railroads in the 19th century shifted the focus of transportation away from roads for horse-drawn wagons and motorcars and toward the magnificent, steam-powered locomotives, but roads still played an important role for freight and personal travel, particularly in connecting rail hubs and in all those areas in between the rails. The near

perfectly smooth surface steel rails provide allowed freight and passenger trains to carry incredibly large payloads while still only relying on one or two locomotives to haul. It takes only a surprising small amount of "push" to move a railroad car along its smooth pathway.

The advent of the automobile in the early 20th century brought a new urgency to road development. The Federal Aid Road Act of 1916 was one of the first pieces of legislation aimed at supporting highway construction in the United States. Earlier, in 1912, Carl Fisher began one of the most ambitious road projects ever conceived — the Coast-to-Coast Rock Highway — which later became the Lincoln Highway and was built over time to span the entire nation from New York City to San Francisco, and runs right through Rochelle!

In 1956, the Federal-Aid Highway Act established the Interstate Highway System. This massive project aimed to connect major cities across America with high-speed, multi-lane highways. The interstate system revolutionized travel, commerce, and suburban development. The Hub City is very unique to have Interstates 39 and 88 intersect right

outside of town.

Today, road development continues with advances in technology. There is an increasing focus on sustainability, smart road technology, and the integration of electric vehicle infrastructure. Modern materials and construction techniques are used to optimize durability and efficiency. Reinforced concrete is used to build roads that can withstand the brutal forces from semi-tractor semi-trailers, which often causes us to forget the benefits highways bring us and take them for granted.

The evolution of roads from dirt paths to sophisticated interstate highways highlights humanity's continuous quest for improved mobility. As we move into the future the development of road networks will likely continue to evolve with advancements in technology, environmental considerations, and urbanization, shaping the way people and goods move around the world.

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# COMMUNITY

## Tri-County Opportunities Council announces start of energy assistance program

**OGLE COUNTY** — Tri-County Opportunities Council, as the administrator of the Energy Assistance Program in Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark, and Whiteside, is pleased to announce that funds are available to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane and/or electric bills and furnace assistance for inoperable heating systems.

The program will begin taking applications on Oct. 1, 2024, for older adults (60 years+), individuals with disabilities, families with children under the age of six, and households that are disconnected from their utilities, have a disconnection notice, or have less than 25% in their propane tank. All other income-eligible households can start applying Nov. 1, 2024.

Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis through Aug. 15, 2025, or until funding is exhausted. If needed, households that receive a one-time benefit may return during the program year for a Reconnection Assistance or Furnace Assistance benefit(s).

Households must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level to receive a benefit from LIHEAP. The 30-day income guidelines for LIHEAP are based on Federal Poverty Guidelines, State Median Income and the number of persons living in the household. The income guidelines are as follows: 1- \$2,510, 2- \$3,407, 3- \$4,303, 4- \$5,200. Go to [Agency website] or liheapillinois.com to know income limits for households with 5 members and more.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one-time benefits to income-eligible homeowners and renters to help with energy bills and for reconnection of energy services. Propane customers who are part of the priority group are encouraged to apply when the program opens in October. Propane prices typically increase during the winter months, so by applying early propane customers will see their LIHEAP benefit go further.

Applications will be taken at the following locations by appointment only at 1019 N. Main Princeton,

Illinois. 1-888-225-2099  
425 1st Ave. Savanna, Illinois. 1-815-273-0318  
OSF Medical Center 111 Spring St., Streator, Illinois. 815-673-3222  
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Other options are mail-ins, auto enroll (if applicable) and emergency walk-ins.

To submit an application, you MUST submit ALL documentation required:

Proof of gross income from all household members for the prior 30-day period beginning with the date of application.

For all customers new to LIHEAP and/or for new household members of

previous customers, proof of Social Security numbers (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without a SSN or ITIN can still apply and Tri-County Opportunities Council will advise accordingly.

A copy of current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.

A copy of the rental agreement (if renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount, and landlord contact.

Other documents may be needed based on your household situation. If you have questions regarding this, please call our office.

Please call Tri-County Opportunities Council at 800-323-5434 or visit the website at [www.tcochelps.org](http://www.tcochelps.org) for outreach locations and schedules.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2024 income eligible LIHEAP customers of Ameren Illinois, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas will receive a monthly discount on their natural gas bill through the new Low Income Discount Rates. Visit [liheapillinois.com](http://liheapillinois.com) for more details.



- Aug. 6 - Eva Chu, Rochelle, \$25  
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Aug. 8 - Candice Jackson, Rochelle, \$25  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of property tax bill due Sept. 10

**OREGON** — Ogle County Collector Tiffany O'Brien wants to remind property owners that the second installment of their property tax bill is due Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Payment methods include cash, check (payable to Ogle County Collector) or credit card. In-person payments can be made

at the Treasurer's office located in the old Courthouse at 105 S. 5th St. in Oregon or at any bank in Ogle County. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday excluding holidays. Their mailing address is Ogle County Collector, P.O. Box 40, Oregon, IL 61061. Mailed payments must be post-

marked by the due date to be considered timely. Late payments will incur a fee of 1.5 percent per month or part of a month after the due date.

Collector O'Brien's office is also offering the option of online payments. You may get to this site by going to [www.ogle-countyil.gov](http://www.ogle-countyil.gov) and then

selecting the Treasurer's department. Choose the Online Tax Payments link and click the Pay Now button. Fill in the information as prompted. Be sure to receive a payment confirmation for your records. Please note that this service carries a fee; review the convenience fees prior to making payment.



## Coffee Break

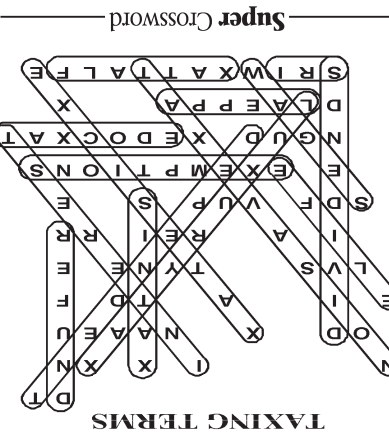
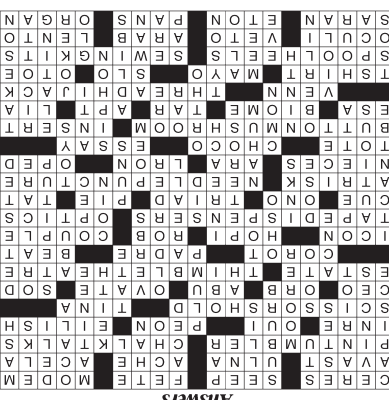
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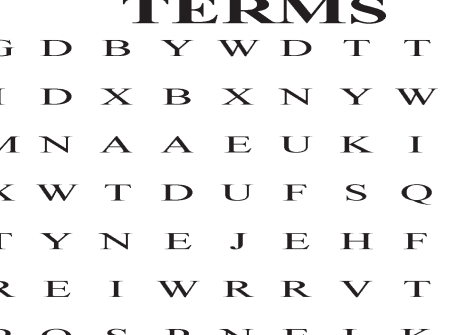
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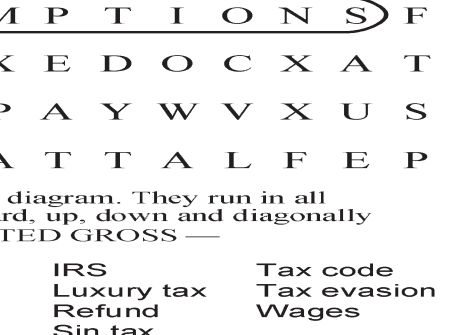
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### TAXING TERMS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. House is not as wide. 5. Leaves are missing. 6. Tree trunk is different.

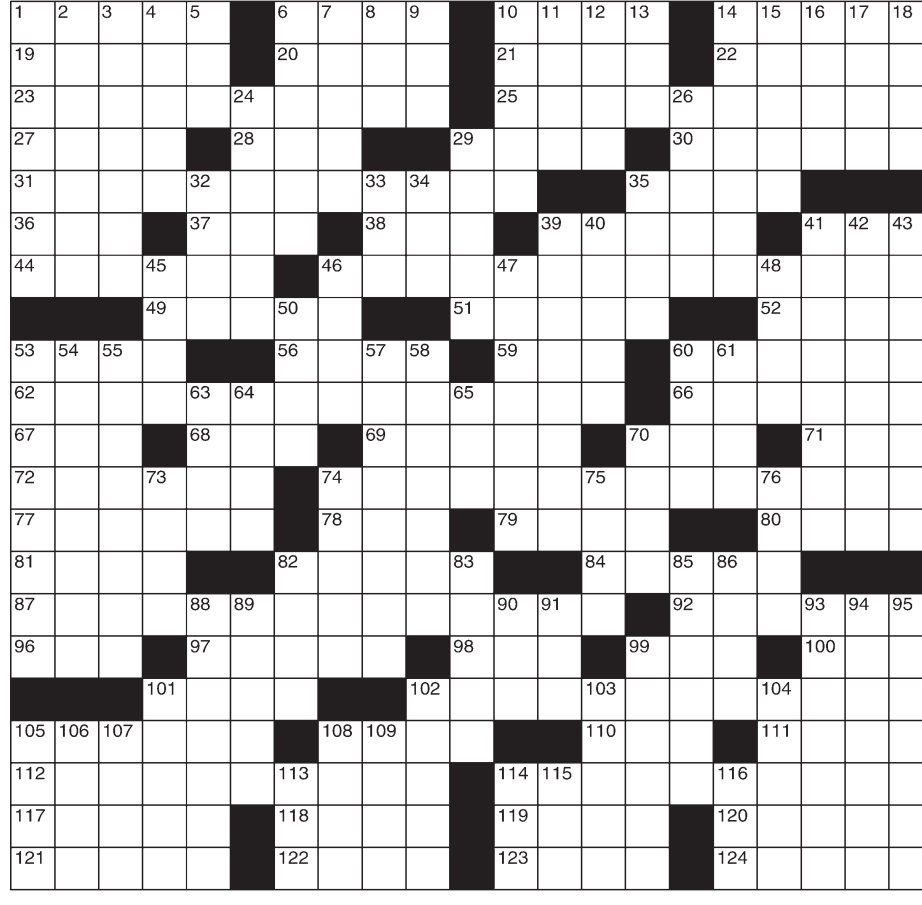
## Super Crossword

### STITCHWORK

**ACROSS**  
1 Asteroid belt's largest body  
6 Ooze  
10 Lavish party  
14 PC peripheral  
19 "Halt!" at sea  
20 Forearm bone  
21 Nagging pain  
22 Amtrak train  
23 Part of a cylinder lock preventing motion  
25 Lectures aided by blackboards  
27 Concerning  
28 Gigi's "yes"  
29 Working stiff  
30 "Bad Guy" singer Billie  
31 Wrestler's leg lock  
35 Pop rocker Turner  
36 Co. big shot  
37 Eye, to poets  
38 — Dhabhi  
39 Egg-shaped  
41 Instant lawn  
44 Manor  
46 Original name of the comic strip "Popeye"  
49 French painter Camille  
51 San Diego baseballer  
52 Pulsate  
53 Revered one  
56 Arizona tribe  
59 Burglarize  
60 Twosome  
62 Adhesive-roll containers  
66 Study of light  
67 Actor's signal  
68 "Angel" singer Yoko  
69 Simple chord  
70 Flaky dessert  
71 Bit of body art, informally  
72 Being staked  
74 Inoculation creation  
77 Siblings' daughters  
78 Noted coach Parseghian  
79 Scientology's — Hubbard  
80 With 84-Across, think piece in a newspaper  
81 Lug along  
82 — Taco (frozen treat)  
84 See 80-Across  
87 Edible fungus whose cap has not yet opened  
92 Sunday paper extra  
96 That, to Lucia  
97 Forest, brush or desert  
98 Pothole filler  
99 Inclined (to)  
100 "The Thing" actress — Marie Johnson  
101 — diagram (logic image)  
102 Posting of off-topic replies on an internet forum  
105 Wearable gift shop item  
108 BLT spread  
110 — -mo replay  
111 Oklahoma tribe  
112 Women's shoe parts that are wide at the top and bottom and narrower in the middle  
114 Nine featured items in this puzzle may be found in these  
117 Eyelike openings  
118 Bill blocker  
119 Omani, e.g.  
120 Relative of largo  
121 Clear kitchen wrap  
122 British school since 1440  
123 Skillets, e.g.  
124 Lung or heart

### DOWN

1 "Ya get it?"  
2 Makes evident  
3 Went hogwild  
4 Eleanor of kiddie lit  
5 Erwin of early films  
6 District roof option  
7 Novelist Bret Easton —  
8 Boise-to-Fargo dir.  
9 Golf target  
10 Confronted  
11 Reverberate  
12 Larger — life  
13 Moray, e.g.  
14 Day play, say  
15 City near Orlando  
16 Hoagie shop  
17 Deer cousins  
18 Make pulp of  
24 Boxer Michael  
26 Rock guitarist Richards  
29 Chubby  
32 Spain's Hernando de —  
33 "I knew it!"  
34 Kimono sash after Micah  
35 London art gallery  
39 Like some strict Amish  
40 "Come" and "go," e.g.  
41 "Get the lead out!"  
42 Tooth flossing, e.g.  
43 Really hated  
45 Strided target  
46 Sporty car roof option  
47 Tell everything  
48 Be next to  
50 Really, really  
53 "No way!"  
54 Wary  
55 Light musical work for the stage  
57 Baseballer with a record 4,256 hits  
58 Close enough to get  
60 Penny, e.g.  
61 Intl. oil group  
63 Medicine amount  
64 Pen fluids  
65 PBS' "Science Kid"  
70 Many groaners  
73 "Power" rapper  
74 Biblical book after Micah  
75 Work in verse  
76 Playthings  
82 "Get the lead out!"  
83 Big name in lawn products  
85 Draw off via a tube  
86 Oppositionist  
88 Ohio city or college  
89 Jazz chord  
90 Boating tool  
91 Mine metal  
93 Giving a thrill  
94 Manicotti cheese  
95 Confronts  
99 Does improv  
101 Cello cousin  
102 Boxer Mike  
103 Egypt's — High Dam  
104 Jesting sort to get  
105 General — chicken  
106 Stray-rescuing gp.  
107 Part of mph  
108 Confront  
109 Choir voice  
113 Actress Arden  
114 Devitalize  
115 Bit of history  
116 Day- — paint





# LOCAL NEWS

## RFD: Department receives grant toward firefighter/EMT expansion

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The RFD staffing expansion came due to increases in emergency call volumes in recent years. Call volume went up 50 percent between 2020 and 2022, from just over 2,000 calls to just over 3,000 calls. RFD Firefighter/EMT Ben Johnson said the grant funds will give RFD the opportunity to respond to that change in need.

Johnson said the factors creating increased call volumes are permanent. Increased numbers seen during the COVID-19 pandemic have remained, and the Baby Boom generation has entered the age range that is the largest user of RFD's emergency services. Two housing developments are also currently being constructed on the south side of Rochelle.

"This is the busiest fire department I've ever worked with and our call volume has increased every year that I've been here," City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. "You have to have the appropriate level of staffing to meet those needs and help people."

The grant required a lengthy application process led by Chief Dave

Sawlsville and coordinated by RFD staff including Lt. Jason Underwood, Johnson and Firefighter Tyler Carls. Chris Cardott and the city's finance department provided a significant amount of data to support the grant application.

Johnson said the grant process took 30-40 man hours of collecting information and writing narratives. The grant allows RFD to make the new hires immediately and help with costs will be seen. Interested applicants should visit the City of Rochelle website at [www.cityofrochelle.net](http://www.cityofrochelle.net) to begin the application process for testing. Applications must be received by Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. Applicants will then move onto a written test and oral interview. Qualifications and requirements are listed on the website.

"I can't overemphasize how hard our staff worked on this," Sawlsville said. This was all Lt. Underwood, Firefighter Johnson, Firefighter Carls, and Finance Director Cardott and her department. This is a need-based grant. You show need with the city's finances. That group did all the work. Their collaboration on this was tremendous and it paid off huge."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

**On Aug. 19, the City of Rochelle and the Rochelle Fire Department announced their receipt of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of \$919,368 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that will allow for the addition of three full-time firefighter/EMTs.**

Sawlsville said the advertising and testing process will likely be completed by the end of September and then hiring off of that eligibility list will begin.

The RFD chief said he anticipates call numbers will continue to rise. The fire department has supplemented its staffing in the past with paid on-call

firefighter/EMTs in recent years and will continue to do so, but a shortage of people willing to do that work has been seen. RFD has also used its paid on-call and part-time firefighter/EMT rosters for recruiting for full-time positions in the past.

Fiegenschuh said the potential of receiving the grant was first discussed

during the negotiations of the last contract with RFD's union. He said the city owes it to its residents to find outside money to help with expanding staff if it can. What's more important to the city manager is that RFD is able to meet the needs of the community and that firefighter/EMTs have the time and support they need.

"Thanks to the folks who rolled up their sleeves and got the job done on this," Sawlsville said. "Firefighter Johnson alone has brought over \$1 million in successful grants to RFD. This grant will ensure that we can get firetrucks and ambulances out the door in the most efficient and safest way possible."

## Rochelle Community Hospital Association to host annual meeting Sept. 27

**ROCHELLE** — The annual meeting of the Rochelle Community Hospital Association (RCHA) will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Alfano's Pizzeria

& Italian Restaurant. The RCHA was adopted in 1965 to engage the community to support the hospital in meeting the healthcare needs of the greater Rochelle

area. Members of the Association are required to pay a membership fee of \$25 per year or \$1,000 for a lifetime membership. You must be a member of the As-

sociation to attend the annual meeting.

Each qualified member of the Corporation shall have the right to attend any annual or special membership

meeting of the Corporation and to take part in the discussion of any subject that may be properly brought before any such meeting of the Corporation.

If you are interested in attending the annual meeting or would like more information, please contact Kim Louie at 815-561-3107 or email [klouis@rcha.net](mailto:klouis@rcha.net)

# Stranger Danger

School has started, and with all of activities going on, there is no better time to discuss the danger of strangers with your kids. Telling them not to talk to strangers is not enough. You want to make sure they know what a stranger is and how to deal with them.

Here are some safety tips to include in your discussion.



- Do not mistake a friendly face for someone you know. Anyone you do not know is a stranger, regardless how nice they seem or what they have to offer. Just because the person has a cute dog or tons of candy does not mean you can trust them. Ask for identification from anyone in uniform.
- Do not walk to school or play outside alone, if you can help it. Strangers are less likely to approach groups of kids.
- Do not go places where strangers could be lurking, such as empty playgrounds or abandoned buildings. Stay in busy areas.
- Do not let your guard down. Always be on the lookout for strangers.
- Do not make contact with strangers. Be quiet and take their questions and pleas for help to an adult you know and trust.
- Do not panic should a stranger approach. Run to a reliable adult and let them know what is going on, whether a teacher in the parking lot, a clerk in a store or a neighbor down the street. If possible, take down the stranger's license plate number. Should the stranger grab you, do whatever it takes to get away from them and attract the attention of any reliable adults that may be around.
- Do not keep any incidents with strangers to yourself. Let your parents know as soon as possible so they can contact the police.

Tailor your discussion to your kids' ages and use role-playing to help them understand the gravity of the situation. Their safety is at stake!



# LABOR DAY SALUTE

## Tips for a memorable Labor Day weekend

**L**ABOR Day weekend is widely considered the unofficial swan song of summer. Though millions of children return to school prior to Labor Day weekend, the final holiday of summer still marks an ending to the season of relaxation and a return to the hustle and bustle of life when the temperatures dip and schedules fill up.

Perhaps because Labor Day has become synonymous with the end of summer, many people look to make the weekend preceding the holiday as fun as possible. People with such intentions can keep these tips in mind as they seek to plan a memorable Labor Day weekend this year.

- Wake up early if you intend to travel. Labor Day weekend should be memorable for all the right reasons and traffic is not one of them. A recent survey from the vacation planning experts at The Vacationer found that roughly 148 million people planned to travel over Labor Day weekend in 2023, which makes the three-day period a particularly busy time to be on the road or in the air. If

you intend to fly this Labor Day weekend, try to book an early morning flight to reduce the risk of delays. If you're driving, hitting the road before sunrise, particularly if you're traveling a long distance, can help you avoid traffic jams.

- Plan the weekend. It can be tempting to fly by the seat of your pants come Labor Day weekend, but it's still best to book excursions and even dinner reservations in advance. The popularity of Labor Day weekend and its status as the unofficial end of summer compels many people to get up and go over the three-day period, so theme parks, water parks, restaurants, and other attractions may be all booked in advance. Purchase tickets and make reservations months in advance to ensure you aren't left with little to do and/or nothing to eat come Labor Day weekend.

- Create a backup plan. Ideally the weather will cooperate and Labor Day celebrants will be able to spend the entire weekend outdoors if they so desire. But weather is unpredictable, so it pays to create a backup plan in advance.



If you're traveling for the weekend, look around for indoor entertainment spaces to spend the weekend if the weather is uncooperative. If you're planning a backyard barbecue at home, arrange for some indoor activities or pick a rain date and let guests know. If the party is scheduled

for the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, a Sunday rain date might work.

- Go with a summer theme. Even if the kids are already back in school and your summer family vacation is a distant memory, that's all the more reason to revive the spirit of summer one last time. If hosting

at home, a Hawaiian luau theme complete with a pig roast or a final summer pool party is a great way to send summer off before welcoming fall into the fold. Encourage guests to don summer attire and revive your summer playlist to get guests in the mood. If you're traveling for the

weekend, pick a sunny, sandy destination so you can squeeze every last drop out of summer.

Labor Day weekend marks the perfect time to send summer off with a bang. Some pre-weekend planning can ensure everyone has a memorable final few days of summer.

## How to enjoy a safe Labor Day weekend

**L**ABOR Day provides an opportunity to enjoy one last long weekend with fun in the sun, barbecues, pool parties, and vacations. Although summer officially ends on Sunday, September 22, 2024, Labor Day typically marks the unofficial close of the summer entertaining and recreation season. As individuals and families prepare to fire up the grill or float in the pool one last time, they are reminded to

heed key tips to stay safe and healthy.

- Fireworks may have been components of celebrations all summer long, but it is always best to leave fireworks displays to the professionals. Also, sparklers burn at extremely high temperatures (approximately 2,000 F) which is hot enough to melt some metals. They're not recommended for children to handle.

- Driving while under the influence of drugs or

alcohol can be a recipe for injuries or fatalities. Remember, just because it may be legal in some areas to use recreational marijuana, doesn't mean it is legal to drive under the influence of it. Individuals should leave the driving to a designated driver or a taxi or rideshare service if they plan to imbibe or use marijuana.

- Water-related injuries and deaths are highest among young children. The U.S. Consumer Prod-

uct Safety Commission says drownings continue to be the leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1 to 4. Extreme caution should be used in and around pools and other bodies of water whenever children are present. When swimming publicly, swim only where lifeguards are on duty.

- Even though summer is winding down, the risk for skin cancer remains elevated. Continue to apply

sunscreen when heading outdoors for Labor Day fun.

- No one wants to leave a Labor Day barbecue with food poisoning. All party hosts should remember to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold while entertaining and to remember to cook foods to the correct internal

temperature. Even if a grilled steak looks charred on the outside, that does not necessarily mean it is well-done in the middle. Verify temperatures with a meat thermometer.

Labor Day closes out the summer season with a bang. It is important to continue to be safe while enjoying one last hurrah.



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# LABOR DAY SALUTE

## Labor Day weekend travel tips

**L**ABOR Day is celebrated on the same day in the United States and Canada each year. An annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers, Labor Day (known as Labour Day in Canada), occurs on the first Monday of September each year.

Though its status as the end of summer is not technically accurate, Labor Day marks the unofficial end to the season of fun in the sun for millions of people across both the U.S. and Canada. That makes the weekend preceding Labor Day one of the most popular times to travel. Indeed, data from the Transportation Security Administration indicates that the Friday

before Labor Day 2022 was the second busiest travel day at U.S. airports that summer. Travel was equally popular on Labour Day weekend 2022 in Canada, where the online booking platform Kayak reports searches for international flights had increased by 104 percent compared to the year prior.

Labor Day weekend travel figures to be just as popular this year, so travelers can keep these tips in mind as they plan one last summer getaway.

- Book as early as possible. With so many people interested in traveling on Labor Day weekend, it behooves all travelers to plan ahead. Competition for hotel rooms and other lodging might be steep,

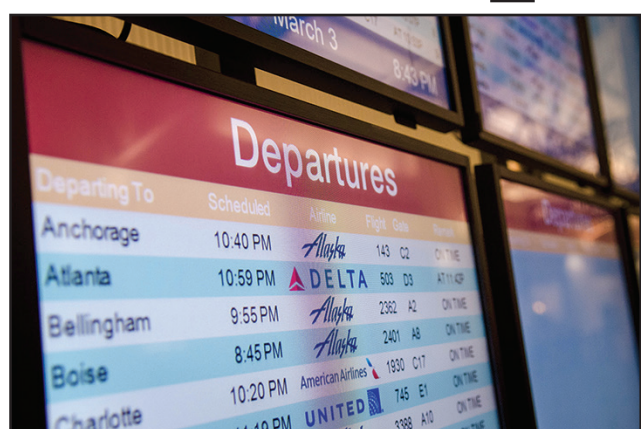
and individuals who plan to fly might have trouble finding seats on flights that leave during peak travel hours the longer they delay.

- Consider traveling by car. Air travel aficionados had some good news and bad news as the summer travel season began in 2023. Data from FlightAware indicated that flight cancellations were down in 2023 compared to 2022. However, FlightAware data also indicated there were an average of 7,000 to 9,000 flight delays per day in the U.S. in the first half of 2023. No one wants to send off the last weekend of summer with a lengthy flight delay, so travelers who want to spend as much time as possible

celebrating may want to drive rather than fly to their destinations.

- Drive during off-peak hours. Air travelers must cede some control over when to depart, but drivers can pick their own time to hit the road. Starting a trip during off-peak hours, such as early in the morning or even after rush hour on Thursday night, may enable drivers to avoid traffic.

- Travel light. Warm weather tends to linger into Labor Day weekend, so there's no need to pack heavy. That's especially noteworthy for air travelers. The lighter travelers can pack for a flight, the less likely they will need to check a bag. That decreases the likelihood bags will be lost if a flight



is delayed or canceled, and it also allows travelers to deplane and leave the airport without having to wait around to claim their bags.

- Extend the trip. An extra day at the end of the trip can help travelers avoid the crowds on the way home. Parents may need to travel on Labor Day if school is already

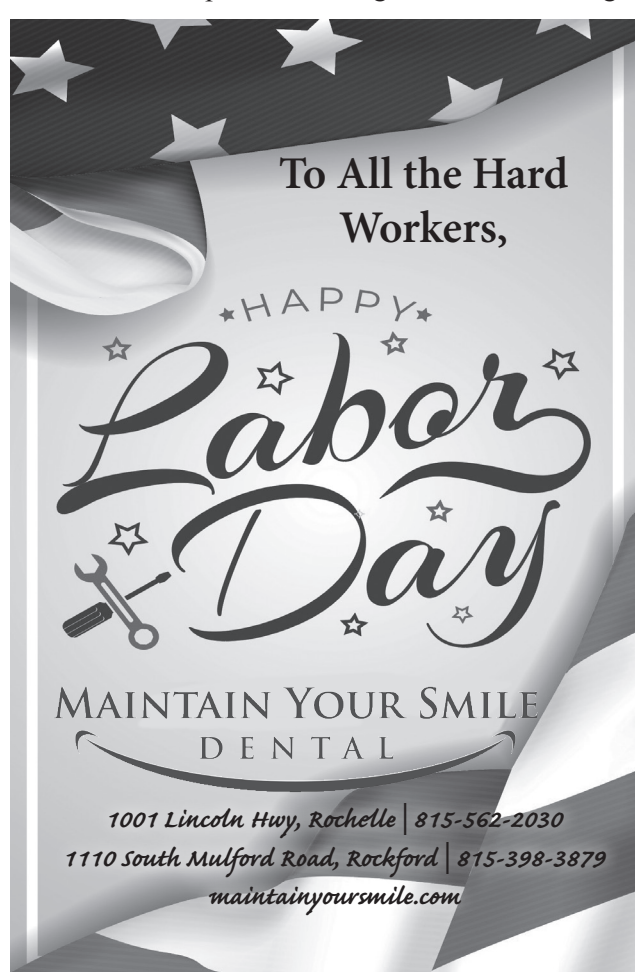
in session or starting on Tuesday. But travelers who have no reason to rush home can get an extra day of fun in the sun and travel home on a day that tends to be less hectic.

Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer. Travelers can keep various strategies in mind to get the most out of summer's swan song.



Thank you to those that work from sun up to sun down and all the time in between! Happy Labor Day!

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# SPORTS



## HUBS WIN HOME MATCH

The Rochelle Hub golf team defeated Amboy and Mendota on Wednesday.  
**See page 3 for more details**

### RTHS Volleyball

# Rochelle wins match at Belvidere

## Ohlinger-Rodeghero connection sparks Lady Hubs in season opener Monday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BELVIDERE** — Rochelle seniors Ali Ohlinger and Taelynn Rodeghero have seen their chemistry grow since becoming teammates with the VC United club volleyball program. The talented duo served as a catalyst for the Lady Hubs on Monday evening, when the varsity volleyball team traveled for its season opening match against the Belvidere Bucs in nonconference action.

Rodeghero recorded a team-high 14 kills from the outside hitter position, while Ohlinger dished out 16 assists from the setter spot as the Lady Hubs took down Belvidere 25-17, 25-19 to start the season with a 1-0 record. Ohlinger added a team-high three aces for the Lady Hubs, who returned to the court for a nonconference home match against Dixon on Thursday evening.

"I thought we played really well as a team," Ohlinger said. "Our juniors stepped up and I think we have the potential to do really well as the season moves forward. I thought we placed the ball well. Our hitters found open-

ings and I thought we communicated well. We put the ball away quickly and we didn't make too many errors... [Taelynn] and I know each other so well and that's a big reason why we're so successful. We do it for each other and not just ourselves."

Senior libero Dempsey Atkinson added two aces for the Lady Hubs, who are returning multiple starters from last year's roster. Atkinson and Rodeghero are both four-year varsity players, while Ohlinger enters her third year with the varsity team. With experience on both offense and defense, Rochelle's returning players have their eyes set on winning a regional title this fall.

"I thought we did really well last season, but I'm excited to work with a new group of girls this season," Rodeghero said. "It felt amazing to get back out there and we proved that we have what it takes to go really far this season. We knew we had the skills going in, so we had to focus on communicating what shots were open and who had which seams defensively... [Ali] and I do club volleyball together which definitely helps our chemistry, but we're



Senior Taelynn Rodeghero hits the ball over the net during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball match against Belvidere on Monday evening.

always testing and pushing each other in the gym and we're always finding new ways to throw the other team off."

Atkinson anchored the Rochelle defense on Monday, finishing with five digs. Both Rodeghero and Atkinson totaled seven service points for the Lady Hubs, who begin Interstate 8 Conference action with a home match against the Sycamore Spartans on Sept. 17. Rochelle will be looking to improve on its conference results from last season, when the team went 3-7 for fifth place.

"At the start of the season, we spent a lot of time getting to know the new girls and learning what their strengths and weaknesses are so we can improve on those," Rodeghero said. "We want to make sure the new girls are comfortable and in an environment where they can grow. I think we can win the conference, we can win the regional and we can go as far as our minds are set to."

### RTHS Golf

# Hubs take third in Large Division at Rocket Invitational

## Metzger medals in second and Dyer ties for fifth in tournament at Deer Valley

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**DEER GROVE** — Players on the Rochelle Hub varsity golf team navigated deep bunkers and large greens during the 2024 Rocket Invitational at Deer Valley Golf Course on Saturday, when the purple and white recorded a third-place finish in the Large Division with a score of 358.

Junior Ian Metzger led the Hubs in the 18-hole tournament on Saturday, shooting a 6-over-par 78 including a 1-over-par 37 on the back nine to medal in second place individually. Rochelle brought six players to the tournament including first-year sophomores Johnny Chadwick and Connor Lewis, who turned in scores of 104 and 106 out of the fifth and sixth varsity slots.

"We've seen Ian progress from being the fifth player in our varsity lineup as a freshman to being our number one player," head coach Glen Mehrings said. "That's a credit to his willingness to learn... He's really trying to give himself the best chance at success every time he goes out there. Ian fine tunes his small mistakes and he hates repeating the same mistakes twice. He's an honest player in that he

looks at his weaknesses and he works on correcting them."

Sophomore Alex Dyer tied for fifth place individually, shooting a 9-over-par 81 that featured a 1-over-par 37 on the front nine. Sophomore Owen Carmichael fired a 95 with 42 on the back nine, while senior Chris Hickey rounded out the varsity lineup with a 111. Five schools including Dixon, Sterling, Rock Falls and Woodstock competed in the Large Division on Saturday.

"Alex is getting smarter and making better choices on the course," Mehrings said. "He's adding more tools to his toolbox and he's eliminating big numbers on his scorecard. He's becoming a more consistent putter and his misses are usually only one way. He's made a similar jump from his freshman year to his sophomore year that Ian made from his freshman year to his sophomore year. Ian and Alex feed off of each other and they learn from each other."

The Rocket Invitational concluded a successful first week of contest for the Hubs (2-1, 1-0 Interstate 8), who defeated both LaSalle-Peru and Freeport in match play. Rochelle returned to Fairways Golf Course for a nonconference match with Mendota



Junior Ian Metzger receives his second-place medal after shooting a 78 during the Rocket Invitational at Deer Valley Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 24. Metzger led the Hubs to a third-place finish in the Large Division.

and Amboy on Wednesday before heading south for the LaSalle-Peru Invitational at Senica's Oak Ridge on Thursday.

"Our kids are resilient enough to fight back and they have the skills to make birdies," Mehrings said. "We had some young players step into our varsity lineup on Saturday and they fought their way through. Johnny [Chadwick] had a birdie on the 17th hole and Connor [Lewis] didn't have any bogeys. Our sophomores need to play more courses and 18-hole tournaments because we need to be six men deep. We're trying to figure out who our top six players are right now."



# SPORTS

## RTHS Cross Country

### Johnson, Koziol lead Rochelle at Morris Early Bird Invitational

#### Runners earn medalist honors Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**MORRIS** — Junior Annaliese Koziol and freshman Tyler Johnson each earned medalist honors to lead the Rochelle Township High School varsity cross country teams on Wednesday evening, when the Hubs and Lady Hubs raced in the Morris Early Bird Invitational at Morris High School.

Johnson turned in a strong performance in his debut with the Hubs, finishing 15th out of 99 varsity runners with a time of 17:31.40. Junior Declan McGee took 28th with a time of 18:16.60 for the Hubs, who placed seventh out of 12 teams with 205 points at the varsity level. Juniors Levi Waddle and Elijah Mayen ran times of 21:01.40 and 21:13.50 to take 66th and 69th place.

“Tyler’s done a great job and his work ethic is tremendous,” head coach Dale Bergeson said. “He pushes other kids to do better and that’s hard to do as a freshman... We knew based on his workouts that he was going to have a good day and that’s exactly what he did. He ran in the 17-minute range on a course that was hot and wet. We’re really happy with how well he responded. We’ve pushed him in practice and we think we can push him even more.”

Koziol led the Lady Hubs on Wednesday evening, finishing 18th out of 83 varsity runners with a time of 21:40.60. Juniors Rose Luxton and Mary Chadwick followed suit, with Luxton clocking in at 23:53.30 for 43rd place and Chadwick finishing with a time of 25:48.80 for 62nd. Sophomore Vivian Worthington took 64th with a time of 25:49.80 for the Lady Hubs, who finished ninth out of 10 teams. Worthington



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Junior Annaliese Koziol and freshman Tyler Johnson earned medalist honors to lead the RTHS varsity cross country teams in the Morris Early Bird Invitational on Wednesday evening.**

knocked nearly four minutes off of her first-meet time from last year.

“I’m very impressed with how Annaliese competes with other runners and how consistent she is with her times,” Bergeson said. “She works really hard and she does everything we ask of her. We knew she would take another step forward this year and she’s already started that. We’re excited to see what she can do and where she’ll be able to go this year.”

Junior Johnny Morales and senior Brisa Zepeda rounded out the top five runners for both varsity teams on Wednesday. Morales finished 70th with a time of 21:34.80 and Zepeda took 66th with a time of 26:00.10. Wednesday’s race was the first of

the 2024 season for the Rochelle harriers, who will race in the Sycamore Invitational at Kishwaukee College on Tuesday, Sept. 3. The runners will then travel for the Oregon Invitational at Oregon Park West on Saturday, Sept. 7.

“I think we’re a better team than we were last year,” Bergeson said. “We’re doing some really tough workouts at the beginning of the year and even with their legs being sore, our kids are training through these meets and they’re improving their times from last year. Knowing that the kids are going to see their times drop even more as the season progresses and the workouts change is pretty exciting. Seeing the boys get seventh place was really good to see.”

## RTHS Volleyball



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Junior Kyrie Cragin bumps the ball forward during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball match against Dixon on Thursday.**

### Rochelle falls in three-set thriller

#### Lady Hubs concede 20-25, 25-21, 22-25 loss

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team leaned on its service rallies to hang tough during Thursday evening’s nonconference match against the Dixon Duchesses.

Rochelle recorded eight service aces and pressured the Dixon defense with its serve throughout most of the evening, enabling the Lady Hubs to extend Thursday’s match to a third set. But a combination of receiving errors and hitting errors from the Rochelle side allowed Dixon to take a late lead in the third set and ultimately hand the Lady Hubs a 20-25, 25-21, 22-25 loss.

Senior Taelynn Rodeghero totaled three service aces, while senior Ali Ohlinger and junior Emori Mickley each added two service aces for the Lady Hubs. Rochelle (1-1, 0-0 Interstate 8) will return to action with a home match against the Oregon Hawks on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

“Dixon’s a really scrappy team and they showed us that we have to be more scrappy and more reactive instead of hesitant,” head coach Molly

Sly said. “When we get our serves in, we usually rally off a lot of points. Ali [Ohlinger] has a fantastic serve and both Taelynn [Rodeghero] and Dempsey [Atkinson] rally off a lot of points. When they’re on, our team feeds off of those three.”

Dixon controlled the second half of the opening set, forcing two Rochelle timeouts and stringing together a 6-0 run to take a 24-15 lead. The Duchesses capitalized on mistakes by the Lady Hubs, who totaled nine receiving errors along with six service errors, most of which came in the first set. Despite conceding the opening set, Rochelle closed the set on a 4-1 run and carried that momentum into the second set, where service aces sparked an 11-5 run early in the set.

“We love having this tough competition early in the season,” Sly said. “It helps us build mental strength. We were down in all three sets and we found ways to bring it back and make it close. We made them call timeouts late in the match and that was awesome to see from our girls.”

Although Dixon rallied to tie the second set at 12-12, Rochelle broke off a 6-0

run shortly after, displaying strong defense both up front and in the back row. Juniors Audyn Kemp and Kyrie Cragin stepped up in the middle, combining for six blocks with Kemp totaling four blocks on her own. Senior Dempsey Atkinson added a team-high 11 digs to anchor the back-row defense.

A kill from Cragin clinched the second set for the Lady Hubs, who saw Mickley emerge in the third set with a series of key serves in her one rotation. In a back-and-forth third set, Dixon ultimately took control late, as the errors that hurt Rochelle early in the match resurfaced near the end. Rochelle took a timeout with Dixon leading 19-15, but a short 3-1 run in the final moments wasn’t enough to prevent the Duchesses from taking the victory on Thursday.

Rodeghero led the Rochelle offense with nine kills while adding nine digs on defense. Junior Meredith Bruns stepped up with six kills, most of which came from the right side, while Ohlinger chipped in six kills and dished out 17 assists. Cragin totaled three kills without a hitting error.

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# SPORTS

RTHS Golf



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The Rochelle Hub varsity golf team won its home meet against Mendota and Amboy on Wednesday evening. At left, sophomore Connor Lewis hits from the fairway. At right, sophomore Johnny Chadwick chips out from the rough. Below, sophomore Owen Carmichael punches a shot toward the green.

## Hubs score home wins over Mendota and Amboy

### Rochelle shoots season-low 164 to sweep nonconference meet on Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE**—Sophomore Owen Carmichael was among the young players who continued to step up for the Rochelle Hub varsity golf team this week. One of four sophomores in the starting lineup, Carmichael fired a 42 out of the third slot as the Hubs scored nonconference victories over the Mendota Trojans and Amboy Clippers at Fairways Golf Course on Wednesday.

Rochelle recorded a season-low score of 164, while Mendota finished second with 174 and Amboy took third with 187. Junior Ian Metzger earned medalist honors for the Hubs (4-1, 1-0 Interstate 8), carding a 1-over-par 37 while sophomore Alex Dyer followed with a 4-over-par 40. Carmichael, who said his chipping and

putting were the keys to success on Wednesday, has gained both experience and confidence after starting on varsity during his freshman year.

“It feels great to win today,” Carmichael said. “The guys above me are really encouraging me and helping me out. I didn’t have the best start to the season, but I kept my head up and I shot a 42 today... It was definitely a confidence booster knowing that I could play with the top players in my age group last season. I’ve become a lot more accurate with my irons and wedges. I’m hoping to keep shooting in the low-to-mid 40s and I want to keep improving my short game.”

Rochelle’s newcomers continued to deliver quality scores as well, with sophomore Connor Lewis carding a 45 out of the fifth slot while sophomore Johnny Chadwick added

50 out of the sixth slot. Senior Jacob Ost totaled 59 to round out the varsity lineup for the Hubs, who traveled and competed in the LaSalle-Peru Invitational at Senica’s Oak Ridge on Thursday.

“We definitely needed some younger players to step into the varsity lineup this season,” head coach Glen Mehrings said. “Connor and Johnny played a lot of golf this summer and they both play other sports. Connor’s competitive and he has a nice natural demeanor. He doesn’t get too excited and he doesn’t get too down on himself... Johnny has a willingness to learn and he takes instruction well. He and Connor don’t have any experience from last year to fall back on, so they’re learning on the fly and they’re trying to make corrections after each round.”

The Hubs are off to a strong start this season,



as their lone loss came against Dixon by just one stroke. As the season moves forward, Mehrings will look for his sophomore players, including Carmichael, to continue shooting low scores. Rochelle will resume Interstate 8 Conference play with a road match against

the Morris Redskins at The Creek on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 4 p.m.

“Owen takes instruction really well and he never gets ahead of himself,” Mehrings said. “He doesn’t try to bite off too much with any given shot and he minimizes his mistakes. That keeps him in

the match and he likes to keep his ball in play, even if that means punching the ball down the fairway and chipping on to the green. It’s great that he has the cognitive headspace to map out how he wants to attack the course. He knows what he can and cannot do.”



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*A: I have been playing for around seven years with a three-year break during that time.*

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

*A: I enjoy being outdoors and having a good time with my friends.*

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

*A: World Geography because I love to write and I get to write about the countries and cultures from around the world.*

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

*A: Kris Bryant because watching the Cubs compete for and win the World Series was one of my favorite moments in sports.*

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

*A: My grandpa because he's the one who got me into the sport and he's an avid golfer who has played for over 50 years.*

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

*A: To be a play-by-play commentator because I would like to watch, talk and write about my favorite sports.*

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

*A: Cancun because I know a lot of people who've been there and they say it's beautiful.*

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

*A: I enjoy making new friends and getting to represent RTHS.*



**Abigail  
Smith**

*Year: Freshman  
Sport: Golf*

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

*A: About two years.*

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

*A: How peaceful it is.*

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

*A: English but I'm not sure why.*

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

*A: My mom because she's super strong and smart.*

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

*A: To do something in intelligence with the U.S. Army because I find that stuff interesting.*

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

*A: Hawaii because of the nice weather.*

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

*A: Getting to play a lot of golf.*

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