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## District enrollment update presented Preliminary tax levy report given during Tuesday meeting

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE**—At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Rochelle Elementary School District Board of Education heard an enrollment update presented by Rochelle Schools Superintendent Jason Harper.

This year, the district has 17 more students than it had last year, with a total of 1,430 students among its K-8 this year. The district's kindergarten and first grade both have eight sections right now. Of its current kindergarten students, 58 percent are in the district's dual language program.

The district has dealt with declining enrollment numbers in recent years, which was part of its basis for changing to an attendance center model in recent years that resulted in the closure of May Elementary School in 2021.

### Levy

The board heard a preliminary levy report by District Business Manager Kevin Dale during the meeting. The district will be asking for



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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\$11,344,063 with its property tax levy this year, a 4.6 percent increase on what it was extended last year (\$10,837,928). The levy will not require a truth in taxation hearing due to it being under a five percent increase.

The district's equalized assessed value (EAV) was \$385,347,209 last year and a 4.69 percent increase is projected this year, to \$403,403,269.

The levy will be up for approval by the board by December.

### Cardiac

The board heard a report on the district's cardiac response planning during the meeting by District Nurse Joelle Builta, who has been working to bring the district in line with new state legislation, House Bill 5394, which deals with schools' preparation for

potential cardiac events. Cardiac response planning includes training for all staff on hands-only CPR.

Cardiac response teams were selected for each school at the elementary school district that include someone certified in CPR, someone certified in Stop the Bleed, and someone ready to assist in an emergency.

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## Tractor purchase approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**HILLCREST**—At its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Hillcrest Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved the \$61,404 purchase of a new Kubota tractor from Johnson Tractor. The village also considered a bid for a John Deere tractor for \$62,830.

Village President Rick Rhoads said Hillcrest was in need of a tractor to use with various attachments it has to mow its pond and remove brush and tall grass in its pit. The village will consider purchasing additional attachments to use with the tractor in the future such as a snow plowing blade, a grader, and a brush. The tractor will be delivered next week and will be able to help with snowfall operations.

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Local FFA Chapter members recently competed at Sauk Valley Community College. Page 7

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## Cervantes-Garcia leads Ballet Folklorico Xochiquetzal

‘It’s important to me that people of all ages have a chance to dance...’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE**—Karina Cervantes-García started the Ballet Folklorico Xochiquetzal dance group in April 2013 in Rochelle.

The group has been busy with performances this year during National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). Cervantes-García participated in ballet folklorico, which celebrates Mexican culture with different region-specific dances and dresses, during her time at Rochelle Township High School, which has its own dance group. She formed her own dance group that welcomes dancers aged pre-K to their 20s and 30s, ensuring no one is turned away.

“It’s been over 10 years that we’ve been dancing,” Cervantes-García said. “My aunt wanted to start a group for my little cousins and was trying to convince me to start it. There was one high school group and one for younger people back then. I was already teaching at the time. She convinced me and that’s how it started. We’re still going. It’s more like a hobby than a business. It started out as a lot of family members and we still have



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a lot of my family members involved with the group. We just want to celebrate our culture and traditions. My youngest dancer has been four and our oldest now is 33.”

Cervantes-García was born in Mexico but has

lived in Rochelle since she was two years old. She started out dancing in high school as a freshman before graduating in 2012. She enjoyed connecting with her heritage and spending time with friends and family and since starting Ballet

Folklorico Xochiquetzal she likes having kids do an activity that helps them connect with their roots and history.

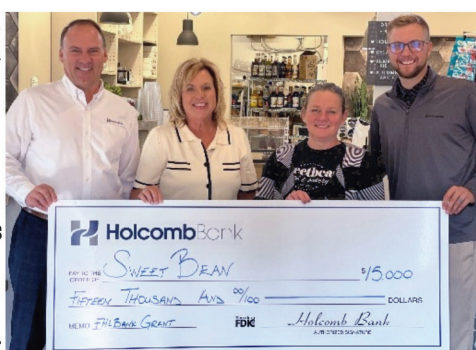
It’s important to Cervantes-García people of all ages have a chance to dance and get involved

with something like ballet folklorico.

“In Rochelle we have a lot of Hispanic people and I like to celebrate and help out with our community,” Cervantes-García said.

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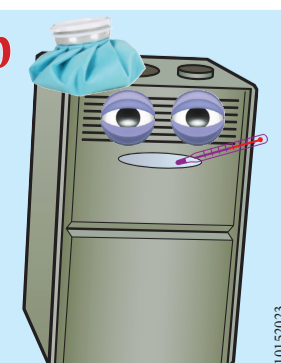


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# LOCAL NEWS

## BALLET: Folklorico Xochiquetzal performing throughout Hispanic Heritage Month

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"I know there's a lot of other activities, but ballet is so unique and you never stop learning. There are still so many things I don't know about it. You'll always be learning something. There are so many different dances. Every state in Mexico has at least one or multiple dances. And it's fun. Every state has different wardrobes, history and location."

Last year, Ballet Folklorico Xochiquetzal traveled to Pueblo, Colorado to compete against 12 other dance groups. That was the first time it had gone to any sort of competition and it served as a learning experience for group members that were used to performing only around the local area.

"I learned that there

was so much that I didn't know, like history and scoring in competitions and being precise," Cervantes-García said. "Everything has to be exact with the wardrobes and footwork. We learned so much and we got to see other groups and different things we never noticed around here. It was really nice. Our group wants to go again. Maybe next year. I want to be prepared for it."

Cervantes-García often covers costs out of her own pocket to make sure every participant in the dance group can join, regardless of their financial situation.

"I just want people to be able to dance," Cervantes-García said. "I know they might not always be able to afford the wardrobe. They can be very expensive, anywhere from

\$100-300 each. I'll pitch in and help someone if I can. I don't think much about the money when it comes to the group. I just enjoy it and I want them to dance."

Ballet Folklorico Xochiquetzal likes to cherish its native roots and keep Mexican traditions alive, Cervantes-García said. Those traditions are ever-changing, and dances can be traditional or keep up with current times.

"We all enjoy it," Cervantes-García said. "We like getting ready and having the different wardrobes and dancing and having people see our work. A lot of our family members enjoy it. We do a lot of the same dances at different venues, but they're still always recording. They just enjoy watching the kids and it helps them remember



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where they came from and a lot of the traditions in Mexico. It's always good to know where you come

from and what your family's beliefs are. Especially because our community has a lot of Hispanics. There

may be some people that don't understand it, but it's where we come from and our tradition."

## HILLCREST: Roof, garage door replacement approved Wednesday

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"Since I've lived here, the equipment hasn't changed," Rhoads said. "We've been using the same broken-down equipment forever. The reason we got rid of the old tractor is because we were planning on buying a new one. And then we had other things pop up. We need to follow through on this. I think it's something that we need that we can use quite a bit."

Trustees held a lengthy debate Wednesday on the purchase before all voting in favor of it. The village also approved the purchase of a Ford F-350 dump truck for \$98,190 at its meeting in September. "I am thinking of the residents when I bring

up the concern of, 'Look at all of the other things that we've already bought recently,'" Trustee Dan Potter said. "I'm a very reluctant yes on this."

### Roof

The board unanimously approved a \$20,495 bid from Tip Top Roofing & Construction for the replacement of the roof at Village Hall. The Tip Top Roofing bid was the lowest of three, and the other two considered were from Boss Roofing (\$22,951) and Responsive Roofing (\$23,962). Rhoads said the work will likely take place before winter.

### Garage

The board unanimously approved the \$14,675 purchase of garage doors

for its maintenance building from Raynor Garage Doors. Rhoads said the current garage doors had fallen into disrepair. The new garage doors include side-mounted openers with battery backup so ensure the doors work during power outages. The doors are insulated with windows.

### Water main

Rhoads provided an update Wednesday on the status of the village's ongoing priority 1A water main project. All houses have been hooked into the new water main. The new water main will be hooked into the village's water supply on Monday. No lead was found during hookups with service lines. Three new culverts will now



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be part of the project due to needing replacement. Ditch reconstruction has begun after they were disturbed by the work. Rhoads said patching of streets disturbed by the project will not take place until the spring.

The project's contractor is Elliott & Wood, Inc. The project has a \$1.2 million total budget and is replacing mains along the full length of Scott

Avenue, parts of Errett Road and Erickson Road from Scott Avenue to Jeffrey Avenue, and parts of Jeffrey Avenue from Errett Road to Erickson Road. Those streets are in the southern and oldest part of the village. The project will be financed with an IEPA loan that will involve 50 percent loan forgiveness. The debt service on the project will be \$35,000 per year over

20 years.

### Thompson

Rhoads said Wednesday that Trustee Joe Thompson has resigned his position due to personal reasons. Thompson was appointed to his position in June 2023 and served as streets & grounds trustee. The village will have 60 days to appoint a replacement and Rhoads said the search is ongoing.

## SCHOOL: HUB Program update presented

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The cardiac response plan will be disseminated throughout each school and evaluated each year with training conducted. The district has new automated external defibrillators this year, including some that can be taken to away sporting events and field trips.

### HUB

The board heard an update on its HUB Program during the meeting from HUB Program Director Yazmin Nambo.

The grant-funded HUB Program is specifically targeted to support the district's K-8 at-risk youth using a before and after-school model plus summer school. It provides educational activities for children and experiences such as field trips and members of the community coming in to do demonstrations for the students.

Nambo said there are 225 students enrolled in the program for the school year. Over the summer, the program served 160 students. The program is in

the final year of the grant that funds it and is preparing for the possibility of applying for a new grant.

### Bus lease

The board unanimously approved the renewal of bus leases during the meeting. The district needs to replace current leased buses with new leases for seven 2025 77-passenger transit-style buses. Current leases are expiring July 1, 2025 and the buses will replace existing buses.

### Crawford

The board heard an annual report on the David Crawford Foundation during the meeting. The foundation recently completed its 30th year and was established to provide for classrooms in the district. Last year, the foundation awarded eight grants totaling \$3,780. Crawford Foundation Board Member Todd Prusator said the foundation is in good financial condition.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## U of I Extension hosting Ogle County Farm Stroll Oct. 13

**OREGON** — This year's Ogle County Farm Stroll will be on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Here are a few Farm Stroll guidelines to make this an enjoyable event for you and your family. Dress appropriately for a farm visit. This event takes place rain or shine. Be sure to follow each farmer's instructions and be respectful of all the animals. Wash your hands regularly. Do not bring your pets for the safety of livestock and other participants. Pick up, complete, and turn in a Farm Stroll Passport at any of the farms for a chance to win prizes. Most importantly, be safe and have fun!

There is no beginning or end to the Farm Stroll. Choose which farms you want to see, gather your friends and family, and enjoy a relaxing, educational, and fun afternoon. Satisfy your local food cravings and curiosities.

Follow the Ogle County Farm Stroll on Facebook for information, brochures, maps, and spotlight features on each farm: <https://www.facebook.com/northernfarmstroll>. Contact the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191 with any additional questions or if you need

reasonable accommodation to participate in this program. Event brochures can be picked up at the Ogle County Extension office at 421 W Pines Rd, Suite 10 in Oregon, during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or go to our website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

Participating farms: Barnhart's Stone Corner - Oregon: Jon and Cindy Barnhart collect and display antique farm equipment and a collection of historical oddities. In addition, they maintain a unique collection of hundreds of tons of stones, many marked with dates and points of origin, all arranged in stone fences and sculptures on their property.

BerryView Orchard - Mt. Morris: Jeff and Julie Warren are growing the super-fruit, aronia berries, using organic practices. Taste aronia berries, learn about the benefits, and find ways to add them to your cooking, baking, and juicing. Pick your own berries and apples, or purchase pre-picked ones. Sample jams, jellies, and cookies. Walk the orchards and see what's growing.

Dietrich Ranch - Mt. Morris: Animals are 100% grass-fed using



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intensive rotational grazing and holistic management. They raise 100% grass-fed/grass-finished Beef, Lamb, free-range pastured Chicken, and Pork. All of the products the farm offers are raised without chemicals, antibiotics, or hormones.

Happily Homegrown - Oregon: The Bruns

family lives on a 12-acre homestead, growing and raising most of their food. This includes pigs, cows, rabbits, chickens, and various fruits and vegetables. How do they get through the winter? A greenhouse, of course!

Hough's Maple Lane Farm - Mt. Morris: Rob, Lynnette Hough, and their

two children collect maple sap in the spring and boil it down into maple goodness using the family's sugar house. Each year, 20 to 30 gallons of maple syrup is made and sold. Other maple treats, including candy, cookies, granola, pickles, and dog treats, are also created.

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Franklin Grove: Tim Benedict's apiary and garlic farm is surrounded by thousands of acres of native prairie and woodlands. He adheres to strict organic farming methods to produce artisanal raw honey from the native prairie wildflowers among the Nachusa Grasslands.

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# Remember Your Veteran

Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 is a special day to honor America's Veterans, living and deceased. Honor your veteran with a photo to be published on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024.

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# OBITUARIES

## Nancy Jean Mittan

**ROCHELLE** — Nancy Jean Mittan, 78, formerly of Steward, passed away Friday, October 11, 2024, at Liberty Village in Rochelle. She was born June 15, 1946, in Mendota to Seymour and Reta (Cox) Voss.

She graduated in 1964 from Rochelle Township High School and the DeKalb School of Beauty Culture. She was married to Robert E. Mittan for 45 years. He preceded her in death on March 9, 2019. Her son, Christian Robert Mittan, also preceded her in death on November

22, 2022. She worked at Spurgeon's for 14 years and WalMart for 10 years. She was a member of the Steward United Methodist Church.

She leaves behind a special son, Jeremiah Schultz. In addition to her parents, husband, and son, Nancy is preceded in death by two brothers, John and Gary Voss and two sisters, Mary Ramsey and Sue Harms.

The graveside funeral service will be at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, October 14, 2024, at Wyoming



Township Cemetery in Paw Paw with Pastor Ken Foster officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Nancy's memory may be directed to Unity Hospice.

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

## Harvest progressing ahead of average pace

BY RHIANNON BRANCH  
FARMWEEK

**I**LLINOIS crops matured above the average pace for most of the season, so it is no surprise to see some combines rolling a bit sooner than usual. But a drawn-out planting season could delay the start of harvest until October for some farmers.

USDA reported 7% of corn was harvested statewide compared to 5% at the same time last year, and the five-year average of 3% as of Sept. 16. Most of the crop (63%) reached maturity on the same date, 23 percentage points ahead of average.

Soybean harvest was 6% complete as of Sept. 15, well ahead of the average and last year's pace

of 1%. Meanwhile, 62% of the crop was dropping leaves, 31 percentage points ahead of average.

Crop Watcher Ryan Frieders of DeKalb County began harvesting soybeans on Sept. 11 and said it was the earliest start date on his farm since 2012.

"The soybeans were planted the last week of April and they were earlier to average maturing varieties for our area," he said, noting that soybean moisture has been very low. "With no dew at night, harvest could have continued all night long as the bean straw never became tough."

Frieders said yields are below last year and slightly lower than their five-year farm average so far.

At the southern end of

the state, Crop Watcher Ken Taake said harvest timing was about usual on his farm in Pulaski County.


"With the spread-out planting season, I thought it would be a long harvest season," he said. "But with the dry weather in August and so far in September, crops are maturing rapidly."

As of Sept. 17, he had more than one-third of his corn and 20% of soybeans harvested and noted slightly above average yields so far, but said the dry weather has put stress on the late-planted soybeans.

And even though harvest has started, an LG Seeds agronomist said field scouting duties aren't over.

Farmers should also keep an eye out for anthracnose, which can rot stalks and cause stalk death above the ear in the weeks after pollination.

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### OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**OREGON** — On Oct. 5 at approximately 11 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a red Toyota van at the intersection of Illinois Route 26 and Coffman Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Lance D. Ferguson, 28, of Freeport, for driving while license suspended. Additionally, Ferguson was cited for expired registration. Ferguson was released with a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Oct. 5 at approximately 6:10 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a silver Chevrolet sedan in the 300 block of South 3rd Street, in Oregon. After an investigation deputies arrested Blaze L.A. Simmons, 33, of Ashton. for driving while license suspended. Additionally, Simmons was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Simmons was released with a notice to appear at a future court date.

On Oct. 6 at approximately 1:12 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 2 and Townhall Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Michael A. Criscione, 25, of Byron for driving under the influence of alcohol. Criscione was transported to the Ogle County Jail, processed and released with a notice appear. Criscione was additionally issued citations for unsafe equipment, no registration, operating a vehicle without insurance, and no headlights.

On Oct. 7 at approximately 9:35 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Freeport Road and Milledgeville Road. After investigation, deputies placed Yimy Mairena Iscano, 28, of Freeport under arrest for no valid driver's license. Mairena Iscano was additionally issued citations for speeding and an inoperable registration light. Mairena Iscano was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear and given a future

court date.

On Oct. 8 at approximately 9 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of South Illinois Route 2 and West Pines Road. As a result, the driver of the vehicle, Lorenzo Bennett, 22, of Rockford, was arrested for driving while license suspended and for an Ogle County warrant for driving while license suspended. Bennett was also additionally issued citations for a lighting violation and operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration. Additionally, a passenger of the vehicle, Anthony Ezell, 44, of Rockford, was arrested for two Ogle County warrants for theft, and failure to appear for a prior theft charge. The two subjects were transported to the Ogle County Jail and detained on their warrants.

On Oct. 9 at 10:38 a.m. deputies conducted a warrant service in the 300 block of Erickson Road, Rochelle. deputies arrested Baylee Foust, 26, of Rochelle, for an outstanding Winnebago County warrant for failure to appear. Foust was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 8:24 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near East Illinois Route 64 and the Interstate 39 entrance ramp. After investigation, deputies placed Breanna M. Borota, 24 of DeKalb under arrest for driving while license suspended, operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended, and unlawful possession of cannabis/driver. Borota was issued her citations, released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 12:42 p.m. deputies responded to a non-injury accident at the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and South Woodlawn Road. It was determined that a white Hyundai Sante Fe was westbound on East Illinois Route 38, which failed to reduce its speed for stopped traffic

in the construction zone, striking the back of a silver Hyundai Elantra, operated by Grace Agah, 34, of DeKalb. After investigation Evelyn J. Gonzalez, 22, of Rochelle, was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District, and Rochelle EMS.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 11:46 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Meridian Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Heidi M. Julia, 52, of Stillman Valley for driving under the influence of alcohol. Julia was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was additionally cited for driving under the influence/BAC over .08 and improper lane usage. Julia was processed and released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 10 at approximately 9:24 p.m. deputies along with the Mt. Morris Fire Department responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 3,400 block of West Mud Creek Road. Investigation revealed a 16-year-old lost control of the vehicle while traveling west bound and had gone into the north ditch. The 16-year-old driver was cited for graduated driver's license - more than one passenger under the age of 18. Additionally, a 16-year-old passenger was charged with reckless conduct and released. All occupants were unharmed.

On Oct. 11 at approximately 4:41 a.m. deputies checked a vehicle in the 3,000 block of South Illinois Route 251. After investigation, deputies placed Mark Nink, 53, of Rochelle under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Nink was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

### ROCHELLE POLICE REPORT

**ROCHELLE** — On Oct. 8 at 8:11 a.m. Reema A. Bonilla, 45, of Rochelle was cited for following too closely. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 8 at 8:45 p.m. Blake Cohoon, 39, of Stillman Valley was arrested for driving with license revoked. He signed a

promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 9 at 8:19 a.m. James P. Kasmar, 32, of Rochelle was arrested for an Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Oct. 9 at 9:26 a.m. Vanessa R. Meyer, 45, of Genoa was cited for speeding 65 in a 40 miles per hour zone. She signed

a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 1 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 9 at 2:46 p.m. Timothy O'Dell, 28, of Rochelle was arrested for littering. He was released on a notice to appear with a Nov. 8 Ogle County court date.

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## Patriotic Few MC to host Johan Ride Oct. 19

**MONROE CENTER** — Patriotic Few MC of Northern Illinois is hosting their second annual Johan Ride on Oct. 19. This ride is in memory of Johan De Klerk who was

injured in a motorcycle accident and eventually passed away in the summer of 2023. Proceeds for this annual ride will benefit the Downed Bikers Association along with the Roth family who recently lost Joe Roth of Byron to a motorcycle accident.

The ride starts and ends at MC Tap in Monroe Center and features one stop. If you are interested in donating any items or

making a monetary donation, please contact a Patriotic Few member. All proceeds will be split between the Downed Biker Association (on behalf of the De Klerk family) and the Roth Family.

Registration is from 10-11:30 a.m. Kickstands up at noon. \$20 rider/\$10 passenger. All vehicles welcome! MC Tap, 303 Pacific St., Monroe Center, IL 61052.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RTHS's Vazquez earns Rotary Service Above Self Award for September

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Township High School student Laila Vazquez recently received the Rochelle Rotary Service Above Self Award for September.

Laila, a junior, has already recorded 434 community service volunteer hours during her three years at RTHS. She has been a HUB project volunteer, worked concessions at the REC Center, participated in Make a Difference Day, helped at the Two-Ton Holiday Food Drive Box distribution and served at the CAN dinner in addition to helping at St. Patrick's Fish fry and Religious Education program. This summer she spent dozens of hours helping out at the Little League concession stand.

Laila is also a member of the Student Council



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and Band. She is a great leader and helps out

friends and neighbors whenever she is needed.

Her counselor, Mr. Pointer, mentioned that she

is a very respectful and positive person who likes

to challenge herself in and out of the classroom.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Ashton Bible Church**, corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website [www.ashtonbible.org](http://www.ashtonbible.org). Sunday School for all ages 9:00-10:00am, Morning Worship 10:15am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm.

**Calvary Lighthouse Church, Assemblies of God**, Senior Pastor, Dr. James Horvath. 14409 Hemstock Rd., Rochelle. Sunday Morning: Sunday Worship & Children's Church 10:00 A.M., Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. – Adult Teaching, Missionettes & Royal Rangers Childrens Classes, Nursery available for all services. HE-Brews Cafe is open before and after services. For further information, please call the CLC office at 815-562-7701, or email us at [staff@calvarylighthouse.com](mailto:staff@calvarylighthouse.com)

**Rochelle Church of Christ**, Keeping Christ at the center in the Hub City. We meet Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study and 10:00am for worship. We also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm. 206 Erickson Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068. You can call us at (815) 562-6572 or visit us on the web at [rochellechurch.com](http://rochellechurch.com). We also have a radio program Sundays just after 8am on WRHL 1060AM. Minister Dominic Venuso.

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**First Presbyterian Church** – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: [info@placeforgrace.com](mailto:info@placeforgrace.com). Sunday morning worship 9:00am and 10:30am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. [www.placeforgrace.com/](http://www.placeforgrace.com/) [www.facebook.com/placeforgrace](http://www.facebook.com/placeforgrace)

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**Immanuel Lutheran Church** Missouri Synod 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049. Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock. Church Phone 393-4500. Church Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christian Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.

**Living Water Community Church** 405 N. Main St, Downtown Rochelle. Phone 815-561-6249, Website: [www.lwccr.com](http://www.lwccr.com), Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Mike Vogeler - Outreach and Seven C's Pastor, Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor and Doug Bunger - Missions and Children's Pastor. Sunday Worship Service- 10:00am. Nursery/Toddlers Ages 0-5 available during the service in the Splash building. Swim- Grades 1st-5th worship with the adults then break out for age appropriate teaching. Youth groups, Small groups, Life Groups and Workshops meet throughout the year for Bible teaching. 7C's Mission- serves the community physically & spiritually each month from 1135 Lincoln Hwy, providing lightly used clothing, Hygiene items, a light lunch and Elder Prayer open the second Saturday from 10am-2pm and the 4th Thursday from 4pm to 7:00pm and by appointment.. [f](https://www.facebook.com/lwccr)

**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](http://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. Worship time begins at 9 a.m. followed by fellowship at 10 a.m. 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

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# LOCAL VIEWS

## Public Power Week and the importance of RMU electric

IN an era where energy challenges are increasingly pressing, the role of public power has never been more significant. For residents of Rochelle, RMU exemplifies the benefits of a public power system, highlighting the advantages that come with local governance, community engagement, and reliability.

that decisions regarding rates, services, and infrastructure reflect the interests of Rochelle residents rather than distant shareholders. With RMU, residents have a direct line of communication to their utility provider, fostering a sense of accountability and transparency that often eludes larger, investor-owned utilities.

Public power can have a profound impact on local economies as well. RMU provides reliable and competitively-priced electricity and water services, which help attract businesses to Rochelle. Lower utility costs enable local companies to operate

more efficiently, contributing to job creation and economic growth. Furthermore, profits generated by RMU are re-invested back into the community, funding infrastructure improvements and essential services that benefit all residents.

Further, RMU provides reliable service, particularly during emergencies. Public power systems like RMU can respond more swiftly to outages and disruptions, ensuring that residents are supported during challenging times. The local knowl-

edge and commitment of our staff allow for tailored responses to community needs, enhancing the overall resilience of Rochelle's energy infrastructure.

Finally, public power fosters strong community engagement. RMU encourages residents to participate in discussions about energy usage and conservation, along with promoting awareness in energy-saving initiatives. Educational programs, workshops, and outreach efforts help residents understand their

energy consumption and explore ways to reduce costs while contributing to a more sustainable community.

The importance of public power, as demonstrated by Rochelle Municipal Utilities is more important today than ever. Our utility offers local control, economic advantages, reliable service, and opportunities for community engagement. As Rochelle navigates the complexities of the modern energy landscape, RMU will remain a vital asset, ensuring that the needs of residents are met while promoting a sustainable and prosperous future for all. By

supporting public power, the Rochelle community can continue to thrive, exemplifying the potential of local utilities in today's world.

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." -John C. Maxwell

"It is better to lead from behind and put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership." -Nelson Mandela

*Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, MPA, ICMA-CM, is the city manager of the City of Rochelle.*



**Jeff Fiegenschuh**

## Anti-bullying campaigns help youth and adults

OCTOBER is National Bullying Prevention Month, increasing awareness about bullying and prevention programs designed to help kids and adults. Anti-bullying campaigns help communities and individuals within them create supportive and safe schools, organizations, family units, and neighborhoods.

in five students report being bullied, but the actual number of bullying incidents can be far more significant. Roughly 41% of students who reported being bullied at school indicated that they think the bullying would happen again.

Anyone can be the victim of bullying. A poll conducted by the American Osteopathic Association found that 31% of Americans have been bullied as an adult. The most common reasons for being bullied reported included physical appearance, race, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion, and sexual orientation.

The effects of bullying are serious because it increases the risk of depression, anxiety, substance

use, and even suicidal ideation. According to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics (NCDAS), 9% of 12 to 17-year-olds in Illinois used drugs in the last month, along with over 445 thousand adults aged 18 to 25. Suicide is also the third leading cause of death among residents aged 10 to 34 in the state, per the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

While there are countless reasons why someone would use drugs or alcohol or struggle with suicidal ideation, bullying is often an underlying factor for many people. Fortunately, there are prac-

tical ways to help someone who is being bullied.

It is vital to know the signs of bullying. For example, you could see shifts in behavior, such as becoming more withdrawn. The person may lose self-esteem, become ill, or change eating or sleeping habits. Students may begin to lose interest in school, impacting their performance.

Self-destructive behavior is also typical, such as using drugs or alcohol or self-harm. Parents may see unexplained injuries or lost or destroyed property as a result of physical bullying. You may also notice the person has become anxious,



**Marie Garceau**

stressed, and even depressed.

Additionally, kids or adults being bullied are not quick to talk about it. It's a good idea to listen to them, assure them you want to help, and let them know this is not their fault. Understand that it is painful for anyone to speak up about this, but begin discussing what can be done.

Please encourage them to speak to someone, such as a teacher, co-worker, friend, counselor, or someone in a position of authority who could intervene and end the bullying.

Moreover, work to remedy the situation, get people involved, and follow up, as bullying does not stop immediately. The bully should also be

informed that their behavior is wrong, harmful, and, in some instances, illegal; make it known that it will not be tolerated.

National Bullying Prevention Month raises awareness, but it is up to us to use these prevention techniques in the school, home, or workplace. No one should be a victim of bullying, and we can all work together to strengthen our communities with effective bullying awareness and prevention campaigns.

*Marie Garceau has been working in the field of substance use and addiction recovery for over a decade. She works at DRS and primarily focuses on reaching out to the community and spreading awareness.*

## New political letter policy for Rochelle News-Leader

THE Rochelle News-Leader is implementing a new political letter policy.

We will now be accepting election letters endorsing or advocating for or against a ballot measure, party or candidate as paid advertising announcement. The fee is \$25 minimum for a 200-word letter and

10 cents a word for additional words over 250. Like other letters to the editor, the writer's name, address and phone number are required. Phone numbers and exact addresses are not published. We have the right to reject letters which don't meet publishing standards and will determine if the letter qualifies as a paid

endorsement. Paid letters will be identified with a label and may or may not appear on the opinion/letters page.

Most newspapers that have adopted this approach cite one main reason: Political campaigns for years have used newspaper opinion pages for what amounts to free advertising. As these

letter-writing campaigns become more widespread and sophisticated - some campaigns even pay people to write letters to the editor - newspapers are flooded with requests to publish them, especially in the run-up to elections.

Will we still publish letters complaining about the county board or school board? Yes. But if you want others to vote for or against a candidate, or for or against an issue on the ballot, you will need to pay a fee. Not a large fee - \$25 for up to 200 words.

The last batch of letters that endorse candidates for this election will be printed in the Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024 issue of The Rochelle News-Leader must be received by noon on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024.

To submit a letter, email Managing Editor Jeff Helfrich at [jhelfrich@rochellenews-leader.com](mailto:jhelfrich@rochellenews-leader.com).

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# COMMUNITY



### Rochelle FFA members compete at SVCC

Rochelle FFA members competed at the Section 2 Agricultural Sales competition Oct. 1 at Sauk Valley Community College. (Courtesy photo)

## St. John's Lutheran Church to host guest speakers

CRESTON — St. John's will be hosting Brother Samuel and Mari-ama Menyongar, Missionaries to Touch the Nations, on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at 126 E. South St. on Creston.

group Bonnie (Edwards) and Katja (Siegel) Starkey support. During mission work Katja saw the need for an orphanage to be built in Sierra Leone which she accomplished through donations.

ing she pursued building a home for the students as well. This task was completed since then.

Come and listen to Brother Samuel explain all that Touch the Nations have done and are pursuing, all in spreading God's

name and works.

Bonnie Edwards Siegel grew up in Creston and graduated from Rochelle Township High School.

Katja has since married and her whole family support the needs of Touch the Nations.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 13  
Ivan Olson  
Jack Olson

Oct. 14  
Samantha Zellers

Oct. 17  
Kati Johnson  
Preston King

Oct. 20  
Veda Lopez  
Bo Bridgeman

Oct. 22  
Allie Dolister

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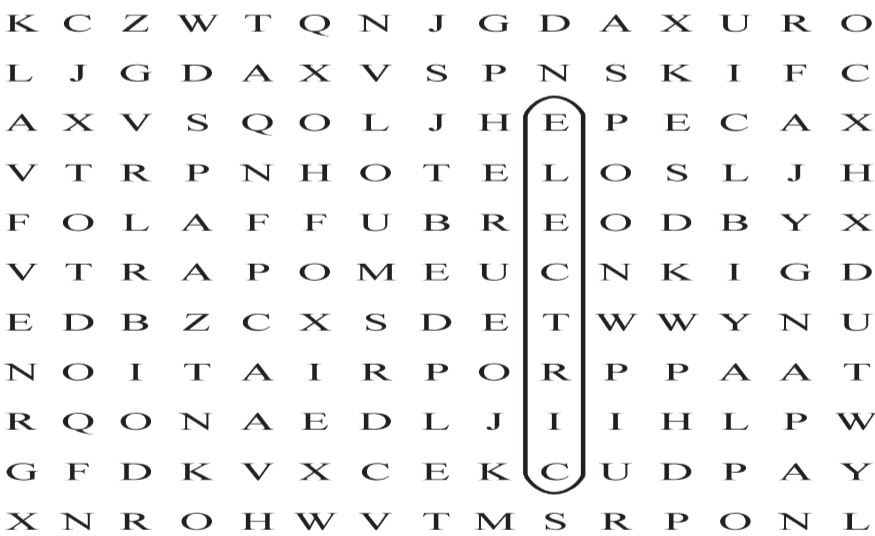
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- Oct. 3 - Marie McNames, Byron, \$25
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- Oct. 5 - Chris Berndt, Roscoe, \$25
- Oct. 6 - Monafae Menerey, Peru, \$50
- Oct. 7 - Helen Page, Oregon, \$25
- Oct. 8 - Judy Gibson, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 9 - Linda Cooper, Oregon, \$25
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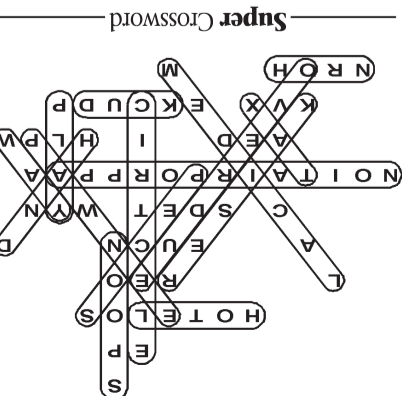
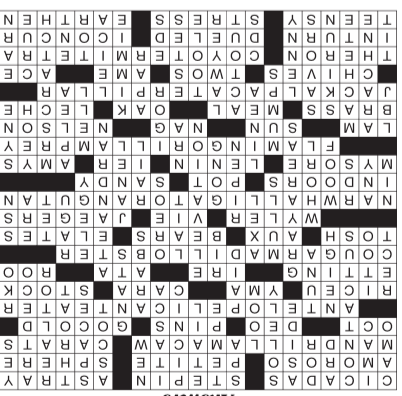
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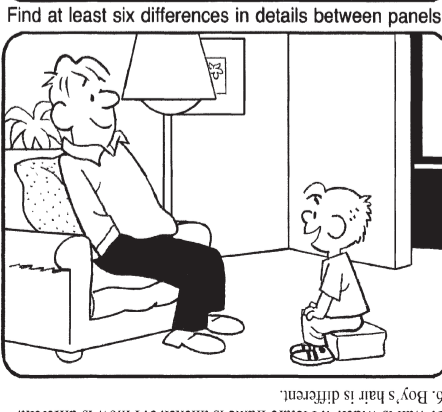
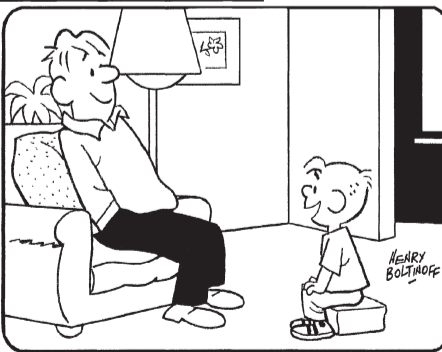
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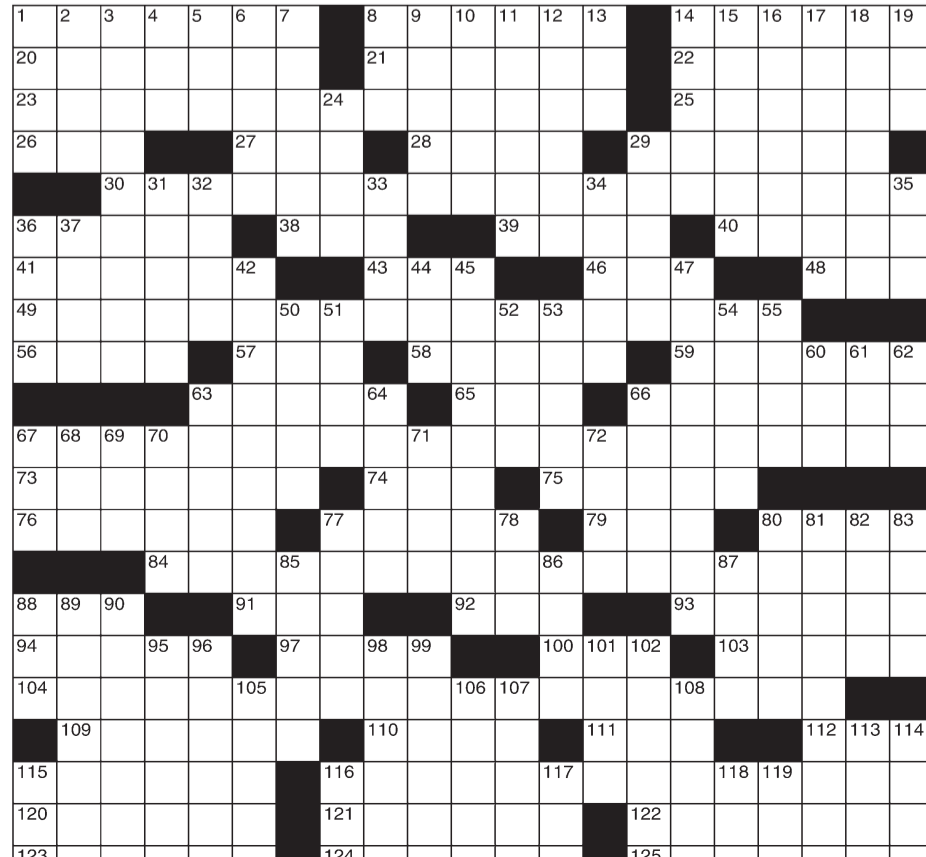


Find at least six differences in details between panels.  
Differences: 1. Lamp is moved. 2. Arm of chair is different. 3. Wall is wider. 4. Picture frame is thicker. 5. Pillow is different. 6. Boy's hair is different.

## Super Crossword

### HOOKED-UP HYBRIDS

- ACROSS**
- 1 17-year locusts, e.g.
- 8 Intercede
- 14 Errant
- 20 Lovingly, on music scores
- 21 Daintily small
- 22 Planet shape
- 23 Big baboon, Andean spitter, showy parrot
- 25 Jewel units
- 26 Nov. lead-in
- 27 "Gloria in Excelsis —"
- 28 Lapel inserts
- 29 Begin a losing streak
- 30 Serengeti grazer, long-billed bird, sticky-tongued predator
- 36 Houston coll.
- 38 Singer Sumac
- 39 Singer Irene
- 40 Part of NYSE
- 41 "Love Me or Leave Me" singer Ruth
- 43 Great anger
- 46 — loss
- 48 Kanga's son
- 49 Mountain cat, plated burrower, marine crustacean
- 56 Comic Daniel
- 57 "La Cage — Folies"
- 58 Grizzlies, e.g.
- 59 Overjoys
- 63 "Funny Girl" director William
- 65 Contend (for)
- 66 Aggressive shorebirds
- 67 Arctic cetacean, swamp snapper, arboreal ape
- 73 Not alfresco
- 74 Tea holder
- 75 Like dunes
- 76 City of South India
- 77 Founder of Bolshevism
- 79 Suffix with hotel
- 80 Writers Tan and Lowell
- 84 Pink wader, forest anthropoid, aquatic sucker
- 88 Hasty escape
- 91 Riser at dawn
- 92 Pester
- 93 Singer Willie
- 94 Tuba material
- 97 Lunch, e.g.
- 100 Tree of Iowa
- 103 Milk, in Mexico
- 104 Scavenging dog, woolly Peruvian, leaf-munching crawler
- 109 Onion relatives
- 110 Low cards
- 111 "Botch- —" (old hit song)
- 112 High card
- 115 "Agreed" star Charlyze
- 116 Prairie canine, destructive insect, colorful fish
- 120 Successfully
- 121 Fought one-on-one
- 122 "Agreed" sound
- 123 Wee
- 124 Accent
- 125 Made of clay
- DOWN**
- 1 Hunter's garb, in brief
- 2 Apple desktop
- 3 Website notice to get customer service
- 4 Ending for dull
- 5 Palme — (Cannes film award)
- 6 Digression
- 7 Exclusively
- 8 Health facility
- 9 Arizona city
- 10 Online sales
- 11 Lunch on the grass, e.g.
- 12 Lake feeding the Mississippi
- 13 Part of NYSE
- 14 Chichi scarf
- 15 Interstices
- 16 Larynx locale
- 17 One showing houses
- 18 Erte's genre
- 19 "Agreed" frame
- 24 Weaver's
- 29 Biting pests
- 31 Equine sound
- 32 Yellowfin, say
- 33 Remunerated
- 34 Kuwaitis, e.g.
- 35 "Notorious" film studio
- 36 Four-sided geom. shape
- 37 Langston Hughes poem
- 42 Ill-defined situations
- 44 BBQ meat bit
- 45 Altitude
- 47 Exited right after chowing
- 50 Ruminates
- 51 Skating leap
- 52 Milk, in France
- 53 Treats often dipped in milk
- 54 Somber song
- 55 Sauce brand
- 60 Hanoi holiday
- 61 Noted time
- 62 IRS datum
- 63 Ridge on a fingerprint
- 64 Grow mature
- 66 Actress Parrish of "Pretty Little Liars"
- 67 Pick-up-sticks logic game
- 68 One or more Aves.
- 70 Kin of "Art!"
- 71 Hammered musical disk
- 72 Stair support
- 77 First form fill-in, often
- 78 Gp. backing arms
- 80 Cop — (haggle in court)
- 81 Nickname for the Devil
- 82 Michelle of "Tomorrow Never Dies"
- 83 Auld lang —
- 85 Ailment causing swelling
- 86 Horror film assistant
- 87 Pell- — (chaotic)
- 88 JFK follower
- 89 Weaver of Greek myth
- 90 Heavy knife
- 95 Vail trail
- 96 Revels in
- 98 Illustrate via pantomime
- 99 Trial figure
- 101 On — with "Pretty Little Liars" champion
- 105 Singer Kravitz
- 106 Actor Peter O'—
- 107 "Rufus M." author Eleanor
- 108 Camera brand
- 113 Mötley —
- 114 Make at work
- 115 Little bird
- 116 LP replacers
- 117 Mag staff
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# SPORTS



## VOLLEY FOR THE CURE

The Rochelle Lady Hub volleyball team held its Volley for the Cure match Tuesday. See page 2 for more details

## RTHS Boys Soccer

# Hubs celebrate seniors with win

Casillas scores four goals as RTHS takes Senior Night match over Morris 5-0

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
 SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Senior forward Alberto Casillas was the driving force on offense for the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team Monday evening, when the purple and white celebrated their Senior Night with a dominant shutout victory over Morris in their final home match of the season.

Casillas scored a team-high four goals, two during each half, as the Hubs rolled over Morris 5-0 on Senior Night. Rochelle (10-10-1, 4-4 Interstate 8) honored each of its seniors in a brief ceremony after the match. The seniors honored included Francisco Diaz, Fernando Diaz, Alberto Casillas, Bryan Garcia, Chris Castellanos, Alan Gutierrez, Adan Arguellez, Michael Munoz, Finn Hintzsche and managers Makayla Lara, Betty Flores and Arline Villanueva.

"What stands out about these seniors is their camaraderie and the effort they've put in," head coach Brad Male said. "Our seniors add a lot to our team and it's going to be hard to replace some of them. They have an enthusiasm for the game and it shows when we watch them play."

Monday's Interstate 8 contest was a rematch



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub soccer team honored its senior players and managers after Monday's 5-0 win over Morris. Above from left to right are Chris Castellanos, Finn Hintzsche, Michael Munoz, Alan Gutierrez, Francisco Diaz, Arline Villanueva, Makayla Lara, Betty Flores, Bryan Garcia, Fernando Diaz, Alberto Casillas and Adan Arguellez.

from earlier this season, when Rochelle cruised for a 6-0 victory at Morris. The Hubs were in full control once again, taking a 2-0 lead in the first half. Casillas struck first for Rochelle, beating a Morris defender inside the box and scoring in the 15th minute before adding another goal in the 22nd minute, when Casillas cashed in a redirected shot from junior forward Antonio Ruiz that was deflected by the Morris goalkeeper.

Ruiz and Casillas showcased their connection during the second

half, when the two linked up for a pair of goals to extend the Rochelle lead. Ruiz assisted on both balls, hitting Casillas on a through ball and a cross into the box for goals in the 50th and 53rd minutes to put the Hubs up 4-0. Fittingly, two more seniors teamed up for the final goal of the evening, with midfielder Bryan Garcia assisting fellow midfielder Fernando Diaz in the 68th minute to seal the Rochelle victory.

"We've had some talks with Alberto during the season and he's coming through," Male said.

"He's realizing that he isn't the only one up there and he's working himself into more open positions. He's getting rid of the ball sooner and that's allowing him to get more shots on goal."

The Hubs will play two more conference matches before beginning the IHSA 2A Sycamore Regional later this month. Rochelle will face LaSalle-Peru on the road this Wednesday before traveling to Ottawa next Monday. The Hubs, who earned the No. 8 seed in the regional tournament, will face the No. 6 seed

Belvidere on the road. The date and time are TBA.

"We have to keep working as a team and make sure all 11 are ready to play," Male said.

## LaSalle-Peru

Seniors Alberto Casillas and Fernando Diaz each found the back of the net on Wednesday evening, when the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team faced LaSalle-Peru.

Junior Antonio Hueramo recorded two saves for the Hubs, who held the Cavaliers to only four shots on goal and beat LaSalle-Peru 2-0 to earn

their fourth shutout win in conference play this season. Rochelle (11-10-1, 5-4 Interstate 8) took control midway through the match, when Casillas scored in the 42nd minute and Diaz connected on an assist from junior Antonio Ruiz in the 50th minute. The Hubs will conclude the regular season at Ottawa on Monday evening.

Casillas and Diaz each totaled five shots for the Hubs, who outshot LaSalle-Peru 18-4 and 8-4 in shots on goal. Ruiz added four shots and junior Kevin Orozco finished with three shots.

## RTHS Golf



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

## Rochelle Hubs conclude 2024 season at IHSA 2A Kaneland Sectional on Monday afternoon

The Rochelle Hub varsity golf team saw its season come to a close during the IHSA 2A Kaneland Sectional at Hughes Creek on Monday, when junior Ian Metzger (right) and sophomore Alex Dyer (left) represented the purple and white in the 18-hole tournament. Metzger finished in a tie for 40th with an 84, while Dyer carded seven pars and ended the afternoon with a 100. Metzger recorded one birdie and eight pars during his round. Rochelle finishes the season with an 11-3 overall record and a 4-1 record in the Interstate 8 Conference.



# SPORTS

## RTHS Volleyball



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team hosted Ottawa for its Volley for the Cure match Tuesday evening. At left, junior Emori Mickley prepares to serve. At right, senior Taelynn Rodeghero passes the ball forward. Below, juniors Jaydin Dickey and Kyrie Cragin (left to right) rise up for a block.

## Lady Hubs hold Volley for the Cure match against Ottawa

### Sales from T-shirts sold at event to benefit RCH All About Me cancer program

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The return of senior hitter Taelynn Rodeghero gave the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team a boost during its Volley for the Cure match against Ottawa on Tuesday.

After being sidelined with an ankle injury for about a week, Rodeghero took the court during the second set on Tuesday, posting a team-high five kills to lead the Lady Hubs in a 19-25, 25-27 loss to the Pirates. Junior Jaydin Dickey dished out 15 assists and senior Dempsey Atkinson collected 13 digs for the Lady Hubs (10-16-1, 0-5 Interstate 8) who face Sycamore on Thursday.

“It was great to see Taelynn back on the floor and she took on a leadership role in the front row,” head coach Molly Sly said. “I was hesitant to use her during the first set since her foot looked swollen on Saturday. I didn’t want to put her in too early, but she said her foot felt great so I went with her in the second set and I saw a change in our spirit. We were more scrappy and I thought Jaydin got her hands on some balls that she didn’t

have the confidence to get her hands on earlier in the season. I love seeing a player grow and have the confidence to stretch her limits.”

Ottawa controlled most of the opening set, taking a 12-10 lead after an ace and a few key blocks up front allowed the Pirates to go on a 6-3 run. Rochelle hung tough, however, stringing together its own 6-3 run behind an ace from Dickey and crucial kills from sophomore hitter Briel Metzger, who finished with four in the match. The rally forced Ottawa to call a timeout leading 21-19, but the Pirates responded with four consecutive points to clinch the opening set.

With Rodeghero back on the court for the second set, Rochelle kicked its offense up a notch, as the senior put down multiple kill shots to help the Lady Hubs take a 17-12 lead after a 6-1 run. Five unanswered points from the Pirates, including back-to-back aces, enabled Ottawa to tie the score and force a Rochelle timeout. The Pirates funneled most of their offense through the middle late in the second set, eventually taking a 22-20 lead to force another Rochelle timeout.

The Lady Hubs weren’t



ready to give up, though, as a trio of kills from junior Kyrie Cragin in the middle, Rodeghero on the outside and junior Meredith Bruns on the right side allowed the Lady Hubs to even the score at 24-24. Ottawa prevailed in the end, however, capitalizing on a back row error on Rochelle before scoring on a tip and a big swing from the middle to end the match.

Cragin and Dickey each collected three kills for the Lady Hubs, while

Bruns totaled two aces and Metzger compiled four digs. Tuesday’s Volley for the Cure match saw the Lady Hubs wear their pink uniforms for the first time this season. Rochelle also sold T-shirts for attending fans, with all proceeds from the sales benefiting the RCH All About Me Cancer Program, which provides grants to qualified cancer patients so they can better manage their road to recovery.

“RCH has a great pro-

gram and it supports a lot of local people who are fighting cancer,” Sly said. “We love taking part in that and we love that we’re about to donate to them.”

### Sycamore

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team continued Interstate 8 Conference play with a road match against Sycamore on Thursday evening. Senior Dempsey Atkinson recorded 10 digs and two aces, while juniors Mer-

edith Bruns and Jaydin Dickey combined for 12 assists as the Lady Hubs fell to the Spartans 20-25, 15-25.

Dickey collected nine digs and Bruns added four digs for the Lady Hubs (10-17-1, 0-6 Interstate 8), who will host Kaneland next Tuesday. Freshman Jillian Bruns totaled five kills and two digs, while junior Audyn Kemp posted four kills and sophomore Briel Metzger notched three kills in the match.

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Girls Tennis



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub tennis team hosted LaSalle-Peru on Wednesday evening. Rochelle also held a home match against Princeton on Thursday. At left, senior Yaretzi Villalobos goes for a backhand shot. At right, junior Merit Namaste-Rose hits from the back line. Below, sophomore Vivian Novak reaches for a shot near the net.

## Lady Hubs fall in Interstate 8 finale against LaSalle-Peru

### Rochelle and Princeton square off in nonconference match Thursday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Junior Merit-Namaste Rose brought home the lone victory for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team during Wednesday's Interstate 8 Conference match with LaSalle-Peru.

Namaste-Rose took the court in singles, defeating Cavalier netter Phoebe Shetterly 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 6 match. The win allowed Rochelle to avoid the shutout in its 8-1 loss to the Cavaliers. The Lady Hubs (4-11, 0-5 Interstate 8) will host Princeton in nonconference action on Thursday.

The match began with doubles play, where LaSalle-Peru claimed all three points. Seniors Sydney Carmichael and Natalie Wagner went three sets against Stacie Albiter and Meredith Politsch at the No. 3 court, falling just short in a 6-4, 0-6, 5-10 defeat. Seniors Lauren Dyer and Abby Metzger played a close second set in their 3-6, 5-7 loss to Raleigh Leining and Kyle Halm at the No. 2 court, while seniors Catherine Williams and Erin Murphy nearly took the opening set of their 5-7, 3-6 loss against Cali

Mickley and Elena Leone at the No. 1 court.

In singles, LaSalle-Peru won five of the six matches. Senior Yaretzi Villalobos hung tough in her 3-6, 2-6 loss to Dagny Greer at the No. 5 court, while Catherine Williams took three games during her 1-6, 2-6 loss to Eva Cervantes at the No. 1 court. Erin Murphy fell 2-6, 0-6 against Grace Pecchio at the No. 2 court and both Abby Metzger and Lauren Dyer conceded shutouts, falling 0-6, 0-6 against Izzy Pecchio and Haylee Panaric at the No. 3 and No. 4 courts.

### Princeton

Seniors Abby Metzger and Lauren Dyer scored a decisive doubles victory to lead the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team during Thursday's match against Princeton.

Metzger and Dyer took the court for the No. 2 matchup, earning a hard-fought first set before rolling in the second set to beat Princeton's Anna Ellis and Paige Jesse 7-5, 6-1. The doubles win highlighted a 4-1 nonconference loss for the Lady Hubs (4-12, 1-4 Interstate 8), who played their final regular season match on Thursday. Rochelle will host the

Interstate 8 Conference tournament on Saturday before holding the IHSA 1A Sectional next Friday and Saturday.

Princeton took the early lead after Emilee Merkel took down senior Yaretzi Villalobos 6-1, 6-0 at the No. 1 singles court. The Tigers extended their lead at the No. 3 doubles court, where Ella Kinsmor and Tess Carlson won 6-2, 6-0 over seniors Sydney Carmichael and Natalie Wagner.

Princeton clinched the match victory after a thrilling three-set match at the No. 1 doubles court, where seniors Catherine Williams and Erin Murphy gained the first-set lead over Fiona Wesley and Nora Schneider. The Tiger netters rallied to claim the second set before outlasting the Lady Hub duo in the third-set tiebreaker to emerge with a 3-6, 7-5 10-8 victory and seal the team win.

Varsity action concluded at the No. 2 singles court, where junior Merit Namaste-Rose fought back from a first-set deficit to take the second set against Audrey Thompson. The Princeton netter Thompson cruised in the third-set tiebreaker to edge Namaste-Rose 7-5, 3-6, 10-2.

## RMS Volleyball

(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)



### Rochelle Middle School eighth-graders compete in North Central Junior Conference tournament

The Rochelle Middle School eighth grade girls volleyball team competed in the North Central Junior Conference tournament to conclude its season. The team includes Jehan Jaradat, Tess Kissack, Isadora Hueramo, Emely Mandujano (front row), Mia Thomas, Alivia Law, Nayeli Cruz, Georgia Schabacker and Elise Hardcastle (back row).



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# SPORTS

## Rochelle Junior Tackle

(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)



### Rochelle Flag Football holds final week of regular season games for Arena League and College League kids

Rochelle Flag Football concluded its eight-week season for the Arena League and College League kids with its final batch of games at Helms Park this past week. Six teams comprised the Arena League, which includes preschoolers and kindergarteners. Six teams also comprised the College League, which includes first-graders and second-graders. The NFL League for third-graders and fourth-graders kicked off its postseason tournament, which began this past week and concluded Wednesday.

# 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!



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Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 0924 (Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and 13, 2024)

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State of the ownership, management, circulation, etc.; required by the act of Congress of October 23, 1962, Section 4369, Title 39 United States Code of Rochelle News-Leader published bi-weekly at 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle, IL, for Sept. 13, 2023. State of Illinois, County of Ogle.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Will McMacken who, having been duly sworn to law, deposes and says he is the publisher of the Rochelle News-Leader and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief and a true statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the act of Congress of October 23, 1962, Section 4369, Title 39, United States Code. The names and addresses of the publisher and editor are:

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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.  
Will McMacken, publisher  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of October, 2024  
Kelly White, Notary Public  
My commission expires 01-17-27  
No. 1008 (Oct. 20)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF )  
Terry G. Petry )  
)  
) Deceased )  
Case No. 2024 PR 47  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Terry G. Petry, of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 25, 2024, to Erik Petry, whose address is 3212 S. Mulford Road, Rochelle, Illinois, 61068, and Teresa Petry whose address is 18730 E. Gillis Road, Rochelle, Illinois, 61068, and whose attorney is Charles P. Cole, Jr., 1021 5th Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois, 61068.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before April 15, 2025, that date being not less than six (6) months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk, at the Ogle County Judicial Center, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with an estate representative, or both. Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office must be mailed or delivered to an estate representative and their attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

DATE: October 7, 2024.  
/s/ Erik Petry  
Teresa Petry  
Independent Representatives  
No. 1012  
(Oct. 13, 20 and 27, 2024)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF )  
GERALD L. GRIFFIN, Deceased. )  
NO. 2024PR51

CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of GERALD L. GRIFFIN, of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 3, 2024, to DANIEL S. GRIFFIN, whose address is 2854 S. Chana Rd., Chana, IL 61015, and whose attorneys are Fearer Nye & Chadwick, LLC, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than April 14, 2025, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
FEARER NYE & CHADWICK, LLC, Attorneys for DANIEL S. GRIFFIN, Independent Administrator of the Estate of GERALD L. GRIFFIN, deceased  
No. 1013  
(Oct. 13, 20 and 27, 2024)

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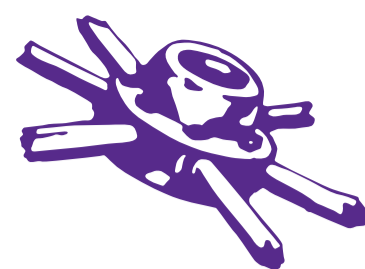
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**Danny J. Garcia**

*Year: Freshman  
 Sport: Soccer*

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

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**  
*A: My position.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**  
*A: English because my teacher says it's the best class.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**  
*A: Lionel Messi because he won the World Cup.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**  
*A: My dad because he motivates me to stay disciplined.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**  
*A: To be a professional sports player to make my parents proud.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**  
*A: Europe because of the countries that are there.*

**Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?**  
*A: My friends and the memories.*



**Angel Fulgencio**

*Year: Freshman  
 Sport: Soccer*

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

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**  
*A: Being with my friends.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**  
*A: English because Mr. Swartz makes it fun.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**  
*A: Cristiano Ronaldo because he worked extremely hard to get to where he is now.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**  
*A: My dad because he supports me and my family and I want to be like him when I'm older.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**  
*A: To be an engineer because the pay is good.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**  
*A: Italy for the food.*

**Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?**  
*A: Playing the sport I like while also getting an education.*

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