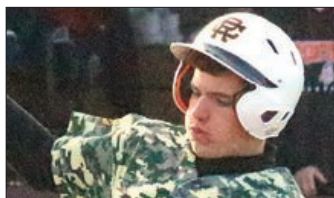


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Two dead after call of shots fired

Braidwood Police investigate weekend shooting deaths

BY MARNEY SIMON
STAFF WRITER

A call to the police on Sunday night of shots fired ended with two dead bodies and a death investigation.

The call came in around 9:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 2. The caller complained of possible shots fired at a home in the 200 block of Parkview Lane, near the center of the city.

Inside the home, police found two males, both deceased.

Those victims were identified as Joseph O. Burgess, 35, of

Chicago, and James A. Benson, 25, a resident of the Parkview Lane home. The victims were identified as half-brothers. They were both shot once.

A .357 revolver was recovered at the scene, along with spent cartridges.

According to the office of Will County Coroner Patrick K. O'Neil, both victims were both pronounced dead at 10:29 p.m. The coroner's office described the shooting as a domestic incident, with both men suffering a single gunshot wound to the head.

Braidwood Police Chief Nick Ficarello said the investigation is ongoing.

"We are looking at murder-suicide," Ficarello said. "Obviously the coroner's office makes the final

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THIS TIDY HOME on Parkview Lane was home to a deadly shooting on Sunday night. Braidwood police said the shooting is being investigated as a murder-suicide. Brothers Joseph O. Burgess and James A. Benson both died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Photo by Marney Simon

Spring is in the air!



Photo by Marney Simon

SPRING IS HERE! Lilies wave hello to drivers from their perch at the corner of School Street and David Court in Braidwood. But Mother Nature is still planning on a bumpy ride for the season, cooler temperatures and possibly some snow expected this week, with temperatures ready to warm up into the 70s by the weekend before heading back down to the 50s.

Police seize 57 bags of heroin

STAFF REPORT

A tip that a wanted man had been spotted in a Braidwood neighborhood led to an arrest, with police confiscating 57 bags of heroin.

It happened on Saturday, April 1. Around 1 p.m., Braidwood police received a call that a man who was wanted on warrants in two counties was at a home in the 200 block of north Walker Street.

After a brief investigation, police took Brian Kobiela, 32, of Dwight, into custody on those outstanding warrants. Kobiela was wanted on two arrest warrants, one from Livingston County which had a \$1 million bond, and one from Cook County on an unrelated charge.

While taking Kobiela into custody, police found 57 bags of what they suspect is heroin and other prescription medicine in his pockets. Police Chief Nick Ficarello



BRIAN KOBIELA

said the seizure represents a street value of about \$450 worth of heroin.

Kobiela was arrested on two felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

He was transported to the Will County Adult Detention Center, where he is being held without bond.

The Dwight Police Department, Livingston County Sheriff's Department and Will County Sheriff's Department assisted in the apprehension of Kobiela.

VFW still plans to build

Elections may turn focus away from project, however

BY PAM MONSON
EDITOR

WILMINGTON - Although other opportunities have been presented, the members of the Wilmington VFW Post 5422 are still planning to build a new post.

Malcolm J. Mayo Post 5422, at the corner of Baltimore and Third Street, was heavily damaged by a fire last April. The insurance company still hasn't settled, and representatives of the VFW have had to stay on top of every decision and offer the company makes, challenging many.

In addition, the few members who are actively engaged in the project have been accused of procedural errors and faced a union contractor debate, had to prove to the insurer that what was being discarded was truly garbage and wait while it

explored the possibility of cleaning rather than replacing restaurant equipment.

The VFW has to pay the bills for cleanup up front, and wait for the insurance company to reimburse those costs from its dwindling savings.

The members of Post 5422 approved the construction of a 10,000-square foot building last year, about double the size of the original building. Whether or not that particular plan proceeds could very well be the decision of the officers who are elected at the April 10 membership meeting.

Opponents of the plan could take control of the organization, and therefore the project, and eliminate many of the features that the active members and the community consider valuable assets, including the banquet hall.

Without the hall, the VFW cannot host the fundraisers that help it support veterans, including its fish fries and the controversial but highly successful Queen of Hearts raffle. It also would be unable to support a long list of local causes, not the least of which are fundraisers for individuals facing

catastrophic medical bills and terminal illness, who are allowed free use of the hall.

"Our mission is to help veterans," said Terry Cerutti, who is running for commander and supports the building project.

Commander Mario Cornelio points out that if the group doesn't have a hall and can't raise funds, it will not be able to provide much help to veterans. What comes to the VFW in support of veterans, mostly goes out in support of veterans — whether that be in the form of donations to the Manteno Veterans Home, helping an indigent veteran's family with funeral costs or sending care packages to entire units of active duty service men and women, when a tube of toothpaste can mean not having to do without until the next supply order.

"We can't do that anymore, unless we get going again," Cerutti said. "People don't realize how much we did for the community."

"And the people around here do miss it," added Cornelio.

Meanwhile, residents are hearing

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We have launched!

After months of planning your digital paper gets an update

BY ERIC FISHER
PUBLISHER

When the Free Press Newspapers launched a news website almost 10 years ago, we wanted to make significant changes within the first couple of weeks.

That's what happens when technology changes for newspaper people focused more on showing their work in ink on paper.

But our website served its purpose. It brought our readers breaking news and photos of two tornadoes,

five state championships, a police shooting, road closures, Friday night football wins, structure fires and so much more.

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Shooting

determination in this circumstance, but the Braidwood police are investigating the murder-suicide angle on this case. Witness statements are corroborating that information."

Autopsies were completed on April 3. The final cause and manner of death will be determined at a later date, pending police, autopsy, and toxicology reports.

Neighbors said the occupants of the small white house on Parkview Lane are quiet and pleasant people, and that they were shocked to see about a dozen squad cars and two ambulances show up at the scene on Sunday night.

Witnesses told police, however, that Burgess and Benson had been seen arguing off and on for most of the evening. One family member and an acquaintance of the family were in the home at the time of the shooting.

The Braidwood Police Department was assisted on the scene by the Will County Sheriff's Department and the Will County Forest Preserve Police.

VFW

that the group is looking at Ben Franklin, which is not true — they were invited to tour the 33,000-square foot building but rejected the offer because parking would be inadequate. They might consider Factory to You Furniture; it has potential as an alternate plan because of its location.

Post 5422 is not moving to Braidwood, either. Its members were working with the state organization to establish a Braidwood post. They signed on new members, but the coming election may determine whether Post 5422 can help the new group with transferring members.

Enough of the building plan is in place that it will take just a couple of phone calls to get the project started. Cornelio can make those calls before he leaves office, if the settlement comes through in the next three months.

"It's for the future generations, it's not going backwards," commented Gina Wills, director of operations. "We're going from 5,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet, so we have a lot of room, a lot of possibility; a bigger hall, an outside eating area, a bigger state of the art kitchen, pizza oven — we've got a lot of plans."

The owner of property behind Faletti Meats has donated the lot, valued at \$165,000, to the VFW last month for overflow parking.

Web

happened.

Combined with social media, our audience suddenly grew. Within five months from launch, we delighted when we topped 10,000 pages views in one week. When a tornado struck Coal City and Diamond on November 17, 2014, we had over 35,000 page views in 24 hours after posting photos of the damage.

We more than doubled that readership in 24 hours on a fateful day in June one year later. We couldn't believe a tornado had hit Coal City again, this time even harder, but we had the photos to prove it and our readers wanted to see them. Posting them shattered our earlier milestone and even news stations in Chicago were sharing our work.

Still, with all that traffic and the satisfaction that people were wanting local news and wanting it now, we wanted to give our readers something better.

That day has come.

The Free Press Newspapers has launched a revamped news website. For the past three months we've tweaked its design, added new features and prayed it would work.

We switched to a new provider with the hopes that our overall site will be easier to navigate, while having more content and expanding on the latest technology involving video, social feeds and more.

If you have a minute, visit it at www.freepressnewspapers.com and let us know what you think. But do it within the next two weeks. Because after that, if you're not a subscriber to our digital edition, you'll have to pay a fee.

Yes, we're putting up a pay wall. We have to because our employees expect to get paid for covering all those meetings, going to sporting events and taking a lot of photos, day and night.

While there's an expectation that everything on the internet should be free, we're leaving that to all the fake news that's out there. Our news isn't fake (unless it's April Fools week) and it's worth every penny to keep our journalists and photographers out on the street. Because that's where the news happens and it costs a lot to bring it to you. But just like our website and print publications, we think you're worth it.

Kuhajda to speak at garden club meeting

Nancy Kuhajda will be the guest speaker at the next Wilmington Garden Club's meeting on Wednesday, April 19, at 1 p.m., at U.S. Bank, 417 S. Water St., Wilmington.

Kuhajda is the University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator and Master Gardener and teaches master naturalist classes.

She is one of the Wilmington Garden Club's favorite speakers.

Road closures back for spring

BY MARNEY SIMON
STAFF WRITER

Spring has sprung! And just as allergies are sure to cause headaches, so are traffic hassles.

Signs are already hung for road closures headed to the area as the first wave of construction to hit Braidwood, with closures already underway on Strip Mine Road affecting traffic on the Coal City Road between Wilmington and Braidwood.

Closer to home, traffic is getting ready to come to yet another halt on Route 53

between Center Street and Division Street.

City crews helped remove a fire hydrant at Route 129 and Division Street last week, in preparation for more work at the intersection with the railroad crossing.

"The railroad is closing south Division at 53 on April 14," Commissioner Jim Hutton said. "First it was the 3rd, now it's the 14th. At the same time they're doing Strip Mine Road in Wilmington. It can change at the drop of a hat, but they're closing Strip Mine Road also, so it's going to get interesting pretty quick."

In order to complete the Chicago to St. Louis High Speed Rail (HSR) program work, Strip Mine Road is closed at the railroad tracks west of Route 53 in Wilmington, bringing traffic to a detour alongdetouring traffic to Coal City Road.

Daily lane closures will continue to take place on Route 53, as needed. The closures will reduce the roadway to one lane with flaggers while construction activities are in progress.

Route 53 traffic will be shifted to temporary pavement.

The overall project is expected to be completed in

fall 2017.

City leaders reminded drivers to take care when driving around town, and between Braidwood and Wilmington.

"Just be patient," said Commissioner Eric Tessler. "I know the weather is getting nicer, and everyone wants to get home from work faster and enjoy the evening, but just be patient. Heads up on kids on bikes, they're going to start riding them all over the place again."

Information on closures on state roads as well as HSR updates can be found online at <http://idot.illinois.gov>.

City to consider audit of special fees

BY MARNEY SIMON
STAFF WRITER

The city of Braidwood will consider a special audit, seeking to find and capture funds that are rightfully theirs.

On March 28, Tom Fagan of Azavar Audit Solutions addressed the members of the Braidwood City Council, looking for the city to join a proposed consortium with Coal City and Dwight.

The consortium between the three municipalities and the 20-year-old tech company would allow Azavar to crack open the books on the services being used at residences and businesses in each town, and make sure fees associated with those services are being paid to the proper place.

"We help municipalities maximize revenue by making sure that all your remitters, your providers, whether they be electric, gas, hotel/motel, food and beverage, your telecom, your cable, making sure all your addresses are being remitted to the correct city code," Fagan said.

"We just make sure that addresses

in Braidwood's database and in [the provider's] database are matching the correct city code. And that's that 4-part city code after your zip code."

The service is available as a result of the state's electricity infrastructure maintenance fee law.

That law allows municipalities to conduct an audit of fees paid by an electricity delivery company every two years. The law allows similar audits for public utilities and municipal franchise fees. Essentially, the auditor is able to make sure that coding for billing for those services is correct, in order to ensure that taxes and fees are being paid to the correct municipality. In short, making sure that Braidwood is getting cash that it is due.

"Ultimately what we do, is we make sure that we get confirmation from the provider, and then and only then do we get paid," Fagan said.

Under the agreement, which would last 36 months, Azavar would receive 40 percent of fees collected, while Braidwood would hang on to 60 percent of that cash. There are no

upfront costs or monthly fees, and the city would only get billed if the auditors find something.

"Ultimately it's found monies," Fagan said. "It's money you wouldn't know were on the table, that would be coming back to you. All we ask is that you share with us what you help us find. There are a lot of jagged edges with Braidwood and Wilmington where you might have things on the outskirts of town that are not coded correctly."

Azavar represents 150 municipalities in Illinois.

"We're here to help and we're here to be a sounding board for you and your constituents," Fagan said. "We're not here to cause trouble or havoc. We're just making sure that your municipality is maximizing its revenue and getting everything it so deserves. That's the basis of the program."

The audit would take about six months, and would be conducted by a team of approximately 15 auditors.

The council did not take any action on a possible agreement with the company.

Heroin summit set for April 21

The abuse of prescription opioids, heroin and/or fentanyl claimed at least 1,000 lives in Northeastern Illinois last year, and the devastating final tallies are expected to rise significantly as local coroners and medical examiners continue compiling 2016 statistics.

The 2017 HERO-HELPS Southwest Coalition Community Summit will focus on the Illinois Prescription Opioid

Overdose Prevention Grant and the innovative strategies Will, DuPage, Lake and Cook counties are implementing to prevent prescription opioid abuse, which is a pathway to heroin addiction for many.

The summit is set for Friday, April 21, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Edward Hospital Athletic and Event Center, 55 Phelps Ave., Romeoville.

During an informative

panel discussion, participants will discuss their efforts on the front line to end heroin/opioid epidemic.

"This year's summit will concentrate on one of the root causes of opioid addiction and focus on unique approaches to slow the rate of overdose deaths," said Paul Lauridsen, executive director of Stepping Stones Treatment Center and summit organizer.

Families, public officials, police, health care providers, educators and the public are encouraged to attend the free event.

There will also be a resource expo to provide information on their services.

Pre-registration is not required, however those attending are encouraged to visit www.HeroHelpsSWC.org.

St. Vincent's Table moving to Braidwood

The weekly St. Vincent's Table dinners are being moved to a new location in April.

Beginning April 3 the Monday night meals will be prepared and served in the Father White Hall at Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood.

Immaculate Conception Church has teamed up with Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Ignite Christian Church and Help for Hope to provide the free weekly meals to people who are hungry and/or in need.

A hot, nutritional dinner will be served between 5 and 6 p.m. at the church hall located at 110 S. School St. Parking is located behind the building.

Each participating church is taking a turn at hosting the meal so the location will change again in July. Immaculate Conception will host through June 26.

Individuals, business and organization who would like to assist with the dinners through financial support or the donation of time can contact Cathy Milne at 815-370-7817.

Heart failure support group to meet in Morris

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers announces the next meeting of its Heart Failure Support Group on Thursday, April 6, from 10-11 a.m. in Whitman Assembly Room 2 at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street, Morris.

The support group is for anyone who has been diagnosed with heart failure, a chronic condition that occurs when the heart muscle doesn't pump blood as well as it should. Certain lifestyle changes can help improve the quality of life of people with heart failure.

Each support group meeting will include a 15-minute educational component, with this month's topic focusing on medica-

tions used to treat heart failure. Participants will have an opportunity to participate in general discussions on ways to manage their chronic condition and share their experiences with others who have heart failure while gaining emotional support. Pat Cravens, RN, cardiovascular clinical educator at Morris Hospital, is the support group facilitator.

For more information, call 815-705-7832.

Oral, head, neck cancer support group to meet

Morris Hospital's Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC) support group will meet Monday, April 17, from 2-3 p.m. at the Radiation Therapy Center of Morris Hospital, 1600 W. US Route 6, Morris.

SPOHNC is a patient-directed, self-help organization dedicated to meeting the emotional, physical and humanistic needs of people with oral and head and neck cancer and their caregivers. The SPOHNC Morris chapter meets

monthly and is lead by Ali Bute, speech pathologist at Morris Hospital, and Sharon Bernico, a registered nurse from Morris Hospital's Radiation Therapy Center. Bute and Bernico have extensive experience working with individuals with head and neck cancer and can help navigate the illness and rehabilitation process.

Registration is not required. For more information, call the Radiation Therapy Center of Morris Hospital at 815-364-8915.

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Settler's best friend and worst enemy - fire

When we think about the first settlers in our area, we imagine them living on the prairie with beauty all around them. The tall grass dotted with flowers waved all around them as they went about their chores.

This very beauty however could turn into a wild monster in a blink of the eye. I speak of the monster known as the prairie fire. Today we look at fire.

Just like many natural phenomena, prairie fires had a season. In the autumn when the grasses started to die back, the rains became fewer but the thunderstorms increased in intensity that was the season for fire.

In the book "Legends and Tales of Homeland on The Kankakee" published in 1928 by the Kankakee Historical Society, author Bert E. Burroughs describes the scene this way:

"Day after day and night after night the heavens were lighted by leaping tongues of flame from fires that raged far out on the broad expanse of Grand Prairie, traveling oft-times with the speed of an express train.

"Viewed at night, the sight was most spectacular, great curling, leaping moun-



TIME WAS.... Sandy Vasko

tains of flame giving to the universe something of the appearance of a seething volcano or inferno.

"Persons caught in the pathway of the advancing flames saved themselves by back-firing. Attempts to break through the wall of fire were sometimes attended with fatal results."

In Eliza Farnhams book published in 1847 she tells of a family who lived near Peoria on the prairie. The father had taken the harvest to the mill to be ground and would be gone four or five days

On the second day, the dog woke the family in the middle of the night to warn them of the approach of a raging prairie fire. He kept pulling at them and barking until the mother with her two little children followed him to a patch of land that had been cleared for plant-

ing just a week earlier.

Here they watched the red menace move around their little bare island of ground, eventually devouring their little cabin.

Unfortunately, the weather turned cold, and all their food had been burned. The family took what shelter they could and waited for the return of the father, who was delayed by the same fire. By the time he arrived home his wife who was pregnant with their third child had died of exposure and another child died quite soon after.

Tales like this were commonplace in the early 1830's and 1840's in this area and were taken in stride. It was the price you had to pay for living on the sea of grass. But even as late as 1867 we read of a prairie fire burning out of control near Stewart's Grove, in the township of Reed.

Citizens turned out en masse to try to save fences, buildings and homes but it was no use. One of the hardest hit was the brothers Trainer who lost between 80 and 90 tons of hay, their barns and their homes.

As the prairie was tamed, the monster prairie fires were not as common.

The fire that threatened pioneer lives usually came from inside the cabin or house itself. It must be remembered that all light and heat came from flame, usually open flame.

There were two kinds of light sources previous to the 1870's, candles and lamps. Candles were not made of paraffin as today's are, as paraffin is a product of refining crude oil. Instead they were made of beeswax or tallow, which is animal fat.

Beeswax was quite expensive and used only by the rich or in churches. Thus the candles used by most people were made from animal tallow, which is soft and dripped hot fat constantly.

Tables, floors and cabinets were usually soaked with the stuff. And moving from room to room with a burning candle could be a dangerous adventure, especially for the children.

Lamps, similar to the decorative oil lamps we have today, were a more permanent source of light and were usually mounted on wall brackets or left in a permanent position on a table.

They were filled with whale oil. Of course in this area, whale oil was incredibly expensive.

In the 1860's "burning fluid" became available. We now call it kerosene. The process of refining it from crude oil was just being developed and was not perfected. It was highly volatile as we read in the Oct. 31, 1861 *Wilmington Independent*.

Mrs. Cooley, wife of a canal boat captain, was walking with a fluid lamp in her hand, in the cabin of the boat that was navigating the Feeder Canal. The lamp she was carrying exploded, setting fire to her clothing and burning her face, breast and arms so badly that her life was despaired of.

They sent for Dr. Abbott of Wilmington who met them at the junction of the Des Plaines River and he was able to dress her burns, allowing her to survive.

The editor remarked, "Our legislature should pass a law prohibiting the manufacture, sale or use of this most dangerous and destructive liquid."

Even as late as 1874 the editor of the *Wilmington Advocate* remarked, "Flesh For Fuel should be the headline on the many stories about kerosene fires these days."

Even a bump of the

table with a burning candle or lit lamp was enough to cause a fire. Thus a bucket of water stood in every public place, and in the corner of almost every room of cabin or house.

The term spontaneous combustion did not exist in the 19th century, but the combustion itself did. Wet hay has long been known to catch fire on its own, so the storage of hay was strictly limited.

In fact fires of all types were highly regulated. In 1868 the City Council of Wilmington passed an ordinance which stated: "No person shall, in any of the streets, lanes, avenues or alleys of said city, or upon any square or public lands therein, make or kindle any fires, without first having obtained permission. So offending shall, on conviction thereof, pay a sum of ten dollars."

Quite a sum when the average man might bring home less than a dollar a day.

By the time Braidwood sprang into being the regulations about fire were in place. After all, Braidwood was built on what could be turned into the largest fire in the world.



Courtesy photo

THERE'S STILL TIME to see the vintage kitchen displays at the Braidwood Area Historical Society's museum at 111 N. Center St. The exhibits will be extended until Saturday, April 22. The museum is open every Saturday from noon to 3 p.m.

Popular displays to be extended at museum

The Braidwood Area Historical Society met on Saturday, April 1, at the museum. Ten members attended.

The displays of vintage kitchen items at the museum have attracted many visitors. These displays were slated to be taken down on April 8, but it was decided to extend these exhibits until Saturday, April 22, because of their popularity.

During the months of May and June, many military items will be on display. These exhibits will portray the visual history of the United States Armed Forces and the crucial way they have defended the freedom of our country.

Plans were finalized for participation in the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, the Lions seniors and veterans event on Saturday, May 20, and the Shadow Lakes Flea Market on Saturday, May 27.

A history of the Williamson family of G-shaft candy fame is now available for perusal at the museum.

The book "Braidwood Sesquicentennial - 15 Decades of Work and Play" and sesquicentennial ornaments are for sale at the museum, 111 N. Center St., for \$20 each. The addendum to the book is completed and is also available at the museum.

Artifacts from the area's coal mines and historical displays of local churches, schools, businesses, industries and the railroad are permanent displays at the museum.

"The Braidwood Story" by M.J. Donna and "Traveling the Historic Route 66" by John Weiss, small bags of coal and vintage postcards are sold at the museum which is open every Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. Beginning in May, it will also be open on Sundays, from noon to 3 p.m.

There is never an admission fee but donations are appreciated. Appointments to visit can be made by calling Ed at 815-458-2431 or Carida at 815-258-4026.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m., at the museum.

Tickets on sale to see Street Corner Symphony

COAL CITY — Street Corner Symphony is bringing its unique brand of a cappella to the Coal City Unit 1 Auditorium stage this month.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale for the Saturday, April 22 concert, part of the recently established Megan Bugg Concert Series. The auditorium is located at Coal City High School, 655 W. Division St.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. show can be purchased online at bit.ly/CCSCS422. Admission is \$15 per student and \$20 per adult. Coal City Unit 1 Auditorium has introduced a new ticketing site for this concert. The new site automatically will assign seats based on best available

location, however seat selection can be made by the buyer simply by clicking on the 'let me choose my seats' tab located under the seating chart.

Street Corner Symphony made its debut in 2010 for the NBC show, "The Sing Off." Since appearing on the show, the vocalists have developed scores of fans across the country. They've performed around the world, recorded albums, conducted clinics for schools, and sang at benefit concerts.

The group's repertoire covers a wide range of music from rock and pop to gospel and barbershop, so something for everyone.

Street Corner

Symphony is one of three concerts planned for the year as part of the series established by Coal City High School sophomore Megan Bugg and her family. The goal is to bring quality musical entertainment to the community at an affordable price.

Those attending the concert will have an opportunity to assist Megan in supporting other childhood cancer patients undergoing treatment by donating items such as coloring books, crayons, playing cards, board games, blankets, etc. that will be donated to local hospitals. Donations will be collected in the school lobby prior to the show.

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- April 6-Jr. Friends of the Library teen volunteer meeting, 4-5 p.m., grades 6-12.
- Teen Game Night, 5-7 p.m., grades 6-12.
- April 7, 21, 28-Small Fry Friday for toddlers, 10-10:30 a.m.
- April 8-Teen Craft Studio: Mini Terrariums, Noon-2 p.m., ages 6-12, registration required.
- April 11, 18, 25-Krafty Kids, 10:30-11 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- April 12, 19, 26-Lapsit, birth to 3, 11-11:30 a.m.
- Lego Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- April 12-Table Top Fairy Gardens class for adults, 5 p.m., registration required.

- April 13-Teen Movie, Ant Man, 5-7 p.m.
- April 14-Library closed.
- April 17-Board of trustees meeting, 6 p.m.
- April 19-Adult Movie, Jason Bourne, 5-7 p.m.
- April 20-Teen Book Club, 4-5 p.m., discussing We Were Liars, by E. Lockhart.
- April 24-Adult Book Club, 6:30 p.m., discussing The Lonesome Gods, by Louis Lamour.
- April 28-LIHEAP, 1-3 p.m.
- April 28-29-Seventh annual teen art exhibit. High school and middle school artists may submit p to five pieces. Submission forms are required and are available at the library and on the library's website. Completed forms and art must be submitted by April 20. The exhibit will be open April 28 and 29 during library hours.

For more information check out the library's newsletter, go to www.fossilridge.org or call 815-458-2187. To register for a program come to the library or visit the bookmobile.

It's garage sale season

Coal City, Diamond announce sale dates

COAL CITY — It's spring time, and time to clean out the closets and garage to get ready for another garage sale season.

The village of Coal City's Park Board is once again teaming up with the village of Diamond to sponsor the spring sales. This year the communitywide event is two days long. Sales will be held, rain or shine,

on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating can call Coal City Village Hall at 815-634-8608 or register online at www.coalcity-il.gov. Information provided will be used to develop a map and listing of all the registered sales.

Maps will be available

on the village's website and on the day of the sale at Benson Insurance, 155 S. Broadway; Rolando's TV, Appliance and Furniture, 140 S. Broadway and Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway.

Participation in the Coal City and Diamond sale is free.

SAVE ON GROCERIES!

Receive an email each week of our sales ad simply by registering at www.bellettinifoods.com. We'll email you our complete ad so you can save every day. Here are a few ways to save this week.

Pre-Easter Sale

- Fully Cooked Bone In Essential Everyday Spiral Half Ham \$1.99
- Grade '1' Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast \$1.79
- They'll Pick It For You! Lean Ground Beef \$2.49
- Selected Varieties Super Chill Pop 69¢
- Selected Varieties Maxwell House or Yuban Coffee \$5.99
- Selected Varieties Nissona Salad Dressing 3.5
- Selected Varieties Essential Everyday Cream of Chicken Soup 59¢
- Selected Varieties Chobani Flips Yogurt 99¢
- Selected Varieties Prairie Farms Ice Cream Squares 2.5
- Selected Varieties Smart Ones Frozen Entrees 3.4
- Selected Varieties Tide Laundry Detergent \$4.99

Pre-Easter 3 DAY SALE

Thursday, April 6, Friday, April 7, & Saturday, April 8, 2017. While Supplies Last!

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RCMS student receives IESA Scholar Attitude Award



Courtesy photo
REED-CUSTER Middle School eighth grader Leah Tomano was nominated for the very competitive and prestigious IESA Scholar Attitude Award. She has excelled in school musicals, speech, choir, madrigals and cheerleading at RCMS, as well as maintaining a 4.18 grade point average.

Students of the Month



Courtesy photo
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for March at Reed-Custer High School included Riya Patel, Mitch Perona, Crystal Boyle, Mackenzie Collier, McKenna Snyder, Skylar Allen, Bobbi Cummins and Orlando DeJesus. The theme for the month was commitment.

What's for lunch at Reed-Custer schools?

April 10-14
High school and Middle School
 Monday-Mini corndogs with roll; pizza
 Tuesday-Bosco sticks with sauce; pork patty on bun
 Wednesday-Hot dog on bun; quesadilla
 Thursday- Chicken stir fry with egg roll; barbacued rib on run
 Friday-No school
 Assorted sandwiches and chef salads available daily.

R-C Intermediate School
 Monday - Popcorn chicken, chicken flavored rice, carrots, fruit
 Tuesday -Hot dog on bun, baked beans, chips, fruit
 Wednesday-Nacho supreme, refried beans, fruit
 Thursday-Max sticks with marinara sauce, broccoli with cheese, fruit
 Friday-No school

R-C Primary School
 Monday-Pizza, peas, pears
 Tuesday-Mini ravioli, green beans, breadstick, cinnamon apples
 Wednesday-Soft taco, potato wedges, strawberries
 Thursday - Macaroni and cheese, peas, garlic bread, peaches
 Friday-No school

Underwater robotics offered for teens

The University of Illinois Extension program in Will County is going to offer youth the opportunity to learn underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV) this summer.

SeaPerch is an underwater ROV that teens will get to build from the water up.

During the program youth will learn basic skills in ship and submarine design while building and designing their robot. Teams will also have the opportunity to take the ROV for a dive at the Joliet Park District Inwood Athletic Club pool in Joliet.

During these meetings youth will use their robots to simulate real world problems, such as retrieving items from the ocean floor. Youth will learn by doing, and will completely assemble to ROV, test it and participate in launching their vehicles.

The first two meetings will occur at the University of Illinois Extension Office, 100 Manhattan Road, Joliet. All additional meetings will occur at Joliet Park District Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W Jefferson St, Joliet.

Transportation will not be provided for youth between locations. If transportation is a problem, contact Megan Walsh at 815-727-9296.

The first session will be held June 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. Additional meetings will be held every Wednesday through Aug. 2, excluding July 5, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The club is open to Will County youth 13 to 17 years of age. The cost is for the club is \$40 for 4-H members and \$60 for non 4-H members.

This is a continue club and participants should plan to attend all meetings. There is a limited number of spots.

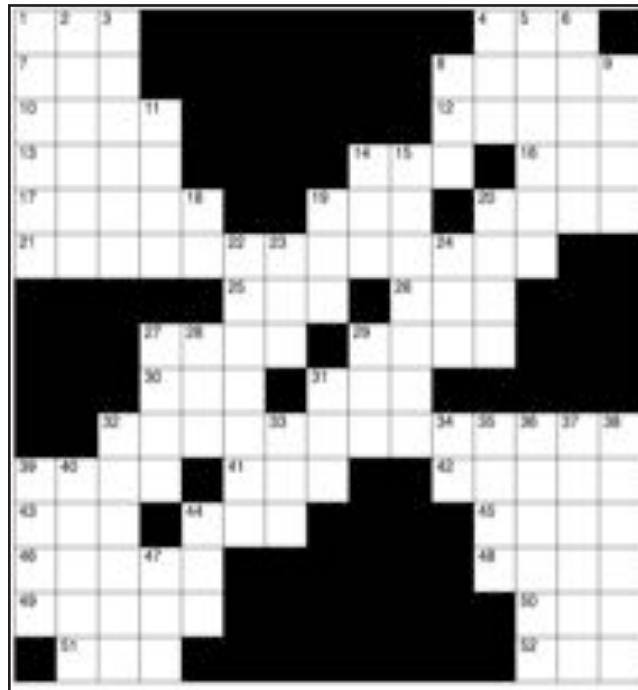
More information and registration information can be found at the Will County Extension website at web.extension.illinois.edu/gkw/.

For questions contact Megan Walsh, 4-H Youth Development Educator at 815-727-9296 or at mawalsh@illinois.edu.

Family Wellness Night coming to CCHS



File photo
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER will take part in the 6th annual Family Wellness Night hosted by the Unit 1 School District Wellness Committee. Representatives from the center's Grundy and South Will County location will be distributing information about the organization and its services at Coal City High School on April 11.



CLUES ACROSS

- "Be back later"
- Hoover's office
- Brew
- Philo and Regis are two ("Star Wars")
- Actress Remini
- Moghal emperor
- Alaskan glacier
- Constrictor
- Prohibit
- Ancient Brittonic tribe
- Chinese pastry
- Razorbill is of this genus
- Beloved holiday decoration
- Dutch football club
- Foosball dog
- Small piece of glass
- "South Park" creator ___ Parker
- Leisure activity
- Someone's story
- Record-setting swimmer
- Hillside
- Unit of measurement
- Famous for its potatoes
- Insect secretion
- Gate in Marrakesh
- Cain and ___
- A set of moral principles
- Repair
- Two-terminal semiconductor
- Strongly alkaline solution
- Former CIA
- Satellite laser ranging

CLUES DOWN

- Sea
- Cleans things
- More skinny
- Supervises flying
- Talk rapidly and excitedly
- Intestinal
- Don't know when yet
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Chinese and Vietnamese ethnic group
- Wild cattle genus
- Rock formation
- Makes up
- Resembles a pouch
- Having an aerial quality
- Windpipe
- Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- Bitterly regret
- Soft creamy white cheese
- Renamed when EU was incorporated
- ___ death do us part
- Sound unit
- Men proud of their masculinity
- Clery member's vestment
- Belts
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Marks
- Derived from benzene
- Low-melting alloy
- Lost blood
- Quantitative relation
- Academic degree
- Many subconsciouses

Breakfast in Essex

The Essex Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 23, from 7 a.m. to noon at 217 Parls Street, Essex.

The menu will include pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, eggs made to order, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, milk, orange juice and coffee.

The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 6 will be free.

The Lions Hall is always for rent. For more information call Phil at 815-405-5020. Visit the Essex Historic Museum across the street.

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Auditions to be held for Cabaret Night

COAL CITY — Looking to showcase your talents on the stage? Auditions for Cabaret Night, Coal City High School's annual variety show, will be held Friday, April 7.

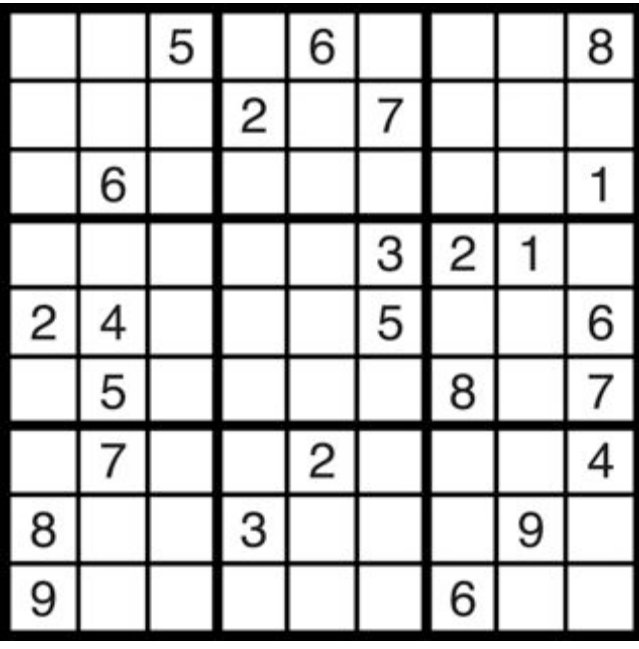
Bands, vocalists, actors, dancers, and comedians are being sought to participate in the annual show scheduled for Friday, April 21 in the Coal City Unit 1 Auditorium at Coal City High School. Individuals of all ages and from all area communities are welcome to audition.

Auditions will be held in the auditorium, 655 W. Division St, from 4 to 11 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the door outside the auditorium at 3:30 p.m. Each audition runs six minutes.

Those auditioning for a spot in the show are expected to come prepared. Individuals/groups should come in performance attire, and bring any necessary props and/or music (instrumental versions if singing). Sound equipment with access to play compact discs or iPods will be available, as well as microphones, a piano and special lighting.

Questions can be directed to Bonnie McDowell, vocal music director, at bmcdowell@coalcityschools.org.

Admission to the April 21 show is \$4 per person. Tickets will be sold at the door.



SUDOKU - Here's how it works:
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

COMET SPORTS

Lady Comets get back on track with shutout win

BY BRENT SUMNER
STAFF WRITER

The Reed-Custer varsity softball team closed out their competition in the Providence Celtic Invitational on Saturday, as they picked up a 4-0 win over Minooka.

The Lady Comets (4-3 overall) wound up going 2-1 during the tournament, picking up wins over Minooka and Neuqua Valley. The two wins came after losing three in a row on the schedule.

Reed-Custer lost in the opening round of the tournament to Andrew (4-3), and suffered losses earlier in the week to Bishop McNamara (1-0) and Joliet Catholic Academy (6-5).

"I always say that each season is a process for me and the players," said Reed-Custer coach Ramsey Harkness. "We have a great pitching trio in Wilkey, Collier and Hill. Defensively, we have moved some kids around to put together the puzzle to be ready for conference and playoffs."

Against Minooka, Kenna Wilkey threw lights out yet again, as she allowed just one hit and one walk over her seven innings of shutout work. She also struck out 14 batters on the path to her win.

In fact, Wilkey kind of did it all on Saturday, as she was potent at the plate, hitting two home runs.

Antoinette Hill, Haley Hamilton and Grace Colclasure each added two hits, and Georgia Votta, Haley Mazon and Kelsi Dillon chipped in with one

hit each.

Hamilton had one RBI and one run scored, and Emily Wolf chipped in with one run.

"Mentally, these kids are preparing themselves to play anyone, and see that they can not only compete, but also win against top competition," Harkness added. "As long as we remain focused, the sky is the limit. We always need to focus on the little things and everything else will work itself out."

Reed-Custer 7, Neuqua Valley 6

The Lady Comets were in for a long game Saturday morning, as they went 10 full innings against Neuqua Valley to earn the win.

Reed-Custer recorded the first run of the game in the back-and-forth affair during the top of the first inning. Hill blasted a double with two outs to push across Wilkey for the go-ahead run.

Their offense continued in the top of the third, recording three more runs.

Hannah Fordonski got thing started, reaching first on an error from a bunt.

Georgia Votta received a walk, and Michelle Mack would put down a bunt advancing all runners.

Wilkey received a walk to push across a run, followed by a single from Hill driving in Votta and Mack.

Unfortunately, a double play would end the series.

With a 4-0 lead heading into the bottom of the frame, Neuqua Valley eventually answered, recording six runs between the bottom of the third and fourth innings.

The score would remain

the same until the seventh inning, where Reed-Custer came fighting back.

Votta got things started with a double, and would reach third on a ground-out from Mack.

Wilkey ripped a single up center to score Votta, and Hill would reach base on an error, advancing Wilkey across the plate to tie the game up.

The game would take three extra innings to decide the winner, but in the 10th Mazon recorded a sacrifice fly to score Hill for the winning run.

Mackenzie Collier got the start in the pitcher's circle, lasting 3.1 innings. She surrendered six runs (three earned) off seven hits, struck out two and walked one.

Wilkey recorded the win in the circle, pitching the remaining 6.2 innings. She let up just four hits and one walk, while striking out 16.

Andrew 4, Reed-Custer 3

The Lady Comets stayed in the game until the end, but Andrew wound up pulling away late to hand Reed-Custer an opening loss during the Celtic Invitational.

Andrew took the initial lead in the game, recording three runs in the bottom of the first, and would hold that lead through most of the game.

Reed-Custer responded in the top of the fifth and sixth innings, supplying three runs to tie the game up.

Andrew responded in the bottom of the sixth though, recording one run to



Photos by Fred Ruetz, sports photographer

KENNA WILKEY turns for a quick out during Reed-Custer's battle with Joliet Catholic Academy last week. She ended with 12 strikeouts, even though the Lady Comets lost the game, 6-5.

take the final lead of the game.

Votta, Wilkey, Collier and Dillon each recorded hits in the game, with Wilkey adding two RBIs.

Votta, Collier and Dillon each crossed the plate once, and Val Guzman added one RBI.

Wilkey suffered the loss in the circle, surrendering six hits over six innings of work. Errors were the tale of the game, as Wilkey let up just one earned run (three unearned), while walking one and striking out 11.

The Lady Comets had four fielding errors in the game.

Bishop Mac 1, Reed-Custer 0

The Lady Comets were pitted in a tough battle last Wednesday, as they took on Bishop McNamara in non-conference action.

It was a true pitcher's duel, as both teams were held to only three hits down the stretch, as the game went into extra innings.

Wilkey was brilliant from the circle, hurling seven innings and surrendering just two hits and two walks. She struck out 12 batters along the way.

Bishop Mac would record the eventual winning run in the top of the ninth inning, as Caitlyn Engelking would push Makenna Morales across the plate.

Unfortunately, the loss went to Reed-Custer pitcher Hill, who surrendered just one hit and one run through two innings. She also walked three.

The Lady Comets were unable to answer back in the bottom of the frame, as they suffered the loss.

Mack and Hill registered the only hits in the game, as Mack finished with two singles.

JCA 6, R-C 5

The Lady Comets suffered their first loss of the season last Tuesday evening, as Joliet Catholic Academy came rallying back late in the game.

Joliet took the initial lead, recording one run in the top of the first, but Reed-Custer rallied back in the bottom of the second with four runs to claim a 4-1 lead heading down the stretch.

JCA cut into the lead in the fifth with one run, but the Lady Comets continued to answer back, tallying one more run in the bottom of the frame.

Reed-Custer seemed to run out of answers late though, as Joliet fought back with four unanswered runs between the sixth and seventh inning to secure the win.

Wilkey received the loss in the circle, pitching all seven innings. She let up six runs (three earned) off eight hits, walked one and struck out 12.

She also went 3-for-4 at

the plate, while Votta, Hamilton and Guzman each added one hit.

Mack scored two runs, followed by Votta, Hamilton and Collier with one each.

Hill and Collier also added one RBI each.



MICHELLE MACK fields a hit during Reed-Custer's game last Tuesday against JCA. Mack also scored two runs for the offense.

Wilkey, Guzman represent Reed-Custer basketball



REED-CUSTER girls basketball players Val Guzman (left) and Kenna Wilkey, recently represented the Lady Comets in the conference All-Star game. The Interstate Eight wound up defeating the Little Ten Conference, 54-48. Wilkey finished with 10 points, and Guzman added eight.

Sheriff's sale of 163 W. Bodine Dr.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WILL
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

First Community Financial Bank, F/K/A and as assignee of Mazon State Bank Plaintiff, vs. Scott Fitzwater; Angela Fitzwater; Unknown Owners; Non-Record Claimants Defendant. No. 16 CH 1451

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 22nd day of December, 2016, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 27th day of April, 2017, commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following-described real estate:

Lot 6 in Tammalot Estates Subdivision, being a Resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and Part of Lots 6 and 7 of County Clerk's Resubdivision of Lot 8, being a Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 32 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, According to the Plat thereof recorded February 4, 1993 as Document No. R93-10164 (Excepting coal and other minerals beneath the surface together with right to mine and remove the same.)
Commonly known as 163 W. Bodine Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408
Description of Improvements: Single Residential Home
P.I.N.: 02-24-05-310-001-0000

Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County.

In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State. FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Malmquist, Geiger & Durkee LLC
415 Liberty Street
Morris, IL 60450
P: 815-942-5072
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Plaintiff's Attorney

MIKE KELLEY
Sheriff of Will County

Godley Park Dist. seeks partial roof replacement bids

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Godley Park District Board of Directors invites qualified contractors to submit sealed bids for the partial roof replacement of the district field house. Bids will be received at the Godley Park District by 2:00 PM on May 9, 2017 local time. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted on April 17, 2017 at 9:00 am. Procurement and bidding documents may be obtained after April 11, 2017 by contacting the Office of the Architect, Carlile Architects LLC, (815) 401-0526 or via email at inquiry@carlile-architects.com. Bidding Documents may be picked-up upon advanced notice for a non-refundable fee of \$50. Electronic bidding documents may be obtained at no cost by contacting the Office of the Architect. The project includes removal of the existing batten seam roof system, installation of new standing seam roof, replacement of metal copings, and installation of various roof accessories. See bidding documents for insurance and bond requirements. Prevailing wage requirements apply. Published in the Braidwood Journal on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Foreclosure of 340 N. Walker St.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WILL
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF, -vs- JEFFREY A. HAARMAN; LYNZIE D. HAARMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS 17 CH 416

NOTICE
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Jeffrey A.Haarmann and Lynzие D. Haarmann and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants.

Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Will County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 5, IN BLOCK 31, IN CHICAGO AND WILMINGTON COAL COMPANY'S ADDITION TO BRAIDWOOD, A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 8, THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8 AND THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, AND IN RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THEREFROM THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE LAND ALSO EXCEPT ALL MINING RIGHTS PERTAINING THERETO), ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON JANUARY 20, 1872, AS DOCUMENT NO. 83116, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 340 North Walker Street, Braidwood, IL 60408
Permanent Index No.: 02-24-08-108-031-0000
and which said Mortgage was made by Jeffrey A. Haarmann and Lynzие D. Haarmann Mortgagees, to Mortgagee Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Will County, Illinois, Document No. R2014055836.

And for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT.

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for

Mandatory Mediation on May 11, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Will County Arbitration Center, 57 N. Ottawa Street, 3rd Floor, Joliet, Illinois 60432. A lender representative will be present along with a court appointed mediator to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for a potential mortgage modification.

YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE MEDIATION DATE GIVEN OR YOUR MEDIATION WILL BE TERMINATED.

Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Will County, Andrea Chasteen, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432-4399, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is May 5, 2017. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Clerk
Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301
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(847) 291-1717
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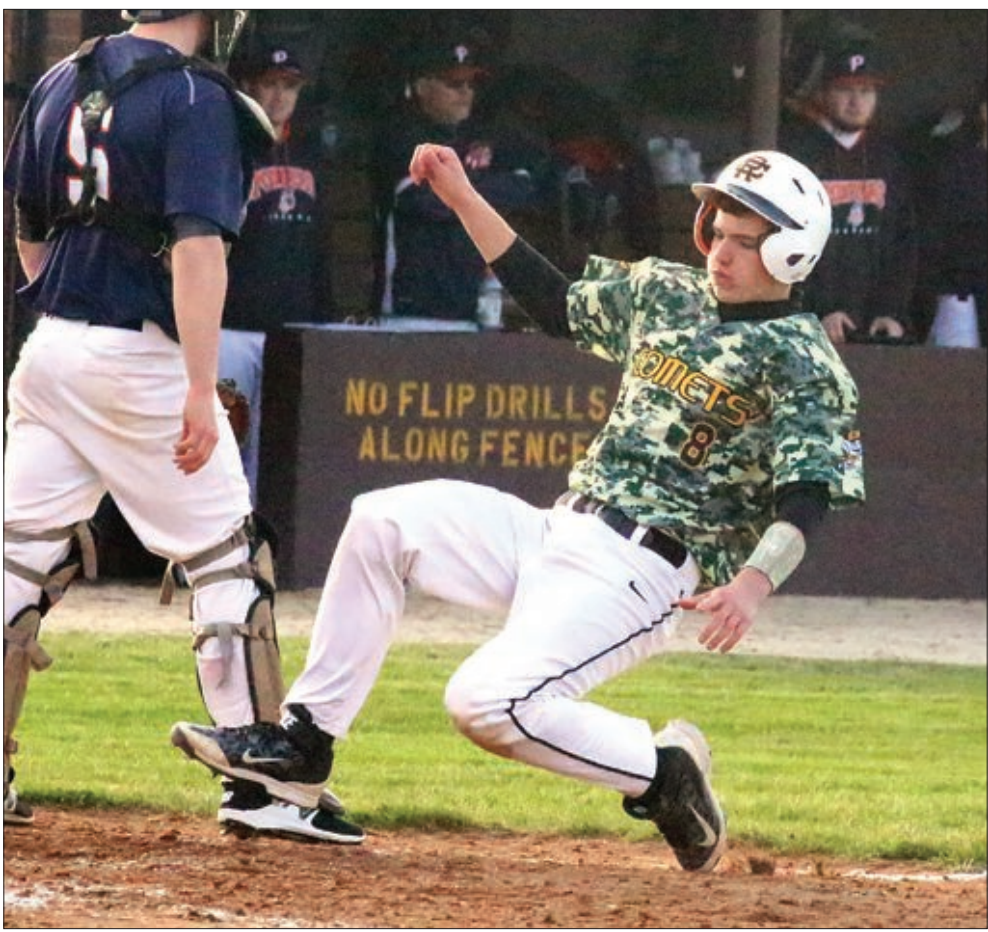


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COMET SPORTS



HUNTER MURAWSKI picks up a tag to stop a Pontiac baserunner during Tuesday's game.



JACOB BEYERS slides into home to record a run during Reed-Custer's win over Pontiac last week. The Comets defeated the opposition, 4-1.

Comets split double-header with Clifton, suffer first loss of season



DAN FIERRO fields the ball for an easy out during Reed-Custer's game last Tuesday against Pontiac. The Comets won two of their last three games, improving to 3-1 on the season.

BY BRENT SUMNER
STAFF WRITER

The Reed-Custer varsity baseball team played a double-header Saturday against Clifton Central, splitting the two games, going 1-1 on the day.

The Comets (3-1 overall) picked up a win in the first game, defeating the visitors in five innings, 10-0.

Reed-Custer came out swinging, as they jumped to an early 7-0 lead in the second inning.

Singles by Trevor McLaughlin, Hunter Murawski, Tyler Richey, Eddie Wilkins and Mason Roach lead to runs getting pushed across the plate.

The Comets added two more runs in the third and one more in the fifth to enforce the mercy rule.

Wilkins led the offense, going 3-for-3 with one double, driving in three RBIs and scoring two runs.

Richey went 2-for-3 with a double, adding one RBI and two runs scored.

Murawski, Josh Loomis, Tyler Duha, Roach (2) and McLaughlin also added RBIs in the win.

On the mound, Murawski and Loomis combined for the shutout win.

Murawski hurled three innings, surrendering just two hits and striking out seven.

Loomis closed out the remaining two innings, giving up just one hit.

In the second game, Reed-Custer was unable to

complete the sweep over Clifton Central, as they wound up falling, 3-2.

Clifton took the initial lead with a two-run second inning, but the Comets responded in the bottom of the frame to cut the lead in half, 2-1.

Gavin Grace singled on a fly ball, pushing across McLaughlin for the score.

The Comets wound up tying the game in the sixth, thanks to a home run from Wilkins, knotting the game at two runs each.

Unfortunately, Clifton Central wound up earning the game winning run in the seventh with a two-out single, pushing across one run.

The Comets were unable to respond, as they received their first loss of the season.

McLaughlin got the start on the mound, and put in six innings of work. He surrendered two unearned runs off two hits, walked four and struck out four.

Cody LaGrange came on for .2 innings, giving up one earned run off one hit, walking two and striking out two.

Josh Loomis also pitched part of the inning, letting up one hit.

Reed-Custer's game on Monday was canceled, but they will be back in action on Friday when they travel to Westmont.

They will also play in a double-header with Crete Monee on Saturday, before returning home on Monday to take on Peotone.

**Reed-Custer 4,
Pontiac 1**

Brilliant pitching from Wilkins helped give Reed-Custer another win on the season, as they defeated Pontiac on Tuesday.

Wilkins put in a seven-inning one-run performance, as he allowed just one unearned run off two hits, walked two and struck out 10.

The opposition took the

initial lead in the first inning with their only run of the game, but the Comets responded in the bottom of the frame to tie the game up.

Murawski got things started with a double, and would advance to third after a balk from the pitcher.

Richey hit a ground ball into a fielder's choice, but Murawski advanced across the plate for the run.

The Comets added their second run in the fourth with some pitching struggles from the opposition.

With bases loaded, Dan Fierro was hit by a pitch, advancing McLaughlin across the plate.

Reed-Custer added two more insurance runs in the sixth inning.

Sam Lepper hit a hard ground ball to force an error, scoring Jacob Beyers, and Mason Roach also picked up an RBI driving in Fierro for a run.



EDDIE WILKINS put in another solid performance during Reed-Custer game against Pontiac last week. He hurled all even innings, surrendering one unearned run off two hits, walked two and struck out 10.

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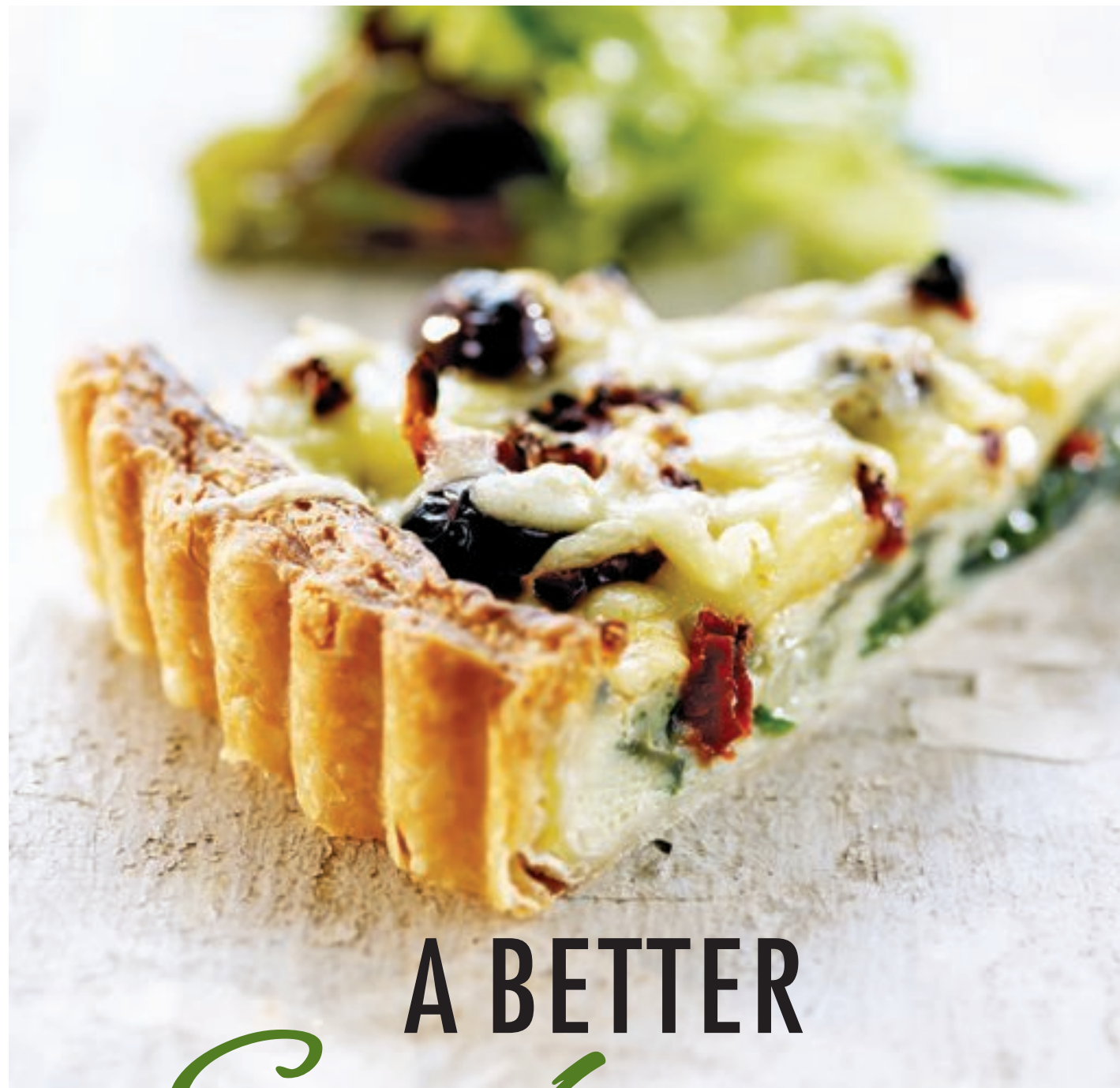
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Spinach and Sundried Tomato Quiche

Spinach and Sundried Tomato Quiche

Recipe courtesy of Jarlsberg Cheese
Servings: 6

Pie Dough:

- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 cup white flour
- 2 tablespoons water

Filling:

- 1 cup fresh spinach
- 1 red onion, cut into rings
- butter
- 1 cup milk
- 4 eggs
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup sundried tomatoes, sliced
- 1/4 cup olives
- 1 cup shredded Jarlsberg Cheese

To make pie dough: Heat oven to 400 F. Mix butter and flour in food processor or by hand until mixture has granular consistency. Add water and knead into dough. Let chill 30 minutes. Roll dough and fit into 10-inch pie pan. With fork, make holes in dough and bake 15 minutes.

To make filling: Heat oven to 350 F. In frying pan, fry onion and spinach with butter then scoop mixture into quiche base. Whisk together eggs, milk, salt and pepper, and pour over spinach and onion. Top with olives, sundried tomatoes and cheese. Bake 35-40 minutes.



Cheesy, Crispy Smashed Potatoes

Cheesy, Crispy Smashed Potatoes

Recipe courtesy of Chef George Duran
Servings: 4

- 25 red bliss or fingerling potatoes, bite-size
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, finely minced
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 cup grated Jarlsberg Cheese
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley

Heat oven to 450 F and cook potatoes by steaming, boiling or microwaving. Set aside.

In small saute pan or saucepan, add olive oil and garlic. Cook on medium-low heat until garlic browns and turns crispy, about 5 minutes. Strain garlic, reserving olive oil and crispy garlic.

Once potatoes cool, use back of pan to gently smash them down to about 1/2-inch thickness. Drizzle olive oil throughout roasting pan then add smashed potatoes. Drizzle reserved garlic olive oil on top of each potato and season with salt and pepper. Roast 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and evenly divide cheese and parsley on top of each potato. Cook another 10 minutes until cheese begins to brown. Top each potato with reserved crispy garlic and allow to cool before serving.

Brown Sugar Ham and Cheese Sticky Buns

Recipe courtesy of Chef George Duran
Servings: 12

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 tubes (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent roll dough
- flour, for dusting
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar, divided
- 12 slices thin-cut ham
- 12 slices Jarlsberg Cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Jarlsberg Cheese
- chives or green onions, for garnish

Heat oven to 375 F. Spray nonstick spray in 8-by-8-inch pan or similar.

Unroll dough on floured surface and gently stretch until dough is about 8 by 12 inches. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons brown sugar over dough then evenly space six slices of ham and six slices of cheese on top. Starting on short side, begin rolling dough jelly roll style. Cut into six pieces. Repeat with second piece of dough.

Place all 12 buns inside pan. Sprinkle grated cheese on top. Bake 20-25 minutes until buns are fully cooked and browned. Garnish with chives or green onions and serve.



Chef George Duran

FAMILY FEATURES

Hosting an elegant Easter brunch is easy when you build a menu around exceptional ingredients. Your dishes don't have to be overly complicated; simple dishes are perfect for the occasion when you let stand-out flavors steal the show.

Brunch calls for a combination of light and savory fare, and an ingredient like Jarlsberg Brand Cheese lets you go either way. Best known for its classic wedge, this nutty, mild cheese is also available sliced and shredded – perfect for adding a distinctive taste to nearly any indulgent dish you can imagine.

Quiche is a brunch staple, and no variation of this classic is complete without cheese – in this case, a rich, creamy layering of Jarlsberg's unmistakable flavor does the trick.

For a lighter bite, try these Cheesy, Crispy Smashed Potatoes from Chef George Duran, host of TLC's "Ultimate Cake Off" and Food Network's "Ham on the Street." You could go a more decadent route with Duran's Brown Sugar Ham and Cheese Sticky Buns, or even appeal to kids of all ages with his Spicy Tater Tot Breakfast Muffins. Explore more recipes for a simply elegant Easter brunch at jarlsberg.com.

Spicy Tater Tot Breakfast Muffins

Recipe courtesy of Chef George Duran
Servings: 12

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 36 frozen tater tots
- 2 cups grated Jarlsberg Cheese, divided
- 8 large eggs
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeds and veins removed and finely chopped
- 1/2 red pepper, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper
- finely chopped parsley, for garnish

Heat oven to 425 F. Spray 12-cup muffin tin with nonstick spray.

Place three tater tots into each muffin cup and bake 10 minutes. Remove from oven and use small spoon or fork to gently press down on tater tots to form base and sides of each muffin.

Sprinkle 2 cups Jarlsberg cheese equally over tater tots and bake 10 minutes.

Beat eggs in large bowl and add jalapeno, red pepper, heavy cream, salt and pepper.

Remove tater tots from oven and pour egg mixture into cups. Top evenly with remaining grated cheese and bake 10 minutes.

Remove each muffin and allow to cool 5 minutes on cooling rack before garnishing with parsley and serving.

Tip: For a non-spicy alternative, replace jalapeno with same amount of green bell peppers.



Spicy Tater Tot Breakfast Muffins



Brown Sugar Ham and Cheese Sticky Buns

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Community calendar of events

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Wednesday, April 5

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., AARP sponsored free tax aid, Fossil Ridge Public Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd., Braidwood
- 10:30 a.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Wednesday
- 6 to 7:40 p.m., Awana Club, Main Street Baptist Church, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood, each Wednesday
- 7 p.m., Learn to Quilt, Wilmington Lions Hall, 708 E. River St., each Wednesday

Thursday, April 6

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Our Caring Closet, 205 N. First St., Wilmington, each Tuesday and Thursday
- 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 1:30 p.m., Mobile Workshop Center, Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee St., each Thursday
- 1 p.m., Wreath laying, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood, to honor the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I

Friday, April 7

- 6:30 p.m., WE-PTO movie and karaoke, Wilmington Middle School, 715 S. Joliet St.
- 4 to 7 p.m., Lenten fish fry, Immaculate Conception Church's Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School St., each Friday of Lenten

Saturday, April 8

- 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers, Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Dr., Wilmington, each Saturday
- 10 a.m., Easter egg hunt, Reddick Fire Protection District
- Noon to 3 p.m., Braidwood Area Historical Society museum open, 111 N. Center St., each Saturday through April
- 4 to 8 p.m., Elwood Cub Scout Pack 156 spaghetti dinner, Elwood Community Church, 101 S. Chicago St.
- 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Ham and bean dinner, and raffle, New Hope Presbyterian Church, 80 N. Garfield St., Coal City
- 5 to 8 p.m., Godley Park Circle Jam, Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee St.
- 6 to 10 a.m., Euchre tournament, Assumption Church Madonna Room in Berst Center, Coal City
- 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Saturday

Sunday, April 9

- Noon, St. Rose School Booster Brunch, St. Rose School, 626 S. Kankakee St.
- 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Sunday

Monday, April 10

- 4:30 p.m., Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition meeting, Braidwood Fire Department, 275 W. Main St.
- 5 to 6 p.m., St. Vincent's Table, Fr. White Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 110 S. School St., Braidwood, dinner for those in need or hungry each Monday through June 26
- 6:15 p.m., Women's Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Monday
- 6:30 p.m., Wilmington High School Athletic Boosters meeting, Wilmington Middle School all-purpose room, 715 S. Joliet St.
- 6:30 p.m., Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community meeting, Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee St., second Monday of each month
- 7 p.m., Coal City Music Boosters meeting, Coal City Middle School, 500 S. Carbon Hill Rd., second Monday of each month
- 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Dr., Wilmington, each Monday
- 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wilmington Boy Scout Troop 440, Wilmington Lions Club, 805 River St., each Monday

Tuesday, April 11

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Our Caring Closet, 205 N. First St., Wilmington, each Tuesday and Thursday
- Noon, Wilmington Rotary Club meeting, Mikki's

- Diner, Winchester Green Shopping Center, each Tuesday
- 12:15 to 3:30 p.m., Bridge Buddies, Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee St., each Tuesday
- 5:15 p.m., TOPS 2264, Main Street Baptist Church, Main and Division streets, Braidwood, each Tuesday
- 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Immaculate Conception Church, Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School St., Braidwood, every Tuesday
- 6 p.m., Diamond Village Board meeting, Diamond Village Hall, 1750 E. Division St., second Tuesday of each month
- 6:30 p.m., Coal City Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., second Tuesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Braidwood City Council meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main St., second and fourth Tuesday of each month
- 7 to 8:30 p.m., National Alliance on Mental Illness support group meeting, Morris Hospital, second Tuesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Tuesday

Wednesday, April 12

- 7:30 a.m., TOPS IL 1024, Island City Baptist Church, 120 Vine St., Wilmington, weigh-in followed by meeting each Wednesday
- 5:30 p.m., Wilmington Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health and Safety Committee meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., second Wednesday of each month
- 6 p.m., Wilmington Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., second Wednesday of each month
- 6:30 p.m., Coal City Junior Women's Club, Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., second Wednesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Coal City Village Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, second and fourth Wednesday of each month

Saturday, April 15

- 2 to 3 p.m., Wilmington Lions Club Easter egg hunt, South Island pavilion, Wilmington

Monday, April 17

- 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hydrant flushing in Wilmington
- 7 p.m., Coal City Planning and Zoning Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, first and third Monday of each month
- 7 p.m., Ladies Auxiliary VFW meeting, Wilmington Moose Lodge, 32050 W. River Rd., third Monday of each month

Tuesday, April 18

- 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hydrant flushing in Wilmington
- 6:30 p.m., Coal City Park Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, third Tuesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Wilmington City Council meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., first and third Tuesday of each month
- 7:30 p.m., Braidwood Police Pension Board of Trustees meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 S. Main St.

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The Navy Grog could make you groggy

Has anyone ever asked if you were feeling a little "groggy"? How did you answer?

The term "groggy" is yet another drinking slang term that has roots in naval history. Grog was a cocktail of rum, citrus and water served aboard ships in the 1700's.

The Grog had two primary purposes: prevent scurvy, and to make the stagnant water aboard the ship more palatable.

If you consumed too much grog, you became intoxicated, or some would say that you were "groggy." These days the term is used to apply to someone who is sleepy rather than someone who is intoxicated.

The Grog was given a new lease on life during the tiki revival of the 1940's and 1950's, and became known as the Navy Grog.

The Navy Grog never achieved the notoriety of the Mai Tai, the Zombie, or other iconic tiki drinks, but it did have a loyal fan in the White House.

During the Watergate scandal, Richard Nixon would have the secret service call the Trader Vic's DC location to inform them that the president was coming over for a drink, possibly two.

The restaurant manager would be given about a 30 minute notice to clear the restaurant as the White House limousine headed over to the restaurant on 16th Street.

Upon arrival, Nixon would sit alone at the bar pouring his heart out to the bartender while enjoying a Navy Grog.

Many powerbrokers of the era frequented the DC



THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL
 Brian Rung

Trader Vic's, but Nixon was their most famous regular and almost always ordered the Navy Grog.

Like many of its tiki counterparts, the Navy Grog uses blends of multiple rums, each with unique flavor notes.

Trader Vic, Donn Beach and other masterminds of the tiki era, made their living finding the perfect balance of rum for each drink served in their establishments.

These original blends were closely guarded secrets that were known only to the owner of the establishment and the bartenders.

Therefore, a Mai Tai at Trader Vic's was not going to taste the same as Donn's Mai Tai.

Rum is divided into two general category, light and dark. Dark rum is sometimes revered to as "aged rum" in various recipes. Light rum is typically unaged, or aged for less than three years.

Locating the different rums needed for a given recipe can become difficult when the recipe calls for Puerto Rican, Jamaican or Trinidad rum.

Don't panic, the country of origin is printed on the every rum label. Each rum producing region will have unique flavor profiles due to

the method of distillation, blending and aging used in production.

For example, some countries use molasses as opposed to cane sugar as a base for distillation. There is a good chance that you will like a rum from a particular region if you like other rums from that region.

Avoid spiced rum in classic tiki drinks even though spiced rum is dark in color. Many, if not most, spiced rums are low-grade rums with heavy doses of added artificial flavoring and color.

A quick glance at the recipe for the Navy Grog may be intimidating. It shouldn't be.

This is your chance to put three different types of rum in your home bar that can be used in many other recipes, and will give you the opportunities to share your newly acquired knowledge of rum producing regions with your guests.

For your Jamaican rum you can't go wrong with Appleton or Myer's. Both mix well and are widely available.

Demerara rum is imported from Guyana. My favorite demerara for mixing is El Dorado 5. Angostura 5 and Zaya are two of the top mixers from Trinidad.

Demerara syrup is essentially a simple syrup of 1:1 sugar to water using demerara sugar in place of cane sugar.

You can find the darker-colored demerara sugar at your local grocery store under the Domino brand.

Steer clear of pink or ruby red grapefruit juices in cocktails unless the recipe specifically calls for them.

I keep a few six ounce cans 100 percent juice unsweetened grapefruit juice in my home bar at all times.

Allspice dram is a



Jamaican rum-based liqueur infused with allspice berries. Availability of allspice dram could be hit or miss in your area, the brand that you are most likely to find is St. Elizabeth's from Jamaica.

At some point club soda was added to the Navy Grog, and if you want to add a hint of sparkle to the drink, feel free to add an ounce.

I would put the Navy Grog up there with the Mai Tai, and I think a heck of a lot of a good Mai Tai.

The Navy Grog is built in a blender and served in a chilled double old-fashioned glass.

Combine in blender:
 Add 3/4 oz fresh lime juice.
 Add 3/4 oz grapefruit juice.

Add 1/4 oz demerara simple syrup.
 Add 1/4 oz allspice dram.

Add 1 oz aged Trinidad rum.

Add 1 oz aged Jamaican rum.


Add 1 oz aged demerara rum.

Add 1 cup crushed ice then blend for 3 seconds.

Serve chilled double old-fashioned glass.

Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

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How working in retirement can affect your Social Security benefits

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Ready to Retire

Dear Ready,
You can collect Social Security retirement benefits and work at the same time, but depending on how old you are and how much you earn, some or all of your benefits could be temporarily withheld. Here's what you should know.

Working rules

Social Security says that if you're under your full retirement age, which is 66 if you were born between 1943 and 1954, or 66 and 2 months if you were born in 1955, and are collecting benefits, then you can earn up to \$16,920 in 2017 without jeopardizing any of your Social Security if you don't reach your full retirement age this year.

But if you earn more than the \$16,920 limit, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over that amount.

In the year you reach your full retirement age, a less stringent rule applies. If that happens in 2017, you can earn up to \$44,880 from January to the month of your birthday with no penalty.

But if you earn more than \$44,880 during that time, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$3 over that limit. And once your birthday passes, you can earn any amount by working without your benefits being reduced at all.

Wages, bonuses, commissions and vacation pay all count toward the income limits, but pensions, annuities, investment earnings, interest, capital gains and government or military retirement benefits do not.

To figure out how much your specific earnings will affect your benefits, see the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test Calculator at ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/RTeffect.html.

It's also important to know that if you do lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earning limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld.

For details and examples of how this is calculated, see ssa.gov/planners/retire/while-working2.html.

For more information on how working can affect your Social Security benefits see ssa.gov/planners/retire/while-working.html, or call the Social Security at 410-965-2039 and ask to receive a free copy of publication number 05-10069, "How Work Affects Your Benefits."

Tax factor

In addition to the Social Security rules, you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable.

Here's how it works. If the sum of your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest, and half of your Social Security benefits is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for individuals (\$32,000 and \$44,000 for couples), you have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits.

Above \$34,000 (\$44,000 for couples), you could pay on up to 85 percent, which is the highest portion of Social Security that is taxable. About a third of all people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

For information, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," or you can see it online at irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf.

In addition to the federal government, 13 states - Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia - tax Social Security benefits to some extent too.

If you live in one of these states, you'll need to check with your state tax agency for details.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

Circle jam play

WPA plans Good Friday services

There will be a circle jam on Saturday, April 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee Street, Godley.

The event is open to everyone including musicians and listeners.

Circle jams are social hours featuring a mix of music from classic country to bluegrass and more.

The free music in the park event will continue to be held on the second Saturday of each month.

For more information call Randy at 815-237-8139.

The Wilmington Pastors' Association will conduct their annual Good Friday worship service on Friday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. The service is in commemoration of the Passion of Jesus Christ, particularly his crucifixion. The service will offer a unique perspective, as several pastors will present brief talks about various elements of Jesus' crucifixion. Worship music that will focus on the suffering of Christ will also be included in the service.

The service will be held at Abundant Life Fellowship Church, 23632 Route 113, Wilmington (Custer Park). Several congregations will be represented at the service, and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Greg Linkous at 815-651-6625.

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Reason to be ashamed

SHADOW LAKES—People should look up political.com and find out about the OFA which is the Organization For Action and another organization called Invisible. These have been started by Barack Obama who is very upset and has been agitating and organizing around the country for riots going on with Republican town hall meetings. If you have watched any of this on television it is the liberal Democrats who have so much hatred for the Republicans winning the White House, the Senate and the House because they do want to bring America back to what it once was from what Obama destroyed. And if you would look into political.com you can read some of this. For these people who I have seen riot on television I would be ashamed to be a Democrat.

Dan Hill

elderly couple we wonder if we're going to be the next victim. While we like living in a small town and feeling safe, it's all the outside world that is a threat and that's due to the internet and older people not being safeguarded by their adult children. If you have an elderly parent who lives alone, check in with the regularly. Ask them if they've talked with any strangers recently and if they have spent any money. It never hurts to check with them often because it's easy to become a victim the older you get.

No more signs

WILMINGTON—Thank goodness the election is coming to an end this week. I am so sick of looking at all the yard signs that were put up by those running for mayor and school board. Now we get to watch and see who are the sore losers by not going around and taking their signs down.

Just don't care

WILMINGTON—A television movie had a scene in which two women were arguing. One said, "But you don't get it, you don't get it. You just killed someone." And the other responded, "No, you don't get it. I don't care." Many abortion supporters know abortion kills children. They just don't care.

Still on ballot

ESSEX—Only in Illinois can you get arrested as a township clerk for writing yourself checks from taxpayer money for \$30,000 and still remain on the ballot to keep your job. The Illinois State's Attorney arrested her back in February for stealing from the township and yet her name remained on the ballot. What is she going to do, write checks from a jail cell? It's a slap to every voter in Essex Township.

No signs

ALL COMMUNITIES—When you call to put a sign in a person's yard and they say no, this means no. Stop being so pushy.

More of them

BRAIDWOOD—There are people in this town suffering from drug addiction and mental illness. I saw a guy walking near the grade school the other day and he looked like he was in a daze. He was on something and it was scary to me and my kids. He was obviously talking to himself as he walked by our car. Thank goodness I locked the doors because he stopped and looked at us and said something at my daughter who was scared out of her mind. Now I'm not sure where he was from but I know he shouldn't be out on the street, especially near the school. Why aren't people like him getting help? Seems like there are more crazies these days on the streets.

Make it a crime

SHADOW LAKES—I'm calling about the opioid problem in this country and why is it not a criminal offense if parents are allowed to leave drugs that they are taking (opioid) and their children get a hold of it and they continue to take it from their parents. They become addicted and then possibly turn to crime. But if you leave a handgun laying out and your child gets a hold of it and someone gets hurt then it's a major crime. Why don't the Democrats do something about the opioid problem in this country and quit worrying about guns. After all drugs and medical



mistakes kill two to three hundred thousand people a year in this country. Far more than guns ever do.

Dan Hill

Gone overboard

WILMINGTON—I opened my front door to find a political letter taped to my recently painted door. That is wrong. These mayoral candidates have gone overboard with advertising. Hopefully the tape residue will be able to be removed without damage.

Private property

WILMINGTON—Two of the candidates for mayor in Wilmington have no respect for a citizen's rights. I have no trespassing signs on my property and twice came home to find unsolicited political advertisements on my property. Both were placed on my door while I was not at home, making it appear that I was endorsing that person. Perhaps the city needs to amend the political sign ordinance to add that it shall be illegal to place any political advertisements on private property without the consent of the property owner.

Sounds of Spring

COAL CITY—You can tell it's Spring. Loud music coming from cars, motorcycles revving their engines, parents screaming at kids. Oh Spring time!

To the fullest extent

WESLEY TOWNSHIP—The reason there is vandalism and theft in this area is because even when the perpetrators are caught red-handed or all evidence points to them, nothing is done about it. If we are supposedly cracking down on crime then why don't we see more arrests?

Stop smear campaign

COAL CITY—Seems like Bruce Rauner is more concerned about campaigning than he is about getting our state straightened out. He's already buying TV commercials knocking the Democrats for trying to duct tap government. Seems to me that Rauner is just as much as part of the problem as the Democrats when he spends all his money on commercials bashing them. It's time they all stop their smear campaigns and get things done.

Clogged up

BRAIDWOOD—Braidwood, Coal City and Wilmington were in a contest last week for clogged curb drains. First prize goes to all three for having almost every drain blocked with leaves so the water would not drain. Springtime is here.

The Braidwood way

BRAIDWOOD—We were out of town so I'm just catching up on my reading. It was interesting reading the comparison of Braidwood, Coal City and Wilmington in regards to which ones are transparent and which ones are not. We all know it's not Braidwood. They keep everything a secret, that started with credit card charges like

b u y i n g chocolates. That's just t h e Braidwood way: Keep city government as

secret as possible, the taxpayers don't have the right to know. How about an article comparing water and sewer rates, or comparing the police pension debt in the three towns. You know they don't put that on their websites because they don't want to show how much they're giving away.

Others should

do their part

BRAIDWOOD—Read more than 20 million people across four African and Middle East countries are facing starvation according to the United Nations. This is Somalia's third famine in 25 years of civil war and anarchy. The United Nations claims it needs at least \$5 billion by July to prevent catastrophe. The United States traditionally has been the largest donor to the United Nations and gives more aid to Africa than any other continent. In 2016 the United States gave more than \$2 billion to the United Nations World Food Program, a quarter of their total budget. Sudan has been entrenched in civil war. Since 2013. Other continents should do their share.

Overweight for sure

WILMINGTON—How can a semi-tractor trailer come into town from River Road down Kankakee Street? The bridge over the creek has a load limit of 6 tons. A semi tractor trailer weights almost 83,000 pounds loaded. That's 71,000 pounds more than the bridge is safe to carry. Where are the police? An overweight ticket for 71,000 over would bring some much needed revenue to the city with out burdening the local citizens.

I fell for it

BRAIDWOOD—I have to admit I fell for your Donald Trump April Fools story...hook, line and sinker. I read it thinking this is unbelievable, Trump really sent a letter to the newspaper. Then someone suggested it was an April Fools story and it hit me how gullible I was. Thanks for the laugh, another reason why I love my local newspaper.

Border laws

BRAIDWOOD—Read the number of undocumented immigrants crossing the south western borders in Texas is dropping from 1,500 a day in January to 840 people a day caught stopped from entering the United States from Mexico. The border laws have been on the books for years. President Trump has ratcheted up deportations and signed executive orders to hire 15,000 new border patrol. It's time to follow the border laws. In 2014, 275,000 babies were born to parents here illegally according to Pew Research.

Affects of immigration

BRAIDWOOD—Immigration changes a nation's culture. Fifty years ago only five percent of the United States population was foreign born. By 2010 immigrants made up 14 percent of the population and nine of 10 were coming to America from outside Europe. These Asian, African, Middle Eastern and Hispanic immigrants bring diversity to America. They forced us to revise our thinking about what it means to become Americans. Gone is the melting pot idea with its assumption that immigrants can become indistinguishable from natives. Wars have taken its toll on our native born over the years. Yet 52,000 people died of drug overdoses in 2015, more than the peak year of AIDS which took 50,000 in 1995. Drug companies helped with the AIDS problem only to help create the opioid epidemic as millions have become addicted. God bless America.

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OBITUARIES

Lori Austin

WILMINGTON—Lori Lynn Austin, 50, of Wilmington, IL, went home to the Lord Thursday, March 23, 2017 surrounded by family at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home in Joliet, IL.

Born Sept. 28, 1966 in Kankakee, IL, she was the daughter of Howard and Katherine (nee Ingram) Austin. Lori was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and Cleveland Cavaliers fan. Her favorite player was LeBron James. She was known to be a mother to many.



Theo and many nieces and nephews. Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service will be at the Families of Faith Church in Channahon Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11 a.m. Pastor Randy Blau will officiate. Inurnment will be private.

Surviving are her son, Zachary Austin of Wilmington; two sisters, Brenda (late Bill) Welsh of Wilmington and Cindy (Rick) Chaffee of Thornfield, MO; two brothers, Gary (Mary) Austin of Cullum, IL and Dan (Carol) Austin of Custer Park, IL; her dog,

Robert Novy

CARBON HILL—Robert L. Novy, "Bob," 80, a 55 year resident of Carbon Hill, passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at his home.



Born Feb. 11, 1937 in Braidwood, Bob was a son of Gustav and Hilda (nee Kvalvik) Novy. He was raised and educated in Braidwood and attended the Braidwood schools. He was employed by Caterpillar Tractor Company, and retired after 30 years of service. Bob was a member of the Miner's Club, where he enjoyed fishing, camping and water skiing. In earlier years, he volunteered and did maintenance work for the Village of Carbon Hill under three different mayors. Bob will be remembered as a great classic car enthusiast, who enjoyed showing his three different show cars.

Survivors include his wife, Roseann "Ronie" Novy, whom he married Feb. 11, 2015; one son, Kip Novy of Coal City; one daughter-in-law, Peggy Novy of Reddick; step-children: Ken (Sue) Watson, Joretta Allen, Jana (Carlos) Paez, Kevin (Kim) Watson, Karl (Deanna) Watson and Kurt (Stephanie) Watson; three granddaughters: Brandy (Joe) Scheer, Kayla (Cole) Schoolman and Abby Novy (fiancé Joey Etkorn) and five great-grandchildren: Kylee, Cody and Emmett Scheer and Nathan and Liam Schoolman; one brother, Bill Novy of Gardner; two sisters, Lillian Honiotes of Shorewood and Virginia Lincheski of Dwight and two sisters-in-law, Betty Novy of Wilmington and Helen Marie (Aaron) Willis of Coal City. Bob is also survived by additional step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, who were part of his life.

Gilbert B. Rogers

PARIS, IL—Gilbert B. Rogers, 88, of Paris, IL, passed away Monday, April 3, 2017 at Twin Lakes Rehab and Health Care Center in Paris.



children, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Born April 13, 1928 in Newton, IL, he was the son of E.P. and Carrie Ellen (Smallwood) Rogers. He married Mary L. (Duke) Rogers in Newton, IL on Jan. 26, 1947, and she passed away June 13, 2008. Gilbert was a welder in the tractor plant for Caterpillar in Joliet, IL and he was in the Illinois National Guard in Paris, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and six siblings: Earl E. Rogers, Mary Ellen Thatcher, Hamilton Rogers, Peter Rogers, Abby Rogers and Thomas William Rogers.

Survivors include six children: John Edward (Teresa) Rogers of Braidwood, IL; Beverly Jean (Richard) Webb of Braidwood, IL; Janet Kay (Bob) Hubbs of Danville, IL; Michael Stephen (Tina) Rogers of Sevierville, TN; Richard Olin (Jenny) Rogers of Dandridge, TN and Daniel Joseph (Andrea) Rogers of Paris, IL; several grand-

Visitation will be held Friday, April 7, 2017 from 10 a.m. to noon at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home, 303 E. Wood St. in Paris, IL with funeral services to follow the visitation. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Melinda Dabels

GLENDALE HEIGHTS—Melinda Joy Dabels, 41, of Glendale Heights and formerly of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday March 28, 2017 at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, after living with cancer for the past eight years.



hood parties. Melinda was one who could always be counted on and was always there for anyone in need.

Born May 4, 1975 in Joliet, Melinda Joy was a daughter of Stanley and Mary (McShane) Smith of Wilmington. She was raised in Wilmington, attended St. Rose School and graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 1993. Mindi went on to attend Illinois State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in pre-law in 1997. On May 8, 2004, Melinda married Damon Dabels in St. Rose Church in Wilmington, and they were currently raising their son in Glendale Heights.

Survivors include her husband, Damon Dabels; son, Jack Dabels; parents, Stanley and Mary Smith; sister, Erin (Dan) Moran of Wilmington; mother-in-law, Peggy Dabels of Bloomington; father-in-law, Jerry (Marlene) Dabels of St. Louis, MO; sister-in-law, Amy (Ethan) Tadel of Shorewood; aunts and uncles: Kathleen (William) Krempa of Orange Park, FL; Rosemarie (Vince) Gardner of Peoria and Carol (Bob) Lyday of Staunton, IL and nieces and nephews: Brendan, Nolan and Declan Moran and Sean and Kate Tadel.

Melinda was currently employed with Genex Insurance, where she was a health-care coordinator. She was active at her son's school, assisting with class parties, book fairs and school activities. Melinda was also the team mom and photographer for Glendale Heights Youth Baseball and Softball (GHYBS).

Funeral arrangements were made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

She will be remembered for her love of scrapbooking, photography, flower gardening, reading and baking. She took pleasure in crocheting and coordinating neighbor-

Agnes M. Porterfield

WILMINGTON—Agnes M. Porterfield, 93, of Wilmington passed away Wednesday March 29, 2017 at Rosewood Care Center in Joliet.



children: Logan, Cole, Braylen, Hayden, Ellie, Ryder, Knox, Kylie and Parker; one brother, Wayne (Gloria) Neal of Morris, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Born July 19, 1923 in Onarga, IL, Agnes Marie was a daughter of Harry and Rose (nee Colebank) Neal. She was raised and educated in Onarga, and graduated from Onarga High School. On March 1, 1946, Agnes married Martin Allen Porterfield at Trinity United Methodist Church in Kentland, IN. She was a devoted mother and grandmother that cherished spending time with her family.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Martin A. Porterfield; one daughter, Barbara Jean Miller; one grandson, Chad Latham; one great-granddaughter, Alyssa Danielle Keeley and two sisters, Norma Eileen Nelson and Wilma O'Hare.

Survivors include her three children: Leslie K. (Charles) Jackson of Wilmington, Richard (Sandy) Porterfield of Frankfort and Douglas (Reba) Porterfield Custer Park; nine grandchildren: Lisa (Kent) Keeley, Dayna (Jeremy) Haddon, Jeffrey (Dawn) Jackson, Danny (Stephanie) Porterfield, Todd Porterfield, Michael (Stephanie) Porterfield, Matthew Porterfield, Monte (Lara) Porterfield and Shannon Miller-Willson; 19 great-grandchildren: Becca (Cory) Acred, Brandon Keeley, Kaylie (Don) Christensen, Brooklyn Haddon, Tanner Haddon, Jenna Jackson, Drew Jackson, Nicole (Dr. Michael) Gershon, Danielle Porterfield, Taylor Porterfield, Josh Porterfield, Sydney Porterfield, Stephan Porterfield, Jacob Porterfield, Cailyn Porterfield, Arron Porterfield, Hailey Porterfield, Kelsie Willson and Karlee Willson; nine great-great-grand-

Per Agnes' wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 12 noon until time of memorial service at 2 p.m. at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington. Reverend Brad Shumaker from Coal City United Methodist Church will officiate.

Inurnment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington, where Agnes will be laid to rest with her late husband.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Agnes' memory to Saint Jude Children's Hospital.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs, or share Agnes' memorial page by logging onto www.BaskervilleFuneral.com.

Cremation services and memorial arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

James D. Benson

BRAIDWOOD—James D. Benson, 25, longtime Braidwood resident, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017.

183rd St. and Wolf Rd., Orland Park, use east parking lot, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 11 a.m.

He was a graduate of Reed-Custer High School and was a member of Laborers' Union Local 68.

Future inurnment of ashes will be at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park.

James was the beloved son of Colleen (nee Burgess) and James B. Benson, proud brother of Megan and Jacob Benson and the late Joseph O. Burgess and a dear nephew, cousin and friend of many.

For further service information contact Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, Chicago Heights, 708-481-9230 or go to panozzobros.com.

A memorial visitation and service will be held Friday, April 7, 2017 at Parkview Christian Church, 11100 Orland Parkway,

Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home in Chicago Heights is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph O. Burgess

BRAIDWOOD—Joseph O. Burgess, 35, of Braidwood passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017.

183rd St. and Wolf Rd., Orland Park, use east parking lot from 9:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 11 a.m.

He was a loving son of Colleen (nee Burgess) and James Benson, devoted father of Gracie and Joie Burgess, brother of Megan, Jacob and the late James D. Benson; beloved boyfriend of Kayla Hastings; dear nephew, cousin and friend of many.

Future inurnment of ashes will be at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park.

A memorial visitation and service will be held Friday, April 7, 2017 at Parkview Christian Church, 11100 Orland Parkway,

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Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home in Chicago Heights is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Gallagher

MORRIS—Patricia L. Gallagher, 78, of Morris, formerly Morton, passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Morris Hospital.



Born Jan. 2, 1939 in Highland Park, Patricia Lynn was a daughter of William and Anita (nee Farne) Hutchings. She was raised and educated in Highland Park, and graduated from Highland Park High School with the class of 1957. Patricia furthered her education by attaining her bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois in 1960.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, William Hutchings and Anita (Lawrence) Morano.

Per Patricia's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation and video tribute were held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 600 E. Jackson St. in Morris followed by a Mass of Christian Burial with Reverend Ronald Margherio presiding.

A private inurnment will be in Riverview Cemetery, Marseilles.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Patricia's memory to a charity of a donor's choosing.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs or share Patricia's memorial page by logging onto www.ReevesFuneral.com.

Cremation services and memorial arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd., 408 E. Washington St. in Morris.

On Aug. 5, 1961, she married William J. Gallagher at Immaculate Conception Church in Highland Park. Patricia was employed as a junior high educator of American History and English at Blessed Sacrament School in Morton. She held membership with Immaculate Conception Church in Morris, Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Seneca, and with the University of Illinois Alumni Association. Patricia was an avid fan of college basketball and football, and enjoyed reading and was a member of the Morris Friends of the Library. She was a wonderful homemaker, who relished her role as a wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, William; five children: Jennifer (Robert) Hercreg of Cedarburg, IL; Joan Gallagher of Evanston, Jeanne (Ken) Schellin of Libertyville, Jane (Patrick) Murphy of Indianola, IA and William L. (Erin) Gallagher of Morton; 17 grandchildren: Emily, Jack and

Donald G. Blecha

BRAIDWOOD—Donald G. Blecha, 78, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL.

of Naperville, IL; five grandchildren: Ben, Haley, and Brett Blecha and Josh and Nick Keefe and two brothers, Richard (Pat) Blecha of Moodus, CT and Ken (Kathleen) Blecha of Braidwood.

Born April 29, 1938 in Braidwood, he was the son of George and Mildred (nee Jakopic) Blecha. Donald retired from Caterpillar, Inc. in Joliet following 30 years of employment. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held.

Surviving are his wife, Arda (nee Frank), whom he married March 31, 1962 in Braidwood; son, Don (Robin) Blecha of Goose Lake, IL; daughter, Dawn (Jeff) Keefe

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log onto rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find their Facebook page at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood is in charge of arrangements.

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Rauner's flannel wearing thin

Governor worried more about next campaign than state's future

As the Senate's two leaders tried again to find the votes to pass their "grand bargain" last week to end the state's two-year governmental gridlock, Gov. Rauner began spending over a million dollars on two new TV ads that portray him as an every-man "duct tape" hero in the fight for Illinois' future.

"Illinois is broke and broken," Rauner says to the camera while standing in a well-kept garage and wearing a plaid flannel shirt. "And the politicians that got us into this mess, their solution is this," Rauner says as he holds up a roll of duct tape. "Higher taxes," he says as he yanks out a piece of duct tape, "More spending," he says with another jerk on the roll, "No real reforms," he says as he takes one more strong pull.

"After decades of ignoring problems, it's time someone fixes 'em," the governor says. A list of bullet points appears on the screen in front of a line of tools neatly arranged against the garage wall as Rauner says: "Our balanced budget plan freezes property taxes, caps spending, creates jobs and puts term limits on politicians."

Rauner is then shown sitting on a chair in the garage. "Our plan brings real reforms to Illinois," he says as he grabs the roll of duct tape. "Their duct tape solutions won't work anymore. We will fix Illinois together."

The second, shorter ad, begins with Rauner peeling off duct tape from a piece of glass over the camera. "Springfield politicians don't want you to see what they're up to," the governor begins, wearing the same flannel shirt in the same garage. "Cuz their duct tape solutions just cover up Illinois' problems. They don't fix 'em," he says with a smile on his face. "Fix Illinois," an announcer says.

The governor's people firmly believe that they have staked out a comfortably poll-tested platform. "What we oppose, the public opposes," a Rauner official said last week. "What we support, the public supports."



CAPITOL FACTS
Rich Miller

The public hates tax hikes and Rauner is gearing up for the 2018 campaign with a message that he saved the state from ruinous Democratic tax increases without his demanded job-creating reforms, which include the above-mentioned balanced budget, property tax and state government spending freezes, term limits and other awesome stuff.

Trouble is, he's never once proposed a balanced budget and can't get anything else passed. Rauner is heading into a reelection campaign without much of anything to show for his time in office. Hence, the duct tape ad.

Team Rauner is also still opposed to whatever comes out of the Senate's negotiations because the proposals don't meet its demands.

faltered over a "five and five" proposal to raise the income tax for five years and cap property taxes for the same amount of time. The Senate Democrats are also still refusing to specify major budget cuts (which the governor has refused to do as well), and a dispute has developed over the latest education funding reform bill.

Should the Senate's plan go down in flames yet again, the Democrats will undoubtedly say that Rauner never actually wanted a deal to begin with. They'll claim in unison that the Turnaround Agenda was, in reality, a mere ploy to achieve Rauner's "real" result, which is the slow but very deliberate destruction of "weak" universities and social service programs and the crushing of unions and "the middle class." And they might possibly even get some backup from a clearly furious Senate Republican Leader, who lashed out at the governor and his chief of staff earlier this month for declaring through an

unnamed source in a newspaper article that the grand bargain was dead.

Rauner will continue to counter with a campaign based on running against the Springfield "status quo," and in particular the overwhelmingly unpopular House Speaker Michael Madigan. But after over two years in office, a kabillionaire who conspicuously drops his "g's" and dons the costumes of the working class in expensive TV ads to claim he's on the common man's side may be finally wearing thin. The governor's 58 percent job disapproval rating in the latest Paul Simon Public Policy Institute poll didn't appear out of nowhere, after all.

Instead of constantly worrying about his own political future by producing yet another round of expensive TV ads far away from election day, the governor ought to find another way to improve his state's future. He has a Republican Senate Leader who is firmly committed to getting us out of this horrific ditch. Instead of undercutting her at every turn, he ought to be helping her across the finish line. Doing otherwise will only prove the Democrats' point that he doesn't really want a deal.

OBITUARY

Louie Peterson

GARDNER—Louie Peterson, 60, of Gardner, IL, passed away Monday, April 3, 2017. Born June 1, 1956 in Joliet, IL, he was the son of Harry and Dell (nee Vota) Peterson.



He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law, Melissa Christensen and nephew, Josh Mellen.

Cremation rites were accorded per his wishes.

Louie was a member of the Laborers Union Local #75 for 20 years and also the International Union of Operating Engineers Union, Local #150 for 13 years. He retired in 2012. Louie enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting and arrowhead hunting. He was known to be able to make anything. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family.



Visitation will be Friday, April 7, 2017 at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, South Wilmington Chapel, from 4-7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will immediately follow visitation at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington. Casual dress per Louie's request. Inurnment will be private.

Surviving are his wife, Tammy (nee Christensen), who he married Oct. 9, 1982 in Dwight, IL; son, Dane Peterson of South Wilmington, IL; sister, Trudi (Phil) Cheshareck of Morris, IL; mother-in-law, Joan Utley of East Peoria, IL; brother-in-law, Curt (Linda) Christensen of Kickapoo, IL; sister-in-law, Kim Paquette of Seneca, IL; and his beloved beagle, Henry.

In lieu of flowers, take a little kid fishing. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log onto www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find their Facebook page at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, 2nd & Lemmon, South Wilmington is in charge of arrangements.

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FAMILY

Manietta, Schneider announce engagement



Jason Manietta and Lindsay Schneider

Jason Phillip Manietta and Lindsay Marie Schneider, both of Louisville, KY are happy to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Jason is the son of Mary Manietta of Coal City and the late John Manietta. Lindsay is the daughter of Lou and Lora Schneider of Marietta, GA.

The bride-elect is a graduate of George Walton High School in Marietta, GA. She earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Bellarmine University and is employed by The Gleason Group Wealth Management Firm.

The future groom is a graduate of Coal City High School. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in actuarial science and is employed with ADP.

The happy union will take place June 17, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church in Louisville, KY.

WGGGS meeting set for April 8

The Will/Grundy Genealogical Society will hold its April membership meeting on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. at the Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City.

Guest speaker will be Susan Rouch, a historian and former teacher from Marseilles, IL. She will present the interesting but little

known story of the "Orphan Trains" of the 1850's and the part they played in our family histories.

The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Easter egg hunt in Reddick

The annual community Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Reddick Lioness, will be held on Saturday, April 8, at the Reddick Fire Protection District grounds, formerly Reddick Grade School, at 10 a.m.

Park on the east side of the buildings and bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs. Everyone will leave with a bag of treats.

Local student named to President's List

Christian Faber of Braidwood was named to the President's List at Drake University, Des Moines, IA.

The academic honor is achieved by earning a straight-A grade point average of 4.0 for the fall 2016 semester.

Wreath laying on 100th of World War I planned

A wreath laying ceremony will be conducted at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on Thursday, April 6, at 1 p.m., to honor the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into World War I.

Everyone is invited to attend. The event will begin at 1 p.m.

The cemetery is located at 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood.

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FAITH

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Free hot, nutritious dinners will be served to those in need or hungry every Monday through June 26, from 5 to 6 p.m. The weekly event will be held in Fr. White Hall at Immaculate Conception Church, 110 S. School St., Braidwood.

Good Friday service at Abundant Life

The Wilmington Pastor's Association will host a community Good Friday service at Abundant Life Fellowship on April 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Abundant Life Fellowship.

Six different pastors will talk about six different Good Friday sermons. A nursery attendant will be available.

Abundant Life Fellowship is located at 23632 Route 113 in Wilmington, just east of Braidwood.

St. Rose School to host annual Booster Brunch

The annual St. Rose School Booster Brunch is set for Palm Sunday, April 9, in the St. Rose School gymnasium, 626 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington.

Cocktails will begin at noon and entertainment will be provided. Each ticket will be entered to win door prizes, free drinks, a buffet dinner and desserts.

The cost is \$50 per person. Checks should be made payable to the St. Rose School Endowment Fund.

Ticket proceeds will benefit the St. Rose School Endowment Fund.

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Wed.: 6:15 to 7 p.m., Simple Supper hosted by the confirmation group; 7 p.m., Lenten worship service followed by choir practice
Fri.: 9 a.m., Friday Crew
Sat.: 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers
Sun.: 9 a.m., Palm Sunday worship with communion; 10 a.m., coffee time; 10:30 a.m. to noon, Easter event

Mon.: No Bible study; 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous
• Grace Lutheran Preschool is accepting 2017-2018 registrations. For more information visit www.gracewilm.org, or call the church office.

Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

Good Friday service will be held on April 14, at 7 p.m.

Confirmation students will serve Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 16, from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. The Festival worship service with Holy Communion will follow at 9 a.m.

Beginning Sunday, April 23, worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

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The Adoration Chapel in Fr. White Hall is open 24/7, but unlocked daily from 6 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. A code is available for those visiting the chapel before or after hours. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to make a commitment, or access the code, call Bill Scheer at 815-458-6800.

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School Principal: Linda Bland

Rectory 476-7491; School 476-6220; Religious Education 476-6220; Kuzma Cottage 476-2030, Hours: 9-11 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

Schedule

Daily Mass 8 a.m. on Mon., Wed. and Fri.; Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 7 and 11 a.m.

Wed.: 5:45 to 7 p.m., REP
Thu.: 10 a.m., Legion of Mary in the St. Rose Church meeting room

Fri.: 1:30 p.m., Living Stations
Sun.: Building and Maintenance collection; booster brunch at St. Rose School

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 7 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. During school months the Wednesday morning Mass begins at 8:10 a.m. Communion services, pending volunteers, are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 8 a.m. Any prearranged Mass intentions for Tuesdays and Thursdays have been rescheduled for either the Monday, Wednesday or Friday Mass as close to the original date as possible.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 2 p.m. with the exception of Living Stations which will be on Friday, April 7, at 1:30 p.m.

The St. Rose Athletics will prepare Easter baskets for Kuzma Cottage. Sponsor one or more baskets with a \$5 donation for each. Envelopes are available at the church entrances and may be returned to the school office, with a St. Rose student or dropped in the collection basket.

The St. Rose School kindergartners will host a lemonade stand on Friday, April 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Only \$1 bills will be accepted.

The St. Rose Council of Catholic Women's annual card, bunco and game party is set for Sunday, May 7, at noon, in the St. Rose School gymnasium.

Mass with prayers for healing is on the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. Call the parish to verify the Mass will be celebrated. Everyone is invited.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Dallas Henry, Lead Minister
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Collision for sixth through twelfth grades meet each Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Men's and women's Bible study meet on every Monday at 7 p.m.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meetings are on the first and third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. at the church.

Celebrate Recovery meets at the church each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Family groups meet each week in Wilmington and Coal City. Call the church for times and locations.

The Deep Roots after-school program provides care for kindergartners through sixth grade students on school days from 2:30 to 6 p.m. There are still openings for the 2016-2017 school year. Call the church office for information.

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476-9750

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Wed.: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Adult Bible study and prayer meeting year-round;

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Pastor: 815-922-2212
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Wed.: 6 to 7 p.m., prayer meeting at the church; 7 to 8:30 p.m., men's Bible study at the church

Fri.: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ladies' Bible study every other Friday at the church

Sat.: 8 to 10 a.m., men's prayer breakfast on the second Saturday of each month

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The Rev. Mark Hughey

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Sat.: Noon to 2 p.m., Kids Easter celebration; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., ham and bean soup dinner and basket raffle

Sun.: 9 to 10:15 a.m., Sunday school - play rehearsal; 10 a.m., elders/new members meeting; 10:30 a.m., Kids Parade of Palms, kids theater production of "The First Easter", worship service and greet new members with child care available followed by coffee hour

Mon.: 8:45 to 11 a.m., food pantry; 10:45 a.m., Meals on Wheels; 1 p.m., Bible study

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Easter schedule: April 9 - 10:30 a.m., Palm Sunday; April 13 - 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday foot washing; April 14 - 7 p.m., Good Friday; April 16 - 10:30 a.m., Easter

A ham and bean dinner and basket raffle will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

New members will meet with elders at 10 a.m., on Sunday, April 9, before being received at the 10:30 a.m. worship. Coffee fellowship will follow.

Committee Night will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5.

The next Session meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19.

An open prayer gathering will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 4 to 7 p.m. Group prayer will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by refreshments. Everyone is invited.

St. Vincent's Table has temporarily moved to Immaculate Conception Church. To volunteer to cook, set-up, do dishes or clean-up, sign-up on the sheet on the tri-fold. Desserts can be dropped off by 4 p.m. at the New Hope kitchen each Monday. Use disposable containers or wrap in plastic individually. For more information call 815-370-7817 or email Cathy Milne at cathymlne@gmail.com.

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Sat.: 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous in the community building

Sun.: 8 and 10:30 a.m., worship service; 9 a.m., Sunday school for all ages; 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous the community building

Mon.: 6:15 p.m., women's Alcoholics Anonymous in the community building 6:30 p.m., evening Bible study

Tue.: 7 p.m., Al-Anon in the community building

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How old is that Mason jar? Look at the logo

BY TONYA MICHALEC
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Mason jars didn't just come out of the blue. They evolved out of necessity. For generations, mankind searched for ways to better preserve food. What eventually developed was heat-based canning, also called water bath canning. And what they learned early from failure was just the right container to withstand the heat was needed.

In the beginning cooks used whatever they could get their hands on, such as glasses or jars, and even champagne bottles. But most didn't work. Either the glass was too thin and would crack under the boiling water, or the neck was not wide enough to allow for the passage of food. Some exploded during the boiling process because little was known about proper sealing and head space.

But all this changed in 1858 when a New Jersey native filed a patent for a glass jar that stood up to the test.

John Landis Mason, inventor and tinsmith, realized that reusing jars designed for other purposes was getting everyone nowhere.

Through his own trials, he found that the container must be made of strong glass, have a wide mouth and a screw thread on the outer perimeter of the opening allowing for a metal band, or ring, to allow for a better seal due to a rimless lid.

A milk crate filled with old Mason jars stopped The White Glove last week at Two Hounds Antiques, 202 N. Water St., Wilmington. Each of the blue-tinted glass jars were priced at \$5.

Along with the logo of "Ball Perfect Mason", the quart-sized jars have small imperfections inside the glass that look like bubbles and are also embossed on the bottom

with numbers like "10,12,3." According to ball.com, Ball Mason jars were made by them 26 years after Mason secured his patent. Ball, which began in 1880 as the Wooden Jacketed Can Company, was founded in Buffalo, NY by five brothers determined to corner the container making business: William, Edmund, Frank, Lucius and George Ball.

The brothers started making wood-jacketed tin cans for holding hardware store liquids like paint and kerosene before expanding to glass and tin-jacketed containers. By 1884, the company began producing home-canning jars.

Within two years of their first batch of Mason jars, the men changed the name of their company to Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company and relocated to Muncie, IN.

The business thrived, thanks to a decrease in overhead expenditures, such as the natural gas incentives offered by the city, and from the rapidly growing demand for its reliable food preservation jars.

Although Ball is no longer the name of the company today, production of Mason jars takes place in 45 different locations worldwide.

Little has changed with the product since Ball started rolling them out 133 years ago.

The jars can be purchased in a wide range of sizes, shapes and colors. Choices in size go from 4-ounce quilted jelly jars all the way up to 64-ounce smooth glass jars that work great for whole vegetables or large batches of sauce.

Companies have stayed true to sticking with the Ball brothers' tradition of making them from clear glass, or that which is lightly tinted blue or green. Recently, Mason jars can be bought in nearly every color of the rainbow.

There is a way to identify when a Ball mason jar was

produced says Karen M. Vincent, in her article titled: "How to Date a Ball Jar."

Unfortunately, according to Vincent, none of the manufacturing companies, Ball Brothers included, stuck to any kind of routine when it came to embossing production dates into jars. And, just because a date is present, such as 1858, that does not mean that is when it was made, nor do the series of numbers featured on the underside of the jars.

Remember, 1858 is when Mason received his patent for his design of the threaded closure. And, since many different brands used his design, many different jars were required to have his patent year on them.

Back to the numbers embossed on the bottom, often shown in a set of three and separated by commas, they are called mold numbers. They say nothing about when the item was produced, but point out the position that the mold in which the jar was made attached to the glass-making machine.

Vincent claims the best way to date Ball mason jars is by the Ball logo itself. Since they were first made, the script of the Ball logo has changed slightly after its first year, others after several decades.

In the beginning, Ball was not yet the name of the company, so the first logo on Mason jars has BBGMC, which stands for Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company. It was used for roughly two years when the plant was based in NY, circa 1885 to 1886.

The second and third logo styles are the block and underscored script-styled Ball logos. Both were used between 1895 and 1896. The fourth style, which was used from 1900 to 1910, consists of a script-style Ball that appears to have a third "l", which is actually just a connected underscore, or underlining



Courtesy photo

A CRATE OF blue Mason jars was spotted by The White Glove last week in Wilmington. Mason jars were designed for food preservation and patented by John Landis Mason in 1858.

slash drawn from right to left.

From 1910 to 1923 Ball jar logos feature a lower positioned "a" and removal of loop used to connect the last "l" to the underscore. The sixth logo style was used from 1923 to 1933 and is void of both the underscore and ascender.

The underscore was returned to the seventh logo style and used from 1933 until 1962. The eighth style change is still in use today and is the only logo that has a fully enclosed, loopless "B."

Prior to it, all of the other logos have had at least one loop and at least one open edge in the first letter of the brand name.

By using Vincent's points of identification, it appears that the Ball jar shown in the snapshot above was produced during the seventh wave of logo styles, making it approximately 55 to 84-years-old.

For what they are worth, it looks like in the case of antique Ball Mason jars, the bigger and the older, the better. Per popular on-line auction sites, one can expect to pay less than \$1 for 5-ounce jars and up to \$111 for one-gallon jars.

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Saturday hours at Midewin

Saturday hours have returned in the Welcome Center and the Ranger Trailer opened for the season at Iron Bridge Trailhead at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

Volunteer rangers provide information and updates to visitors to the Iron Bridge Trailhead. The Ranger Trailer is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday until Nov. 4, which is National Bison Day.

The 2017 Volunteer Ranger season started with a two-hour training session for new information rangers at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie on Tuesday, March 21.

The training curriculum was developed and the class was led by volunteers. Topics ranged from bison to native Illinois seed harvesting and planting. Each volunteer trainee received a binder with reference materials and information about entering shifts in Volgistics.

Volunteers with previous experience at the Ranger Trailer shared heartfelt stories about their volunteer experiences.

Staff with Midewin and The Nature Conservancy in Illinois launched the trailer outreach last season in response to remarkable public interest in the Midewin bison herd.

The herd was introduced in 2015 as a 20-year conservation experiment. At Midewin, volunteers, partners and staff are working side-by-side, year-round, monitoring to see if the herd's grazing pattern is helping to attract a more diverse array of native Illinois prairie birds and insects.

About 1,000 people are signed up to volunteer at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, with a core group of some 100 who are highly involved.

"We have the best volunteers on the planet, for the planet," said Midewin Volunteer Coordinator Allison Cisneros. Cisneros is co-located with Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Staff and works side-by-side with volunteers and staff every day.

"Hardly a day goes by when you don't see a volunteer engaged in a project here," she said.

Volunteers are also active in the Midewin Welcome Center. The Welcome Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday through Saturday, Nov. 4. Plans will be announced for the 2017 National Bison Day program when more details are confirmed.

The Midewin Welcome Center is a good starting point where you can talk with information specialists before heading out on your experience on the prairie. Specialists sometimes have updates to share about what other visitors have seen and where.

Highlights of the Midewin Welcome Center include:

- Books and gifts that interpret the native Illinois prairie, plants and wildlife are offered by the Midewin

Interpretive Association.

- Two telescopes are aimed in the direction of where two bald eagles are occasionally spotted in the trees across Highway 53 (old historic Route 66).

- Trail maps and other information is printed and available.

- Archaeology exhibits include fossils and pre-historic bones and teeth of mastodons and bison that roamed the area thousands of years ago.

- Picnic tables are available on the porch.

- Aldo Leopold quotes are on the walls of the inside of the Welcome Center and engraved on a large stone outside the front door.

Midewin volunteer Carol Ference recently put the finishing touches on the 2017 Program Guide, and the annual publication was released on March 17.

Read about the exciting, informative tours, walks and other educational activities that are planned here at www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FS_DOCUMENTS/fseprd535052.pdf.

The latest information about Volunteer activities is located at www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FS_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5444192.pdf.

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1 BA, 2 car garage, partial fenced yard, stove, fridge, C/A, W/D, large shaded yard, 5245 Sandridge Rd., \$875, 1st, last, sec. credit check. Call 815-476-6462 by appointment only. cc14a-17b

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Wilmington, 28340 Elm

St, 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 1/2 car garage, 2 story, 4 porches, remodeled 2 yrs. ago, kitchen appliances, laundry room, Phelan Acres on river, \$1,300/mo. call 815-423-5255. cc14a-17b

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Wilmington: 25732 Cottage

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REAL ESTATE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 910 North Washington Street, Wilmington, IL 60481 (Multi family). On the 13th day of April, 2017 to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: Guaranteed Rate Inc. Plaintiff V. Anthony J. Panepinto aka Anthony Panepinto; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendant. Case No. 16 CH 0079 in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois.

REAL ESTATE

Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours; plus, for residential real estate, a statutory judicial sale fee calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, not to exceed \$300, for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State. For Information Please Contact: ANSELMO LINDBERG OLIVER LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Rd. Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60563 P: 630-453-6960 F: 630-428-4620 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Published in the Free Press Newspaper on March 22, 29 and April 5, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK N.A. IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-WMC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, -v- KRISTIN B. OLSEN, DAMEN H. OLSEN Defendant 16 CH 73

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on May 18, 2017, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 East Washington Street front door entrance, MORRIS, IL, 60450, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 121 W. HIGH STREET, Morris, IL 60450 Property Index No. 05-04-277-003. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$151,810.27. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C16-34051. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 263-0003 E-Mail: ilpleadings@potesivolaw.com Attorney File No. C16-34051 Case Number: 16 CH 73 JUSC#: 37-1786 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Published in the Free Press Newspaper on April 5, 12, & 19, 2017

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 163 W. Bodine Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408 (Single Residential Home). On the 27th day of April, 2017 to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: First Community Financial Bank, F/K/A and as assignee of Mazon State Bank Plaintiff V. Scott Fitzwater; Angela Fitzwater; Unknown Owners; Non-Record Claimants Defendant. Case No. 16 CH 1451 in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

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What is environmental justice?

Dear EarthTalk: What is meant by "environmental justice" and how is it under assault in the new Trump administration?

Mike Garner, New Orleans, LA

Environmental justice is defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income, with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies."

In layperson's terms, it means making sure specific groups of people don't bear a disproportionate burden from potential and existing environmental threats.

Traditionally, we think of situations like the siting and construction of a pollution-spewing factory in or near a low-income minority community as an example of an environmental injustice.

Some recent examples ripped from the headlines include the lead contamination of the water supply of predominantly African-American Flint, MI, and the siting of the potentially hazardous Dakota Access Pipeline adjacent to sacred and ecologically sensitive Standing Rock Sioux tribal land.

"The federal government has recognized for decades that air and water quality are especially poor in low-income areas and communities of color, and some of that imbalance stems directly from government permitting decisions, such as where to allow the dumping of toxic materials," reports the Natural



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SOME CONSIDER the lead contamination of the water supply of predominantly African-American Flint, Michigan to be an environmental justice issue.



health or environmental effects of its programs, policies and activities on minority populations and low-income populations."

Clinton's order created the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to coordinate and oversee implementation of the rule across different federal agencies, and spawned the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, which has awarded upwards of \$24 million since then in funding to more than 1,400 community-based and tribal organizations working in communities facing environmental justice problems.

But that all is likely to change now that Donald Trump has proposed slashing the EPA's overall budget by \$2 billion and cutting funding for environmental justice programs specifically by 78 percent, from \$6.7 million to just \$1.5 million.

"These cuts are a direct attack on low-income communities and communities of color everywhere who are on the front lines of toxic pollution," says NRDC's environmental justice head Al Huang.

CONTACTS: EPA Environmental Justice, www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice; NRDC, www.nrdc.org.

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Joliet Hospice to celebrate 35 years

The Joliet Area Community Hospice's (JACH) Emerald Dinner and fundraiser will be held on Monday, April 24, beginning at 5 p.m., at 176 West Banquets, 1100 NE Frontage Rd., Joliet.

Reservations are due by April 14 and tickets are \$75 per guest. Tables of 10 are available.

JACH will honor this year's Heart and Courage award winners, John and Jean Roach for their advocacy and dedication to

the Hospice Gardens, and The Carl Labus family for their advocacy and initiation of Peyton's Promise and the annual JACH 5K Family Fun Run/Walk.

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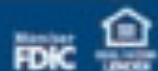
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