

Who will cast a ballot

County Clerk outlines election costs

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

Grundy County Clerk and Recorder Kay Olson anticipates that only 17 percent of the county's 33,108 registered voters will participate in the April 4 election.

Compared to a general election, consolidated elections have a low voter turnout. It typically comes down to what's on the ballot.

It's possible that Tuesday's turnout could see a slight uptick, due to con-

tested races in municipal and township government, and propositions that seek a public safety tax for Grundy County and home rule authority for the village of Coal City.

The polls open at 6 a.m. on election day and will remain open until 7 p.m. However voters do not have to wait until April 4.

Early voting got underway March 20 and within the first week 81 people had participated.

Voters in overlapping and separate precincts require the clerk's office to prepare over 120 ballot variations for this election.

For example, in Braceville 2, some will vote for candidates on the Unit 1 School District Board of Education and

Coal City Public Library District, while others will vote for the Braceville Elementary School District and Fossil Ridge Library District. Still others will be included in a municipal election and others will not.

"These elections are the hardest to implement and have the least voter turnout," Olson said.

In 2011, with only 17.3 voter participation, the county spent on average \$28.98 on each voter in the consolidated election. Total cost to taxpayers was \$166,000.

Two years later, turn out was 21.76 percent, about \$23.46 per voter, as election costs totaled \$169,000. In the

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In the hands of voters

Home rule, public safety tax on consolidated election ballot

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

By now, voters know that come election day they will be asked if Coal City should become a home rule community.

For the past few weeks, fliers have been appearing in the mailbox and advertisements for and against the proposal have been printed in this newspaper, and the village of Coal City has even dedicated space on its website to provide home rule information to its residents.

The village reports it has placed the proposition on the ballot in an effort to not only keep local authority, but as a tool to increase revenues in a way that avoids property taxes and reduce its overall cost of borrowing.

Village officials have been exploring home rule as a funding option for municipal improvements for the past few years and came to the determination last fall that it was time to take the proposal to its residents. Home rule authority is granted by the Illinois Constitution and is automatic for towns with populations over 25,000. So for municipalities like Coal City that fall under the threshold it takes a vote of residents.

There are currently more than 200 home rule municipalities in Illinois including Elwood, Kankakee, Joliet, Manhattan and Channahon that has been under home rule authority for decades.

If approved, village officials say they plan to implement a gasoline tax. The revenue generated would go toward the improvement of roadway infrastructure, capital improvements and related debt. The proposed tax would be collected on the sale of gasoline from the town's service station, thus anyone who purchases gas within the village would contribute to the improvement. Village officials say its a way to increase revenue without placing more burden on property taxpayers.

Channahon Mayor Missy Schumacher was in Coal City to share some, details, advice and experience on home rule. Her remarks coming during the March 21 Village Board meeting.

Channahon has a gasoline tax that generated \$631,279 in the 12-month period between May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016. During that time, the town collected .01 cents on each gallon of gas and .06 cents on every gallon of diesel fuel.

According to Schumacher, even though gasoline purchases in her community have an added Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) tax on top of home rule, it has not impacted gas fees. As of May 1, 2016, the village of Channahon instituted an increase in the fuel and diesel tax of .03 cents respectively. Schumacher said the expected result in revenues is over \$1 million per year.

"For the first nine months of the year, the village has received \$855,870. We estimate the increase to generate an additional total in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to the village," Schumacher said.

Coal City Village Administrator Matt Fritz previously reported his board is of the opinion that the implementation of a gas tax would not impact the cost of gas here.

Under the powers it is granted by home rule, Channahon also collects revenue through a hotel/motel tax, video gaming terminal fee, real estate transfer tax and a 1 percent home rule sales tax that generates approximately \$900,000 per year.

The Illinois Realtors have spoken out on the subject of home rule. One of the key points initially pointed out when Coal City announced its intent to place the matter on the ballot was with transfer taxes.

Illinois Realtors have historically opposed the concept of home rule on the basis that include the option of local government to increase debt and implement taxes, and the potential for town officials to abuse the powers granted to them instituting property regulations.

"In a small community, the people who sit on the board are very careful because it affects them as well," Schumacher said.

Coal City Mayor Terry Halliday has routinely

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Photo by Ann Gill

KIM SCERINE, founder and artistic director, of Broadway Dance Center and On Broadway Dancers, was recognized by the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry as its 2017 Entrepreneur of the Year. Scerine accepted the award during the Chamber and Grundy Economic Development Council's annual dinner and awards ceremony at Chapin's East in Minooka on March 22. Scerine (center) was joined by (from left) OBD senior company dancers Macey Spencer and Jake Scerine; Christina VanYperen, Chamber executive director and John Adler, Chamber board chairman.

More than just dance

Scerine lauded by Grundy Chamber

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

It was on the second floor of a decades old brick building in downtown Coal City that Broadway Dance Center got it start, the concept to provide dance instruction by integrating body, art and intellect.

Kim Scerine, the studio's founder and artistic director, came to the community with an impressive resumé. She had studied with some of the finest in Chicago dance—Claire Battaille, Gus Giordano, Joel Hall and

Frank Hatchett—and was a scholarship dancer at the Lou Conte Dance Studio.

In 1988, one year after the studio opened, Scerine established the On Broadway Dancers with the hope of giving rural young people an equal opportunity in the performing arts.

The dance company has developed into a sought after company with a reputation for skill and talent. The group routinely performs at professional and collegiate sporting events, fundraisers, and from time-to-time with the nationally recognized Jesse White Tumblers.

Company members, selected by audition, have earned accolades at the

annual Dance Chicago performance and have been twice recognized by the Illinois General Assembly for their representation of America's youth.

And, under Scerine's direction, OBD has traveled the world. It's first performance tour was to Russia in 1990 and since then the company has performed in Switzerland, France, Austria, Germany, Italy and Poland.

"The dancers have clearly made their mark in the professional dance field. More importantly, these dancers have made their mark on their own community," said Christina VanYperen, executive director of the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce.

In the past five years, the dance company has raised over \$20,000 through its annual Christmas show. The funds along with donations from dance center families are used to purchase clothing, food and gifts for families in need.

Additionally, they help raise funds for outside organizations such as Angels of Hope, they pitched in to assist citizens impacted by the tornados in 2013 and 2015 and they provide an annual scholarship to a graduating senior.

Since the day the doors opened, close to 2,000 dancers have trained at Scerine's studio that is now

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Letter from Trump warns against publishing 'fake' news

BY MARNEY SIMON
STAFF WRITER

Just one day after calling stories on ties to Russia a hoax on his Twitter feed, President Donald J. Trump announced he also plans to set the record straight on false stories floating around in smaller media outlets.

For the first time in its 41-year history as a news conglomerate, Free Press Newspapers, the parent company of the Wilmington Free Press Advocate, the Coal City Courant, and the Br a i d w o o d Journal, was issued a directive directly

from the White House.

In a letter from Trump, Free Press Publisher Eric Fisher was told that the history of running "fake" stories on April Fools Day will no longer be tolerated.

"America is under attack by very bad fake news," Trump wrote, citing examples of April Fools stories published in the Free Press dating back to the 1990s.

"These stories are a mess, and are no longer tolerated by me, and my administration," Trump continued. "You are hereby ordered to stop these sad publications, which are so bad for the country, immediately and as soon as possible."

During Monday's press briefing, Press Secretary Sean Spicer upped the ante, calling out specific publications by name and telling

them that the White House was ready to crack down on such stories, even if they are only written in jest.

"The Washington Journal is the worst example of this," Spicer told the press corps. "These journalists prey on the minds of gullible Americans for an easy laugh, and we're ready to move to the next level of possible prosecution if these jokes don't halt."

The directive was received with resistance on both the national and local level.

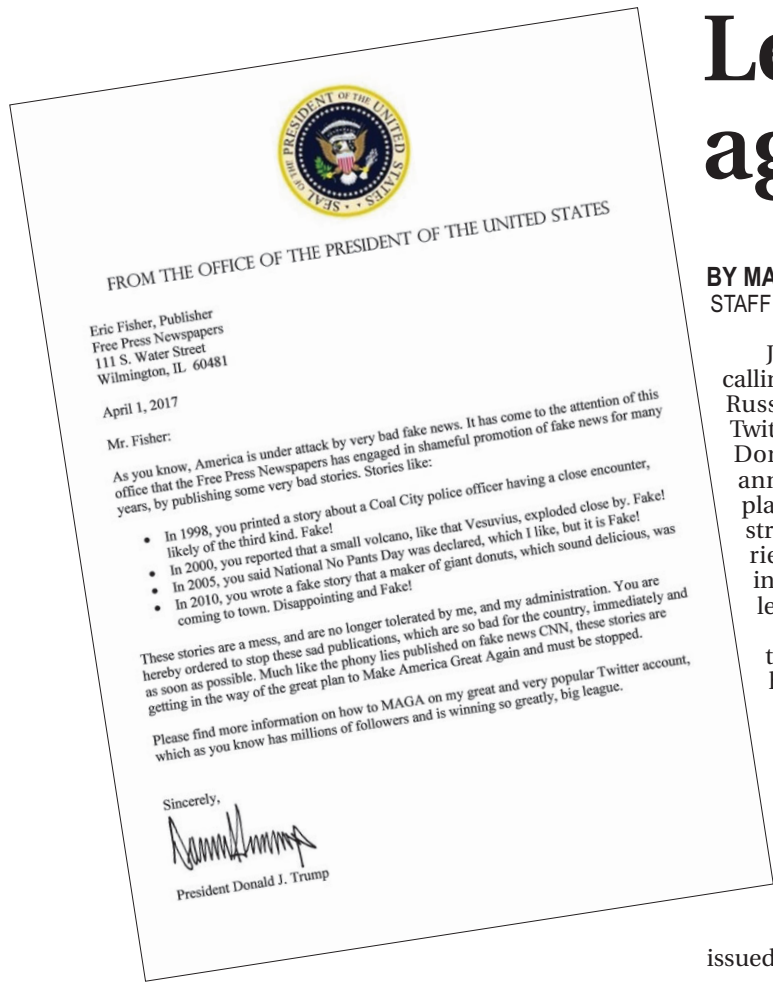
"It's a shame that Washington is putting up a fight over our high-quality April Fools reporting," Fisher said after receiving the letter. "In fact, Jimmy Carter used to pull jokes on the press corps on April Fools. It's really where the tradition started. It's a shame to

see a national tradition end."

Fisher added that while he was hesitant to pull this year's April Fools stories, there was not sufficient time to mount a legal defense to the president's directive before the publication date.

"The last thing we want is to lose our publishing license, especially after we've already paid this year's federal fee," Fisher said. "We're not happy about it, but for the sake of keeping our papers on the newsstands, we'll adhere this year."

So there you have it, there will not be an April Fools story done this year by this newspaper



Who are you voting for?

STAFF REPORT

Grundy County voters will cast ballots Tuesday to determine the makeup of municipal, township, school and library boards.

Carbon Hill residents will select a mayor and a village trustee. Rich Jurzak is unopposed in his bid for the mayoral post, while Gary Smith is the only candidate on the ballot for one of three open trustee positions.

In Coal City, voters will select three of five candidates to serve as trustees. Incumbents David Togliatti, Justin Wren and Tim Bradley are challenged by Sarah Beach and Georgette Vota.

Diamond voters will decide the town's mayor. Incumbent Teresa "Terry" Kernc is being challenged by Steven Kissel. Voters will see a repeat of village commissioners as three incumbent trustees are running for four open seats. Jeff Kasher, Carolyn Wilson and David Warner seek re-election. The fourth spot looks as if it will have to be filled by appointment.

Municipal elections are also being held in Morris, Braceville, Channahon, Dwight, East Brooklyn, Godley, Kinsman, Mazon, Minooka, South Wilmington and Verona.

Three members will be elected to the Unit 1 Board of Education, all incumbents as board members Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton and Jeff Emerson are unchallenged.

Coal City Public Library District has two seats available and incumbents Renee McLuckie and Karla Kuriger are uncontested in their bids to remain on the board of trustees.

On April 4, voters will also select representation on township boards.

Candidates for Braceville Township include incumbent supervisor Doug Boresi, township clerk

Penny Wills and highway commissioner Greg Hodgen. The three Republicans are all uncontested. For township trustee, again uncontested, are Democrat Mike Lareau, and Republicans Michael Campbell, Scott Benson and Mark Wills.

In Felix Township, voters will have to make a choice for township clerk and highway commissioner.

Incumbent clerk Patricia Christensen, a Republican, is facing a challenge by Democrat Constance Terrel. And, incumbent highway commissioner David Allen, a Democrat, is being challenged by Republican Charles Bumgardner.

Richard Onsen, a Democrat, is uncontested in his bid to continue as township supervisor.

As for township trustee, four people are in the running for the four available spots. They are Democrats John D'Arcy, Phillip Kodat and Karen Kodat, and Republican Gary E. Lissy, Sr.

Candidates for Goose Lake Township include incumbent supervisor Peter Kodat, township clerk David Henderson, highway commissioner Bruce Trotter, and trustees Sally Benton, Michael S. Skubic, Kevin J. Wills and Dena Fasano. The seven Republican candidates are all uncontested.

Republican John Davis is uncontested in his bid to continue as Maine Township supervisor. Township clerk Jennifer Campbell and highway commissioner James A. White are also uncontested in their races as are the four trustee candidates-David Hauschild, Denny Christensen, Mark Lehnus and James Jackman. All of the township candidates are members of the Republican party.

Voters will also be asked to select four individuals to serve on the Joliet

Junior College District 525 Board of Trustees. Two individuals will be selected to serve a six year term and two will be elected to serve out unexpired two year terms. Candidates seeking the six year terms are George Gaspar, Bob Bodach, Alicia Morales, Philip Juarez, Patricia "Patty" Deiters and Dan O'Connell.

Individuals seeking the two year positions are John (Jake) Mahalik, Margaret Hornung, Susan Marie Klen and Mike "OC" O'Connell.

Additionally, Grundy voters will be asked to vote for members of the Regional Board of School Trustees-Grundy and Kendall counties and just one individual, Jeff Hanford, is seeking the post to represent the county.

The polls will be open on election day, Tuesday, April 4, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters in Braceville 1 will vote at Coal City Village Hall, Braceville 2 votes at the township hall, Braceville 3 in the community room at Centure Bank and Braceville 5 at the Coal City Lions Hall.

Residents in Felix 1 and Felix 4 will cast a ballot at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Felix 2 at the township hall and Felix 3 Diamond Village Hall.

Voters in Goose Lake will cast their ballot at the township hall and Maine voters will submit their votes in the community room at Coal City Middle School.

A list of all candidates in municipal, township, school, park district, library district, fire protection districts, community college districts and propositions up for vote within the county of Grundy appear in the specimen ballot that has been inserted into this week's edition at the direction of the county clerk.

Diamond mayoral candidate responds

Editor's note: Diamond mayoral candidate Steven Kissel submitted the following statement in regards to questions posed by The Coal City Courant in advance of the April 4 consolidated election. Kissel's response to written correspondence was received on March 23, one day after the responses ran in the newspaper.

Although the information was not submitted in order to meet the original deadline, the newspaper believes the public has the right to hear from candidates, so we chose to print the information Kissel, who is a Diamond business owner, submitted.

Kissel is running against Teresa "Terry" Kernc, the village's incumbent mayor, who gave her platform in the March 22 issue.

BY STEVEN KISSEL

I believe that Diamond needs different leadership in order for the village to prosper and attract new business. Since I am a successful small business owner I am familiar with government overreach and ordinances which keep business from coming to Diamond. An ordinance which cost businesses money or adds to construction costs drives business away from the village and into the next town.

A mayor and municipal government is there to take care of the village business and address the needs of the citizens.

The village of Diamond is mostly blue collar community consisting of people who want to work, live quietly and pay their bills. The village of Diamond is not like Joliet, Bolingbrook or Chicago. Those who have moved here are people who here to escape that lifestyle and those who have lived here for years simply do not want to be associated with anything north of I-80. Government's job is to take of its' own business and keep its' nose out of the individual's business.

If elected I will work to remove any ordinance which interferes with business owners coming into the village who in turn will employ local workers. Also, the village currently has plenty of room to expand and I will not waste tax money annexing more property which is what the village tried to do when it fought to expand Lorenzo Road. In the end the city of Wilmington wound up annexing Lorenzo Road, but the cost of the annexation practically broke that city and Diamond spent money in legal fees competing for it. As Mayor I will work to take care of what the village currently encompasses and not overreach in the name of being bigger. Being bigger is not always better.

In the first 100 days I will be reviewing the village finances including the sewage bills which has been a source of complaint for homeowners. I will also be reviewing the position of village attorney and bring in a legal firm from this area instead of outsourcing it to a firm from the suburbs. The needs of Diamond are very different from the needs of Naperville or Bolingbrook and its need legal advice from a firm that understands this fact. I will also meet with the mayors of Coal City and Diamond to establish a working rapport.

Ballot

2015 consolidated election, with only 13.14 turnout, final cost was \$160,000 or a whopping \$36.78 per voter.

Olson would love nothing more than seeing higher voter participation, thus giving the county more return on its investment.

Election costs, according to Olson, include equipment leasing, ballot printing, publication costs for public notices, printing and distribution of specimen ballots, salaries for election judges, polling place rental and other miscellaneous

supplies including pencils, pens and envelopes.

The clerk's 2017 election budget is \$320,000, roughly \$73,000 for salaries of county employees who work within the department. A percentage also goes to cover software costs, routine data services and expenses related to running a primary.

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars and streamline elections, Olson consolidated five Morris precincts into one location for the primary and on election day those precincts will be scaled back to two locations—Morris City Hall and the Grundy County

Administration Center. Her goal is to continue the practice with future elections.

"I am hoping it goes well and we can consolidate more areas for the March 2018 primary," Olson said.

Voters who would like to cast an early ballot can do so in the office of the county clerk located at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 E. Washington St., Morris.

The clerk's office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will be open for early voting on Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Anyone looking to vote by mail must contact the clerk's office by phone or e-

mail at elections@grundy-co.org for an application. The form can also be downloaded from the clerk's website at www.grundyco.org.

No excuse is needed to vote by mail. Voters are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Ballots must be postmarked no later than election day, April 4, and received in the county clerk's office within 14 days after the election. The last day the clerk will mail ballots out is Thursday, March 30.

Questions regarding early voting or vote by mail should be directed to the clerk's elections department at 815-941-3222.

Braceville church to hold rummage sale

Braceville United Methodist Church will hold an indoor rummage sale on Friday, March 31, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to noon.

There will be a variety of items available. Braceville United Methodist Women sponsor the event. Money raised will benefit the church's building fund to replenish funds used for its new roof.

The church is located at the corner of Gould and Merrill streets in Braceville. For more information call the church office at 815-237-8512.

Voters

made similar statements and says the future of home rule is ultimately up to the voters. The outcome of the vote will be known in just six days.

Home rule is not the only proposition on the consolidated election ballot this spring as the Grundy County Board has placed a question regarding the implementation of a public safety sales tax. Funds generated from the proposed tax would be utilized to fund public safety initiatives within the county.

Grundy voters will be asked, "To pay for public safety purposes, shall Grundy County be authorized to impose an increase on its share of local sales taxes by .50%? This would mean that a consumer would pay an additional 50 cents in sales tax for every \$100.00 of tangible property bought at retail."

Grundy County would only be able to use the revenue generated for public safety purposes, which would include but not be limited to crime prevention, detention, emergency services and police services.

Public safety services

comprise more than 60 percent of the county's general fund budget.

A Public Safety Tax would apply to the sale of tangible goods just like regular sales tax, but does not apply to prescription and non-prescription medicines and drugs, food for human consumption that is consumed off the premises where it is sold, medical appliances and insulin, urine testing materials, syringes, and needles used by diabetics, personal property titled or registered with an agency of this state's government, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, trailers, etc., nor does it apply to other items that are currently exempt from sales tax like farm machinery.

The proposed tax is estimated to generate \$1.2 million annually to spend on public safety purposes for each 0.25 percent of public safety tax implemented.

Grundy County's current sales tax rate is the lowest in the state of Illinois. If the proposed Public Safety Tax is approved and implemented, the County's rate of 6.75 percent would still be among the lowest in the region.

Going green for a friend



Courtesy photo

MARCH IS DESIGNATED as National Kidney Month. According to the National Kidney Foundation more than 26 million Americans have kidney disease. Heather Davis, of Coal City, is among them. In an effort to bring awareness to kidney disease and to support their friend and co-worker the staff at Naked Sun Hair, Tanning and Day Spa in Diamond recently surprised Davis by showing up in specially designed T-shirts. Participating were (front from left) Maddie Guthrie, Davis and Mary Dennison. In the middle are Steph Cherveney, Alyssa Lukso and Maddie, Haley Blazekovich, Mandy Baumgartner, Amy Katzmarek, Katie Davis, Sue Davis and Rosanna Romano. In the back row are Chuck Dennison, Jodi Dennison, Terri Wiklak and April Crawford.

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Heartsaver AED covers the basic techniques of adult, child and infant CPR, as well as use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and first aid for choking. The class is appropriate for anyone interested in learning skills that could save the life of a loved one, friend, coworker or citizen in the community. The cost is \$60.

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Please Vote April 4

Village officials approve property variances

STAFF REPORT

Habitat for Humanity has been given the green light to construct a home in the village of Coal City.

The non-profit organization announced last fall its plan to build in the village. But before it could break ground, town officials needed to grant a variance to the front yard setback so the project would be in compliance with the town code.

A three-bedroom residence will be constructed at 655 E. Fourth St., but the planned homesite was not in compliance with the village's 25-foot front setback. On a recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, trustees agreed to a requested 4-foot variance.

Construction is slated to begin in May and the majority of the work will be completed by volunteers.

At its meeting on March 21, the Village Board also approved a request from Patricia Testa, Gerald Heavens and John Heavens to subdivide the southwest corner of Gordon Avenue and DeWitt Place to create three separate lots for the homes that are located on the family owned property that is recorded as one residential lot.

In order for the request to be granted, the property owners needed to secure variances for the homes located at 185 Gordon Ave., 160 DeWitt Place and 170 DeWitt Place that do not meet the village's minimum lot requirements.

During a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Board on March 20, planning commissioners agreed to forward a positive recommendation to the Village Board based on variances of 5 feet for the rear garage, 3.4 feet to the side yard, 8 feet for the front yard, 4 feet to the lot width and 2 feet to the lot length for the home at 185 Gordon Ave.

Along with a variance for an 11-foot lot width and 2.5 foot side yard setback for the home at 170 DeWitt Place and variances of 6-foot to the side yard for the home at 160 DeWitt and a 23-foot side yard setback for the garage and to allow a 3.4-foot distance between the home and garage.

In other matters from the March 21 meeting:

- It was announced that curbside spring cleanup will be held Tuesday, May 9.
- The board authorized the mayor to enter into a performance agreement with Windy City Dueling Pianos for a concert in the park on Saturday, July 29. The cost to the village is \$2,000. Additionally, the board agreed to enter into a music license agreement with BMI for the rights to play recorded music in public spaces.
- Trustees approved purchase orders totaling \$38,211.86. Included in the bills was a \$5,522.61 payment to the Economic Development Group for its work with the village's tax increment financing district and \$5,239.77 to the Grundy County Emergency Telephone Systems Board (ETSB) for reporting software

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 12 at Village Hall.

Post 1336 honors national cemetery volunteers

St. Juvin Post 1336 Veterans of Foreign Wars partnered with the Coal City Public Library District to honor the memory of Mary Ann Kilbride who volunteered her time as a member of the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad.

Kilbride passed away in November 2016. A memorial plaque was presented to her daughters Nina Kilbride-Sheehan and Gina Schock. The memorial will be on permanent display in the local history section of the library.

St. Juvin Post also honored five members of the local community who serve on the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad. Those individuals are Fred Koch, John Hill, Juanita Pantelone, Calvin Brainerd and Irving Dewald, senior vice commander of St. Juvin Post.

Memorial Squad members were presented with the VFW's Award of Commendation Medal and certificate on Tuesday, March 21.

The memorial plaque and medals of commendation were presented by Post adjutant Keith Roseland assisted by life member



MARY ANN KILBRIDE'S daughters (from left) Gina Schock and Nina Kilbride-Sheehan accept Kilbride's memorial plaque from post members James "Hoppy" Phillips, adjutant Keith Roseland, quartermaster Jim Richards and trustee John Dite.

James "Hoppy" Phillips. Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery outreach representative Chris Hill provided background information on the cemetery, answered questions from the audience and provided take home materials with respect to procedures and eligibility for committals for service members and spouses.

St. Juvin Post 1336 worked with Kathy Brown and Dana Abraham and the entire library staff in organizing the event.



LOCAL MEMBERS OF the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad honored with the VFW's Award of Commendation include (from left) Fred Koch, Irving Dewald, John Hall, Juanita Pantelone and Calvin Brainerd.

Library enters into self-insurance pool

The following briefs were taken from the Coal City Public Library District Board of Trustees meeting on March 14.

- Library Director Jolene Franciskovich shared information and the board discussed a resolution authorizing membership in Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency (LIRA). LIRA is a pooled, self-funded insurance program offered to Illinois' public libraries. Through LIRA, the library would have additional insurance coverage and experience an approximate 14 percent savings this year, with the possibility of saving more in the future.
- Following its discussion, trustees agreed to join LIRA.
- Irene Shepkowski, head of reference, presented the board with highlights from the department including new staff, genealogy programs, services and the library's participation in the 100-year celebration at the Intermediate School.
- The board was informed Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) is offering workshops for interested library trustees.
- It was announced the library's children's and teen department staff members partnered with the school district for family reading night titled, "Seuss on the Loose."
- Participation in the teen winter read, "Lights, Camera, Action," increased by 1 percent over last year's program attendance.
- Board members learned RAILS is accepting nomination for three public library trustee seats to be filled by board members

from RAILS public libraries.

- The annual Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) bid was held in March and Dynegy provided the lowest pricing. The library's rates will increase .35 percent the first year, 5.8 percent the second year and .82 percent the third year.
- Trustees announced monetary donations were made by the Coal City High School class of 1966 in memory of Joseph Lestina and Catherine Green. The funds are to be used for reference assistance.
- The Bylaw Committee presented recommended updates and changes for trustees to review.
- Approval was given to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with local taxing districts in regards to a property tax agreement with Competitive Power Ventures.
- Board discussions centered on the director evaluation process, National Library Week and the board evaluation of meeting survey results.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the library's Irving Street Annex. The deadline to place an item on the agenda is Wednesday, April 4. Questions concerning the meeting can be submitted to www.ccpld.org/formboard-php.

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.

South Wilmington awarded grant

The village of South Wilmington has been awarded a federal infrastructure grant from the state of Illinois. The funding will be used to replace a municipal water tower.

State Representative Lindsay Parkhurst announced the grant award last week.

"This is a well-deserved grant award for the village. A water tower is vital to local drinking water and the water used in fighting fires. I know the money will be put to good use," Parkhurst said.

According to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the village of South Wilmington will receive \$450,000 through the 2016 Public Infrastructure Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

The CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Although federally funded, this program is administered in the state of Illinois by DCEO. The grants are used to support local community development activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development.

The village of South Wilmington's is one of only 40 projects throughout the state to receive funding through these grants. The Grundy County village has a population of 681 people.

Library to offer free zoo passes

Coal City Public Library District patrons can get four free general admission tickets to the Brookfield Zoo with their library card beginning April 12 at 9 a.m.

Tickets are available until they have all been distributed.

These are general admission tickets and may not be sold or duplicated. Parking and other attractions are not included.

One library card may be used per person and the person present must be the owner of the library card. Passes expire Sept. 30

PUBLIC NOTICE

EARLY VOTING SITE

GRUNDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 4, 2017

**** Early Voting dates FEBRUARY 23RD - APRIL 4TH
Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
(unless noted below)

Saturday, April 1ST 9:00 am to Noon

ALL precincts of Grundy County
LOCATION - Grundy County Courthouse
Grundy County Election Authority
111 East Washington St., Morris, IL 60450

If any questions, please call the Grundy County Clerk's office
Elections Department 815-941-3222.

KAY T. OLSON
GRUNDY COUNTY ELECTION AUTHORITY

**** Due to the timeline of the February Consolidated Primary Election, preparation for Early Voting for the April 4th Consolidated Election will begin following the required Retab/Canvass of February 28, 2017 Consolidated Primary Election. Early Voting for the April 4th Consolidated Election will begin on or before Monday, March 20, 2017. Per state statute, no photo ID is required. No cell phones allowed in Courthouse.

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GEDC, Chamber gather for annual celebration

Businesses and organizations lauded

STAFF REPORT

Business and municipal leaders from across Grundy County gathered last week to celebrate the businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions to the county.

There was a record turnout for this year's Grundy Economic Development Council (GEDC) and Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry's annual dinner and awards ceremony held in Minooka on March 22.

More than 275 people were in attendance to recognize the award winners and celebrate a successful year for the Grundy County business community.

"This is one of the most successful on record for the GEDC with new prospect investment and membership growing to its highest level in the organization's history," said Nancy Norton, GEDC's CEO and president.

With Chris Breyman, GEDC board chairman and Grundy Bank vice president, Norton handed out three awards on behalf of the organization.

Exelon Generation's Dresden Nuclear Station was



Photo by Ann Gill

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY leaders from across Grundy County gathered last week to honor businesses, organizations and individuals who have and continue to make a difference in the county. The Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Grundy Economic Development Council hosted its annual dinner and awards ceremony on Wednesday, March 22. Christina VanYperen, Chamber executive director (left) and Nancy Norton, GEDC CEO and president (right) presented the awards to (from left) Arne Yates, Hampton Inn/Blair Road Hotel Association, GEDC Welcome to Grundy County Award; Stephanie Coleman, Streator Onized Credit Union, Chamber Ambassador of the Year; Randy Baudke, D'Arcy Chevy, Buick Cadillac, Chamber Business of the Year; Missy Durkin, Morris Community YMCA, Chamber Organization of the Year; Dr. Judy Mitchell, Joliet Junior College, GEDC Partnership Award; John Washko, Exelon Generation Dresden Station, GEDC Business of the Year; and Kim Scerine, Broadway Dance Center, Chamber Entrepreneur of the Year.

named the GEDC's Business of the Year. Located in Goose Lake Township, the power

plant has played a vital role in the community for more than 50 years.

"The impact Dresden Station has in our communities is profound," Norton said.

The station employs more than 800 full-time employees, provides enough electricity to power nearly 2 million homes and businesses, and is the largest taxpayer in the county. Additionally, Dresden employees serve and volunteer within the community, the company supports community initiatives and non-profit organizations, and every year the station hires an additional 1,500 to 2,000 workers to assist with its refueling outages which in turn supports the local economy.

"In my 18 years in this position I have yet to have a prospect arrive and tell me they would like to hire 800 people, have an annual payroll of \$80 million and pay \$25 million in property taxes, that hasn't happened yet but my door is always open for the next person who is willing to do that. I tell this story only to exemplify that as a community we do not take your contributions for granted and this award is just a small way to thank you for all you do for Grundy County communities," Norton said.

John Washko, Dresden's plant manager, accepted the award.

"Exelon takes great pride in getting the employees involved in the commu-

nity and Dresden is no different we take great pride in having our employees involved in the community in many different ways. I have the honor of walking in the door everyday with about 800 people who I am very proud to work with and this award is a reflection of what those people do day in and day out," Washko said.

This year's Partnership Award was presented to Joliet Junior College for its strides in workforce development.

An example is the Operations Engineering and Technician Program that was developed in response to the business community's need for training operators and engineers in both technical and soft skills. The program includes internships for its students at Grundy County businesses.

Norton noted the college also supports the organization's annual summer intern program for high school juniors and seniors.

Dr. Judy Mitchell, president of Joliet Junior College, accepted the award.

The Welcome to Grundy County Award went to Hampton Inn/Blair Road Hotel Association for its investment in Grundy County and the village of Minooka.

The 83-room Hampton Inn filled a need in the community and from the day it opened customers have raved about the facility, service and all around experience.

"Business attraction,

one of the key components of economic development, is very competitive. So when a business selects Grundy County as a new location, it is something to celebrate," Norton said.

Based on the success of the Hampton Inn, the hotel group has announced its plans to construct an 87-room extended stay hotel-Mariott Townplace Suites across the street. Construction is slated to begin this summer.

The Grundy Chamber presented its Business of the Year Award to D'Arcy Chevy, Buick, Cadillac that recently acquired the former Talty Chevrolet in Morris.

"Terry D'Arcy and his team are no strangers to building a good reputation. Before their purchase of the Morris location was even finalized, Terry and his local general manager Randy Baudek started attending Chamber events and asking how they could help to support our community," said Christina Van Yperen, the Chamber's executive director.

In the 15 months D'Arcy has been in Grundy County, the dealership has witnessed a 90 percent increase in sales and was recognized by Chevrolet at this year's Chicago Auto Show.

D'Arcy has contributed to more than 15 organizations and non-profits that serve Grundy County including Morris Community YMCA, Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers, Farm Bureau and

Grundy-Three Rivers Habitat for Humanity.

"When I asked the D'Arcy team the mentality behind the vast contributions I was told Terry wants people to know they care. They don't just give money and go away. Their contributions are not seen as sponsorships or donations, to the D'Arcy team, it's seen as an investment in their community," Van Yperen said.

D'Arcy's community investment director Monica Bibian and marketing manager Maggie Sillar accepted the award from John Adler, the Chamber's board chairman.

Morris Community YMCA was recognized as the Chamber's Organization of the Year.

In just two years, the Morris Community YMCA, a part of the Greater Joliet Area YMCA, opened its first daily presence in Grundy County and witnessed growth from the expected 250 units, to more than 1,000 units today which represents over 2,400 members. It has also partnered with Morris Hospital on several programs to help prevent and improve disease.

Last year there were more than 60,000 visits to the Morris YMCA, the youth basketball program in Morris and Coal City increased in enrollment with about 520 kids and summer day camp was added in Coal City.

Since 2006, the YMCA has had a presence in Grundy County. In December 2016 it secured a land donation near Morris' White Oak School from the Sandeno Family, owners of D Construction. The land will provide space for the agency to construct a full facility.

"They opened the center two years ago, the Morris Community YMCA set out to make a difference in the well-being of our Grundy County residents. It's safe to say the Y, its local board and staff have made an incredible impact," Van Yperen said.

Missy Durkin, the YMCA's director, accepted the award.

The final award of the night went to Stephanie Coleman, of Streator Onized Credit Union, who was named the Chamber's Ambassador of the Year.

Coleman became an ambassador nine years ago and this is her second time receiving the award.

On behalf of the Chamber and GEDC, Adler closed the ceremony by reminding those in attendance the event is a celebration of the strides made in recruiting, retaining and promoting business in and around Grundy County.

In Memoriam

Edwards, John J. (Jack)

In loving memory of my husband, our father, grandfather and great grandfather who passed away April 3, 1961

If we could have a lifetime wish, one dream that would come true. We would pray to God with all our hearts, for yesterday and you. A thousand words can't bring you back. We know because we've tried. And neither will a million tears, we know because we've cried. You left behind our broken hearts and happy memories too, but we never wanted memories we only wanted you. So quietly today your memory we treasure. One life together, one love forever.

Sadly missed by your wife, Celeste, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

In Memory

Marianna Togliatti

In loving memory of our beloved mother and grandmother, who passed away April 2, 1959.

She always used to watch for us, Anxious if we were late; In winter by the window, In summer by the gate. And though we mocked her tenderly, Who had such foolish care, The long way home seemed more safe, Because she waited there. Her thoughts were all so full of us, She never could forget, And so we know that where she is, She must be waiting yet. Waiting until we come home to her, Anxious if we are late, Watching from heaven's window, Leaning from heaven's gate.

Daughter Celeste, Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Thick flat pad

4. Green regions of desert

9. Fill with dismay

14. Boxing legend

15. Soup

16. Your sibling's daughter

17. A long thin implement

18. Late ESPN anchor

20. Motives

22. Astronomerology term

23. Semitic Sun god

24. Small cigar

28. Promotions

29. Not off

30. Line or plaster the roof

31. African Indian people of Alberta, Canada

33. Rituals

37. Chlorine

38. Red deer

39. Offers a good view

41. Post-indictment arrangement

42. Blood group

43. Razor clams

44. Fleshes of animals

46. Nipple

49. Indicates position

50. Electrocardiogram

51. Can be disconnected

55. Tall military cap

58. Cape Verde capital

59. Not written in any key

60. Creative

64. Suffix

65. Stacked

66. One who consumes

67. Not he

68. Whiskey and milk are two

69. Entryways

70. ___ and cheese

CLUES DOWN

1. Marketplaces

2. Hawaiian greeting

3. Mark left by the sea

4. Strongly affected by something

5. Music and painting are two

6. Small coin (French)

7. Letter of the Greek alphabet

8. A gesture involving the shoulders

9. Grey geese

10. Meal in the park

11. Human beings

12. What thespians do

13. Allow

19. Third-party access

21. "Casino Royale" villain Mikkelsen

24. Painful foot problems

25. The very first

26. Lawful

27. Ceramic jars

31. Hind ends

32. "Virginia Woolf" author

34. Try

35. For instance

36. Academic terms

40. Article

41. Religious belief outside the mainstream

45. Sound caused by reflection

47. Greatly horrify

48. Prey

52. Forays

53. River in eastern France

54. Bleated

56. Soft food cooked from buckwheat

57. Pre-Mayan civilization

59. Assert to be the case

60. Inches per minute (abbr.)

61. "Rosemary's Baby", Farrow

62. Chinese philosophical principle

63. Simpson trial judge

Auditions next week for Cabaret Night

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 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 b.mcdowell@coalcityschools.org.

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

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VOTE APRIL 4 TO RE-ELECT

PATRICIA L. CHRISTENSEN

Felix Township Clerk

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Vote

Scerine

located in Diamond. Of those dancers, approximately 190 have been part of the dance company.

"From ages 3 and up and classes from ballet to tap, Kim has been helping to shape our children into mature, hard-working, well-rounded adults for decades," said Van Yperen.

It is for her work with young people, her giving nature and her drive to make the community a better place that Scerine was selected as the Chamber's 2017 Entrepreneur of the Year.

"Kim is a prime example of what being a small business owner is all about, illustrating that it's more than a job, more than her livelihood, but also a commitment to her community," VanYperen said.

The award was presented during the Chamber and Grundy Economic Development Council's annual dinner and awards ceremony.

Scerine shared the award with her dancers.

"This is more than me, this is obviously the On Broadway Dancers," she said, noting the company's success is rooted in its members dedication to the art of dance.

The dance center has developed a reputation for providing some of the best dance training around, and part of that comes in providing a good example.

"Jesse White, who I consider my mentor, always said to me, 'remember they are always watching you.' So with that in mind we teach our kids how to behave by our examples and in that we hope our kids grow up and make good examples of us," Scerine said.

As the dance studio prepares to celebrate it's 30th year, the mission, "to maintain a standard of excellence for our dancers, both personally and professionally," remains just as it did the day the doors opened on Broadway in 1987.

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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.

Coal City winter athletes honored for All-Conference, Academic All-Conference



COAL CITY recently honored the boys basketball players who earned Academic All-Conference awards. The award is given to those athletes that achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher through the season. Recipients included: (From left) Justin Dabulskis, Sean Micetich, Christian Johnson, Kaleb Spreitzer, Carter Copes and Blake Harseim.



COAL CITY's girls basketball players were honored last week by receiving Academic All-Conference awards. Those honored must obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout their participation in their sport. Recipients included (From left) Kenady Clayburn, Maddie Halliday, Mackenzie Bugg, Helen Onsen, Brooke Chapman and Olivia Skubic.



COAL CITY CHEERLEADERS that received Academic All-Conference awards included: (Front, from left) Lauren Cueller, Kelly Mumm and Madison Lander. Back: Abigail Charles, Macey Spencer, Ariana Pullara and Lily Solt. The award is given to those athletes that obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout their participation in a given sport.



COAL CITY wrestlers were honored by earning Academic All-Conference awards during their winter season. The honor is given to those that obtained a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout their participation in their sport. Recipients included: (From left) Daniel Jezik, Brendan Nevin, Alex Friddle and Cole Garcia.



(LEFT) COAL CITY wrestlers that received All-Conference honors included: (Front, from left) T.J. Jezik, Daniel Jezik, Mark Hiles, Alex Friddle and Danny Norton. Back: Brian Stopka, Brock Crawford and Ryan Wasielewski.



(RIGHT) CHEERLEADERS that received All-Conference honors included: (Front, from left) Emily Easton, Kelly Mumm, Katelyn Guthrie, Hannah Best, Lauren Cueller, Destiny Horkavy, Katelyn Elliott and Madison Lander. Back: Macey Spencer, Lily Solt, Abigail Charles, Maggie McCollough, Alana Johnson and Ariana Pullara.

Ready to play



SPRING SPORTS SEASON is underway as youth athletes at all levels are preparing for an exciting season of baseball, softball and soccer. A number of teams in the Coal City Area Baseball and Softball Association have started practices in anticipation of the 2017 season that is slated to get underway on Monday, April 24. In order to prepare the fields for play, the organization will hold its annual spring cleanup on Saturday, April 1 and again on Saturday, April 8 beginning at 9 a.m. Team parents and interested community members are invited to participate.

Book Clubs offer a way to get in on the discussion

Looking for a great book to read? Interested in reading and discussing popular books? Coal City Public Library has two book clubs to choose from.

The Country Meadows Book Club meets the second and fourth Monday each month at the Country Meadows Clubhouse. The

library book club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the library. Each club reads different books. Pick the day and time that works best for you and join in on the fun. Coffee and tea are provided.

Some of the latest reads include, "The Rosie Project," "The Muse," "Plain Truth,"

On Mystic Lake," "Truly, Madly, Guilty," "A Thousand Splendid Suns" and "The Fixer."

To join, just ask for the current book club selection at the Circulation Desk. For more information contact Melanie at 815.634.4552 x 115 or visit ccpld.org.



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TnB Remodeling files as
new business

LEGAL NOTICE
**Assumed Name
Publication Notice**
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 21, A.D. 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Grundy County, Illinois, setting forth names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as TnB Remodeling, located at 410 S. Broadway St., Coal City, IL 60416.
Dated this 21st day of March A.D. 2017.
Kay T Olson, Grundy County Clerk
Published in the Coal City Courant on March 22, and 29 and April 5, 2017.

P2L Production files as
new buiness

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Public Notice is hereby given that on March 13, A.D. 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Grundy County, Illinois, setting forth names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as P2L Production, located at 253 Blazing Star Dr., Minooka, IL 60447.
Dated this 13th day of March, A.D. 2017.
Kay T Olson, Grundy County Clerk
Published in the Coal City Courant on March 15, 22 and 29, 2017.

Midwest Capital files notice on Braceville property

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE
FILED: 3/24/2017
CASE: 2017TX18
TO: KBJ PROPERTIES INC, KEVIN GOSEWISCH, LUCKY BUGG INC DBA WICKED CRICKET BAR AND GRILL, ET.AL. DEFENDANTS, COUNTY CLERK OF GRUNDY COUNTY; PERSONS IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS.
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES CERTIFICATE # 14-00252, 14-00253
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 103 S. RT 53 BRACEVILLE, IL 60407
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OR PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 09-25-158-004 , 09-25-158-006
THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SALE WILL EXPIRE ON: JULY 24, 2017
THIS NOTICE IS ALSO TO ADVISE YOU A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED FOR A TAX DEED AS CASE NO. 2017TX18 WHICH WILL TRANSFER TITLE AND RIGHT OF POSSESSION OF THIS PROPERTY IF REDEMPTION IS NOT MADE ON OR BEFORE: JULY 24, 2017
THE MATTER IS SET FOR HEARING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GRUNDY COUNTY ILLINOIS AT COURT HOUSE BLDG AT 111 E. WASHINGTON ST, MORRIS, IL. ON: AUGUST 10, 2017
YOU MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING BUT YOUR RIGHT TO REDEEM WILL ALREADY HAVE EXPIRED AT THAT TIME.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
REDEMPTION CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME ON OR BEFORE JULY 24, 2017 BY APPLYING AT THE COUNTY CLERK OF GRUNDY COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN MORRIS, ILLINOIS AT 111 E. WASHINGTON ST, MORRIS IL. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK AT (1-815-941-3222)
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Midwest Capital files notice on Minooka property

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE
FILED: 3/24/2017
CASE: 2017TX17
TO: JOEL ARMSTRONG, TRISHA ARMSTRONG, LAKEWOOD TRAILS HOMEOWNERS ASSOC, VILLAGE OF MINOOKA, KRISTI LAMONTAGNA, WILLIAM LOPINA, BAC HOME LOAN SERVICING L.P. F/K/ACOUNTRY SIDE HOME LOAN SERVICING, ET.AL. DEFENDANTS, COUNTY CLERK OF GRUNDY COUNTY; PERSONS IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS.
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES CERTIFICATE # 14-90176
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1412 CLIFTON DRIVE, MINOOKA, IL 60447
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OR PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 03-14-206-004S
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 376 IN LAKEWOOD TRAILS UNIT 2B, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14 AND PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 1, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 445379, AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED JULY 12, 2005, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 450570, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 586; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, 110.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, 47.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, 110.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST, 47.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN AUX SABLE TOWNSHIP, GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
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PURCHASER OR ASSIGNEE
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Midwest Capital files notice on Minooka property

PUBLIC NOTICE
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FILED: 3/24/2017
CASE: 2017TX14
TO: LANE D. CANNON, CT CORPORATION SYSTEMS, GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, DAWN L. MOODY, PRAIRIE RIDGE TOWNHOME ASSOC ET.AL. DEFENDANTS, COUNTY CLERK OF GRUNDY COUNTY; PERSONS IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS.
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES CERTIFICATE # 14-90037
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1075 CLOVER DR. MINOOKA, IL 60447
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OR PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 03-12-307-016S
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PARCEL 1: LOT 287 IN PRAIRIE RIDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE TWO UNIT TWO, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 369 IN PRAIRIE RIDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE TWO UNIT ONE AND A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 10, 2006 AS DOCUMENT 466218 IN PLAT CABINET H SLIDE 145, IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: A NON EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 AS CREATED BY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION RECORDED JULY 10, 2006 AS DOCUMENT 466218 AND AS CREATED BY DEED DATED JULY 26, 2007 AND RECORDED AUGUST 7, 2007 AS DOCUMENT NO. 480828 FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER LOT 370.
THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SALE WILL EXPIRE ON: JULY 24, 2017
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PURCHASER OR ASSIGNEE
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Just a little kiss on the cheek



Photo by Ann Gill
COAL CITY INTERMEDIATE School students are fighting the war against childhood cancer with every penny they have. The school's annual penny wars generated close to \$420 dollars as the fourth and fifth grade students turned in their copper to take part in a special challenge. Each cent counted as a vote for their favorite staff member. Silver coins were also accepted, but subtracted from the number of votes the teacher received. Based on the final votes, five teachers—Brad Boresi, Amy Gaffigan, Jenn Ness, Neil Nicholson and Stephanie Shear—were chosen to select a box that held a surprise challenge from drinking hot sauce to eating vomit flavored jelly beans. Shear's challenge was to kiss a goat, so with some help from school nurse Danielle Meyer, the fourth grade teacher puckered up for her new furry friend, to the cheers of the school's students. Principal Tracy Carlson reported the funds raised will be donated to a children's hospital to assist it juvenile cancer patients.

Students recognized for achieving top PARCC scores

STAFF REPORT

Coal City Intermediate School principal Tracy Carlson believes the students in her building are fully prepared for the upcoming Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam. The annual year-end exam will test student knowledge in the areas of

English/language arts and mathematics. The PARCC exam is slated to be administered to the students in early April.

In advance of the test, Carlson spoke to the students about the upcoming exam and to highlight the achievements of students who scored at the top of their class on the spring 2016 test.

Mason Wantroba, a fourth grader at CCIS,

earned the top math score in his first year taking the PARCC test in third grade. His classmate, Melody Kinder, was recognized for achieving the highest score in the area of English/language arts. Braden Gibson, a fifth grader, was recognized for earning the highest score in both English/language arts and math as a fourth grader. Two sixth graders returned to CCIS last week to be recognized for their achievements on the PARCC test as fifth graders. Luke

Hawkins earned the highest score in math and Izzy Kostbade in English/language arts.

The top scoring students' names have been added to plaques that hang in the school.

In closing out the recognition ceremony, Carlson encouraged the students to do their best on the upcoming exam.

"Take your time and try your absolute best," she said.

Coal City School District sets public hearing date to discuss custodial services

PUBLIC NOTICE
**COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
100 SOUTH BAIMA STREET
COAL CITY, ILLINOIS 60416**
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Grundy County, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on the proposal to outsource the District's custodial services in accord with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34c. The public hearing will be held at the Coal City Middle School Community Room, 500 South Carbon Hill Road, Coal City, Illinois, on the 7th of June, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Dated this 27th day of March, 2017.
By: Mary Gill, Secretary
Board of Education
Coal City Community Unit
School District No. 1
Grundy County, Illinois
Published in the Coal City Courant on March 29, 2017.

Felix Township to hold town meeting

LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Township of Felix in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the annual meeting of said town will take place on Tuesday, April 11, A.D. 2017, being the second Tuesday of said month.
The town meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said town will be held at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. on said day at the Felix Township Hall and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.
Dated at Coal City this 23rd day of March, 2017.
Patricia L. Christensen, Town Clerk
Published in the Coal City Courant on March 29, 2017.



Photo by Ann Gill
COAL CITY INTERMEDIATE School fifth grader Braden Gibson was recognized for achieving the highest score in both English/language arts and mathematics on the 2016 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam. Gibson was one of five students honored by principal Tracy Carlson during a ceremony at the school on March 24.

Sheriff's sale of 115 E. North St.

PUBLIC NOTICE
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
GRUNDY BANK, PLAINTIFF, VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAREN D MASZAK, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. 16 CH 145 115 EAST NORTH STREET, COAL CITY, IL 60416-1056
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Darren D Maszak, if any defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
THE EAST 110.00 FEET OF THE WEST 465.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 287.50 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: 115 East North Street, Coal City, IL 60416-1056 and which said Mortgage was made by Daren D Maszak Mortgagor(s), to GRUNDY BANK, Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Grundy County, Illinois, as Document No. 498373; and for other relief.
UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County,
Corri Trotter
111 E Washington St, Room 30 P.O. Box 707
Morris, IL 60450
on or before April 14, 2017 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF, AS ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60602
Ph. (312) 346-9088
File No. 258728-76097
I716771
Published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, March 15, 22 and 29, 2017.

Midwest Capital files notice on Seneca property

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE
FILED: 3/24/2017
CASE: 2017TX16
TO: LAURENCE M. REGAN, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OTTAWA ET.AL. DEFENDANTS, COUNTY CLERK OF GRUNDY COUNTY; PERSONS IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS.
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES CERTIFICATE # 14-00217
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: A VACANT PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 70 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF S. LASALLE RD AND W. MINE RD IN SENECA
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OR PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 07-30-100-002
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 6, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 1328.94 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 09 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, 2317.81 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER SECTION TO THE WEST LIKE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER SECTION; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 1328.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN VIENNA TOWNSHIP, GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SALE WILL EXPIRE ON: JULY 24, 2017
THIS NOTICE IS ALSO TO ADVISE YOU A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED FOR A TAX DEED AS CASE NO. 2017TX16 WHICH WILL TRANSFER TITLE AND RIGHT OF POSSESSION OF THIS PROPERTY IF REDEMPTION IS NOT MADE ON OR BEFORE: JULY 24, 2017
THE MATTER IS SET FOR HEARING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GRUNDY COUNTY ILLINOIS AT COURT HOUSE BLDG AT 111 E. WASHINGTON ST, MORRIS, IL. ON: AUGUST 10, 2017
YOU MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING BUT YOUR RIGHT TO REDEEM WILL ALREADY HAVE EXPIRED AT THAT TIME.
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Coal City School District accepting bids for custodial services

PUBLIC NOTICE
**COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
100 SOUTH BAIMA STREET
COAL CITY, ILLINOIS 60416**
LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
Bids will be taken for the outsourcing of custodial services for the Coal City Community Unit School District No. 1, Grundy and Will Counties, Illinois beginning March 27, 2017.
Sealed bids are due no later than 9:00 AM Thursday April 13, 2017 in the School Districts Administrative Office, 100 South Baima Street, Coal City, Illinois.
Bid specifications may be obtained from the School District's Administrative Office at the above-mentioned address between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the School District's website.
The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or any part thereof, to waive any informalities in the bidding, and to accept the bid which the Board of Education deems the most favorable to its interest after all bids have been examined and canvassed.
Sealed bids will be opened at a Public Bid Opening at 9:00 AM Thursday April 13, 2017. The opening will take place at the School District's Administrative Office, 100 South Baima Street, Coal City, Illinois.
Mary Gill, Secretary
Board of Education
Published in the Coal City Courant on March 29, 2017.

Illinois Pollution Control Board files notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
NOTICE OF PROPOSED STIPULATION AND PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT CASE
The Attorney General has brought a case against Peter Panagiotaras for violation of State pollution control rules. On March 20, 2017, the parties filed a stipulation and proposal for settlement. The parties agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and in accordance with State law, have requested that the settlement be adopted without holding a public hearing. Any person desiring that a hearing be held may demand a public hearing in this case by filing a written hearing request with the Illinois Pollution Control Board within 21 days after the publication of this notice. The hearing request should refer People of the State of Illinois v. Peter Panagiotaras, PCB 17-47 and should be mailed to the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Additional information can be obtained through the Office of the Clerk at 312/814-3461 and the Board's website at http://www.ipcbc.state.il.us.
Gerald Keenan
Chairman
Published in the Coal City Courant on March 29, 2017.

Midwest Capital files notice on Minooka property

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE
FILED: 3/24/2017
CASE: 2017TX15
TO: STEVE BIELSKI, WILLIAM J. LOPINA, MARGARET CABELLO, LAKEWOOD TRAILS HOME OWNERS ASSOC, ATLANTIC CREDIT & FINANCE SPECIAL FINANCE UNIT LLC, ILLINOIS CORP SERVICE C, KEY MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC ET.AL. DEFENDANTS, COUNTY CLERK OF GRUNDY COUNTY; PERSONS IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS.
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES CERTIFICATE # 14-90120
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1409 BLUESTEM LN MINOOKA, IL 60447
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OR PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 03-13-178-021S
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 330 IN LAKEWOOD TRAILS UNIT 1 BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 13 AND THE SOUTH 250.00 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE VILLAGE OF MINOOKA, AUX SABLE TOWNSHIP, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 30, 2003 AS DOCUMENT NO. 417002 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTION RECORDED JULY 24, 2003 AS DOCUMENT NO. 421156, AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2003 AS DOCUMENT NO. 423288, IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SALE WILL EXPIRE ON: JULY 24, 2017
THIS NOTICE IS ALSO TO ADVISE YOU A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED FOR A TAX DEED AS CASE NO. 2017TX15 WHICH WILL TRANSFER TITLE AND RIGHT OF POSSESSION OF THIS PROPERTY IF REDEMPTION IS NOT MADE ON OR BEFORE: JULY 24, 2017
THE MATTER IS SET FOR HEARING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GRUNDY COUNTY ILLINOIS AT COURT HOUSE BLDG AT 111 E. WASHINGTON ST, MORRIS, IL. ON: AUGUST 10, 2017
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CCHS welcomes new members to National Honor Society



Courtesy photo

COAL CITY High School's chapter of National Honor Society inducted 43 new members on Tuesday, March 14. These new members have achieved a grade point average of not less than a 94 percent for at least one grading period and maintained an average of no less than an 86 percent after being inducted. All members must conduct themselves in a moral and respectful manner, provide leadership, and provide service to their school and society. Various faculty members, coaches, family members and friends introduced these students at the ceremony. They were welcomed into the National Honor Society by president Luke Rodgers, vice president Alex Michalak, secretary Allison Norris, treasurer Reid Scott, and student representative Maddie Halliday. The 2017 inductees are (seated, from left): Ariana Pullara, Maggie Cochran, Abigail Charles, Austin Friddle, Jessica Kroeger, Megan Lacy, Klarissa Aldridge, Madison Lander and Lauren Cueller. In the second row are Beau Wills, Abbey Gernenz, Abbey Brown, Serena Schoonveld, Jessica Hanley, Courtney Allen, Kyra Benson, Samantha Olsen, Angelle Elberts, Natalie Schoeneck, Cade Robson, Lillian Solt, Leslie Youskevitch, Bridget Kauzlaric, Maisy Wills, Jessica Winslow and Erica Forehand. In the third row are Sonja Minnick, Lucas Riley, Logan Pierard, Sean Micetich, Nicholas Berta, Hunter Anderjeski, Patrick Slusser, Lindsay Stopka, Carter Copes, Madeline Tucker, Krystle Minski, Sarah Moore and Brenna Kelly. In the back row are Jacob Masters, Blake Harseim and Kaleb Spreitzer. Birdie Opyd is not pictured.

COAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Weekly programs for children, teens and adults meet at various times. Check online calendar at ccpld.org. All children's classes listed here require registration.

Adult exercise, 9 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Low impact aerobic workout designed for adults of all ages held in the library meeting room.

Free tax assistance every Tuesday through April 18, 9 a.m. in the annex.

Thursday, March 30-Check out a snack, all day for teens. Teen Cooking Class, Warriors, 11 a.m., Coalers, 1 p.m. Reg. required.

K-3 Sparks, 1 p.m., K-3rd graders will be painting.

Drop In English and Reading Help, 17 and older, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31-Teen Movie Day, 1 p.m., Surf's Up.

Saturday, April 1-Photos accepted for the 5th Annual Photography Exhibit through April 12. Can submit up to five photos.

Monday, April 3-Terrific Tots, 10 a.m., class for 2-3 year olds. Finger play, stories, crafts.

Eager Readers Homeschool Edition, 1 p.m.

Eager Readers, 4 p.m.

Family Lapsit, 6 p.m., introduce kids to the wonderful world of books.

Preschool Storytime, 6 p.m., 3-5 year olds, different theme through books.

Tuesday, April 4-Book Club, 1 p.m., monthly book club.

Tween Girls Club, 3:30 p.m., 4th and 5th graders gather for snacks, fun and activities.

TAG - Teen Afterschool Group, Warriors at 4 p.m. and Coalers at 4:30 p.m.

Yoga Class, 6 p.m., six week session of yoga. Instructor Lou Ann Carpenter.

Wednesday, April 5-Defensive Driving Class, 2 day class, \$15 fee, includes workbook.

Family Lapsit, 10 a.m., introduce kids to the wonderful world of books.

Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m., 3-5 year olds, different theme through books.

Movie of the Month, 1 p.m., Jackie, starring Natalie Portman.

Teen Game Night, 5 p.m., Play the Wii or bring your own hand held device. Grades 6-12

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information go to www.ccpld.org or call the library at 815-634-4552.

Should Coal City add Home Rule to its toolkit?

On April 4th, Coal City residents will be asked on their ballot, "Shall the Village of Coal City, Illinois become a home rule unit?" A vote of Yes will change the available solutions the Board may use to tackle local problems. A vote of No will maintain the status quo and leave the Village a non-home rule community.

If you plan to vote on April 4th, information on home rule is available on facebook or the village's website at www.coalcity-il.gov



EXPECT TO BE GREETED EVERY TIME YOU COME HOME.

PARENT RULE #7



Funded in whole by the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING

BE THEIR GUIDE. Don't provide.

www.grundyparents.org

Midwest Capital files notice on Morris property

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE
FILED: 3/24/2017
CASE: 2017TX13
TO: JOSHUA L STREET, WELLS FARGO BANK
ET.AL. DEFENDANTS, COUNTY CLERK OF GRUNDY COUNTY; PERSONS IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS.

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
CERTIFICATE # 14-00127
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 5130 W. OLD STAGE RD MORRIS, IL 60450
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OR PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 04-15-200-008
THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SALE WILL EXPIRE ON: JULY 24, 2017

THIS NOTICE IS ALSO TO ADVISE YOU A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED FOR A TAX DEED AS CASE NO. 2017TX13 WHICH WILL TRANSFER TITLE AND RIGHT OF POSSESSION OF THIS PROPERTY IF REDEMPTION IS NOT MADE ON OR BEFORE: JULY 24, 2017
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Hoffman Property Holdings, LLC applies for zoning changes

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Coal City Zoning Board of Appeals on the Zoning Ordinance on the 17th day of April, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the office of the Board of Appeals, Coal City Village Hall, 515 South Broadway, Coal City, Illinois on the following matter:

To consider:
(i) Zoning change for Parcel II from A-1 to I-1;
(ii) Conditional use for planned unit development;
(iii) Conditional use for motor/rail freight terminal;
(iv) Conditional use for associated railroad trackage, to permit the development of transloading, distribution, truck terminal and warehouse facilities.

At the following address: Reed Road (north side/east of Union Pacific Railroad), Coal City.

Legal description of property: Parcel I: The East 94 acres, more or less of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 32 North, Range 8, East of the Third Principal Meridian, except the Chicago and Alton Railroad right of way, in Grundy County, Illinois. Parcel II: The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 32 North, Range 8, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois.

Request for the above appeal was applied for by: Hoffman Property Holdings, LLC.

Said Board of Appeals will be at said time and place to hear all persons in support of such matter or any objection thereof.

Persons may appear in person or by agent.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2017.

Published in the Coal City Courier on March 29, 2017.

Foreclosure sale of 2060 E. Old Pine Bluff Rd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff, -v- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ELMER K. WOOLDRIDGE AKA ELMER WOOLDRIDGE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELMER K. WOOLDRIDGE AKA ELMER WOOLDRIDGE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ELMER K. WOOLDRIDGE AKA ELMER WOOLDRIDGE, DECEASED, ED WOOLDRIDGE, STEVE WOOLDRIDGE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, WILLIAM BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ELMER K. WOOLDRIDGE AKA ELMER WOOLDRIDGE, DECEASED Defendant 16 CH 76

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 19, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on April 7, 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:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN GOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP, GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 726.24 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF STATE AND HIGHWAY ROUTE NO. 19, PASSING IN A NORTHWESTERLY AND SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION THROUGH THE SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4, THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 34 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY 221.2 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 63 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, 112.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SAID WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 199.15 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 38 MINUTES EAST, 73.28 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SAID WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 197.9 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, THENCE NORTH 63 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, 72.94 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING. THERE SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY PROVIDED FOR AN EASEMENT 14.21 FEET WIDE EXTENDING WEST AND SOUTH OF AND ALONG THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINES: -- BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, THAT IS SOUTH 62 DEGREES 34 MINUTES EAST 221.2 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST, 206.82 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 39 MINUTES EAST, 68.79 FEET FROM THE SAID WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 200.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 62 DEGREES 38 MINUTES WEST, 162.57 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL SAID EASEMENT BEING FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS.

Commonly known as 2060 E. Old Pine Bluff Rd., Morris, IL 60450
Property Index No. 05-12-351-003.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$83,803.07.

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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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 this property is a Condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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.

HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
111 East Main Street
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Coaler tennis hopes for new talent in wake of losing 11 seniors

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Coal City's boys tennis team faces the challenge of having 11 seniors depart the program from last year, including three of their best: Nick Holmes, Trent Sula and Mike McGinn.

All three left their mark on the Coal City program, with Holmes being the first boys tennis player in 29 years to advance to the state tournament in singles competition.

Sula and McGinn also went to state two years in a row as the No. 1 doubles team for Coal City.

The departure of those three players has left a gap in the lineup as the first match looms.

The Coalers will be coached by Jeremy Unger, who is entering his first year at the helm of the program. He takes over for Matt Leman, and served as the assistant coach last year.

He will take over the program that hit its stride last year, finishing with an 11-7 record (best in eight years), and also secured a second place as a team in the Sectional, falling to LaSalle-Peru.

"Because we lost a lot of players last year, we have quite a bit of question marks this year," said Unger. "I am very interested to see who is going to step up."

Unger admitted that

while the program saw a lot of its leading players, he will have plenty of newcomers eager to fill positions that are up for grabs.

Two returning varsity players this year will be Joey Fatigante and Logan Schoen.

Fatigante and Schoen were both doubles players last year, pairing up with Adam McLuckie and Jake Weisman, respectively.

However, there is still the question of where they will fit this year.

"The lineup is not set as of right now," said Unger. "I do not know where each player will fit."

Another possible returning player will be Xander Smith, who filled the No. 3 singles spot last year as a freshman.

Other than that, Unger admits that most of the roster will be full of players that will experience their first year at the varsity level.

"I would most certainly say our weakness is our lack of experience, as most of our lineup will be new to varsity," he added. "Our strength is those players that will be playing on varsity this year are eager to prove themselves and compete at the level."

The Coalers have little time to acclimate to the varsity level as they begin competition on Saturday at the Lincoln-Way Central quad.

They will then return home to face Princeton on



Photo by Fred Ruetz, sports photographer

COAL CITY'S varsity tennis team for the 2017 season includes: (Front, from left) Tyler Polarek, Anthony Ercoli, Tyler Bannon, Joey Spanbauer, Zach Gagliardo, Logan Barrus and Ilya Dimitrijevic. Middle row: Xander Smith, Bryce Perino, Logan Schoen, Christian Overton, Joey Fatigante and Adam Wren. Back: Coach Jeremy Unger, Alex Adair, Erik Rossman, Nick Kosek, Spencer Smeets, DJ Livingston and coach Dimitrijevic.

April 4, and Joliet Catholic Academy on April 6.

Their two toughest matches could come within the second week of the schedule when the Coalers host Yorkville (April 10) and Mendota (April 13).

"My guess is Mendota will be our toughest opponent in conference, and Yorkville will be our toughest out of conference," Unger said. "Mendota has an excellent coach and usually has a strong team every year, same

goes for Yorkville. Both teams have a lot of talent."

With a tough road ahead, the Coalers will be hoping to continue their success from last year, and finish with another winning record.

Their ultimate goal will be put to the test in May, when they compete in the IHSA Sectional.

Lady Coalers start season with win over Reed-Custer

Following Coal City picking up a season-opening win over Reed-Custer last Tuesday, the Lady Coaler varsity girls soccer team wound up suffering a loss to Morris.

Coal City gave up a goal in the opening and closing minutes of the first half, as they went into half-time down 2-0.

Morris recorded a goal in the opening minutes of the second, moving to a 3-0 advantage.

The Lady Coalers played with determination to get back in the game in the second half, and would eventually record their first goal of the game.

Ashley Matusiak got on the board with her first goal of the season, scoring from a 30-yard direct kick.

The Redskins added one more insurance goal late in the final half to wind up winning, 4-1.

Miranda Ramirez finished the day with 11 saves at the goal.

The Lady Coalers are scheduled to play at Yorkville on Wednesday, and will follow that up with a trip to Westmont on Thursday.

Coal City will return home on Monday and Tuesday where they will host Kankakee, and then Wilmington for the start of conference action.

Coal City 1, Reed-Custer 0

The Lady Coalers started their season in fine fashion by picking up a shutout win over Reed-Custer last Tuesday.



GOAL! – Coal City's Leah Hiles wound up scoring the only goal during last Tuesday's game against Reed-Custer, winning 1-0. Hiles scored the goal with about a minute left in the first half, as Helen Onsen recorded the assist.

The Lady Comets got off to a fast start, creating the first two scoring opportunities of the game.

Coal City would eventually buckle down defensively though, as they also began to find their rhythm offensively toward the end of the first half.

With a minute and a half left until half-time, the Lady Coalers scored the game's only goal. Senior forward

Leah Hiles scored a well placed goal off an aggressively executed assist by sophomore forward Helen Onsen.

Coal City's defense continued to hold off Reed-Custer's offense in the second half to secure the win.

In her varsity debut, keeper Ramirez earned the win with a sure-handed nine-save performance.



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SHIELDING THE BALL is Coal City's Bridget Kauzlaric. The Lady Coalers start their season with an overall record of 1-1, winning against Reed-Custer, but falling to Morris.

JV Coalers get off to a hot start, win three of four

The Coal City junior varsity baseball team picked up their third win of the season on Monday, defeating Prairie Central 8-6.

"This was another qual-

ity win on the road," said JV head coach Greg Wills. "Keegan gave us a solid outing today, allowing us to jump out to the early lead. Pullara and Bunton are

doing an ice job leading the offense, both at the plate and on bases, and Drew Moir had a good day at the plate today."

Coal City built a six-run lead in the sixth inning, then held on despite Prairie Central recording six runs late in the game.

CC pitcher Keegan Gagliardo turned in four solid innings, surrendering just one earned run off two hits, while walking three and striking out seven.

Tyson Spencer came on to pitch the final three innings, allowing five runs (four earned) off four hits, while walking three and striking out one.

Austin Pullara and Drew Moir each managed two hits to lead the offense, while Gagliardo, Jack Bunton and Danny Caruso also contributed hits.

Oswego 7, Coal City 0

The Coalers let up six runs late in the game which resulted in their first loss of the season.

"After a couple lopsided scores, it was nice to play a tight game against a quality opponent," said Wills. "Connor kept us in the game, and gave us a chance to win. We gave Oswego some extra outs, which makes it hard to win against good teams."

Oswego recorded their first run of the game in the

bottom of the fifth, and would go on to score six more in the sixth inning, putting the game out of reach.

Connor Best allowed just one run off four hits. He walked one and struck out five through his five innings of work.

In the sixth inning, Oswego had four hits, and made use of three Coaler errors to tack on the six runs.

Cameron Lander came on to get the last two outs, allowing one hit and striking out one.

The Coaler offense was held in check throughout the game by some solid Panther mound work. Coal City managed just three hits, singles by Lander, Spencer and Bunton.

Coal City 14, Clifton Central 4

Pullara carried a big stick last Thursday, as he helped lead the offense to a win over Clifton Central.

He drove in four runs on two hits, as he went the distance twice, hitting home runs in the first and seventh innings.

The Coalers banged out 17 hits in the game, as Bunton had three to lead the offense, followed by Lander and Gavin Elrod with two each.

"Once again, we came out and hit the ball well," Wills said. "In the two games (Clifton and GSW) we have

collected 33 hits and allowed just four hits and three walks."

Gagliardo, Mickey McDowell, Connor Best, Danny Caruso, Drew Moir, Joey Youskevitch and Spencer also added hits in the game.

Four Coaler pitchers combined for the win on the mound.

Lander and Spencer threw two innings each, both striking out five, walking zero and allowing one hit each.

Pullara hurled a scoreless fifth, striking out two Clifton hitters. Bunton pitched the final two innings, allowing four unearned runs off two hits, walking one and striking out six.

Coal City 16, GSW 0

Three Coaler pitchers combined for a no-hitter last Monday, as Coal City picked

up their first win of the season over Gardner-South Wilmington.

Gagliardo (two innings, four K's), McDowell (two innings, one K) and Ethan Wendler (one inning, three K's) combined to silence the Panther attack.

Coal City's offense was also potent, as they collected 16 hits, lead by Wendler with three.

Pullara, Bunton and Mason Mulcahy each collected two hits, while Gagliardo, McDowell, Best, Caruso, Moir, Lander and Jacob Schumaker all added hits in the win.

"This was a great way to start the season," said Wills. "Everyone was able to get some playing time and contribute to the win."






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Coalers get their wins despite tough schedule

The Coal City varsity baseball team picked up their fourth win of the season on Monday, defeating Prairie Central, 5-3.

The Coalers (4-2 overall) grabbed a two-run lead in the second inning, but Prairie Central tied it up 2-2 in the top of the third.

Coal City wound up retaking the lead for the final time in the bottom of the same frame, scoring two runs. They would add an insurance run in the fifth, and Prairie Central would add one in the sixth.

Sean Micetich recorded the go-ahead runs, hitting a two-run double in third. He finished with one hit and two RBIs.

Payton Hutchings and Zack Nolan both recorded two runs on the day. Hutchings had a double.

Jake Brnca and Blake Harseim also added hits on the day.

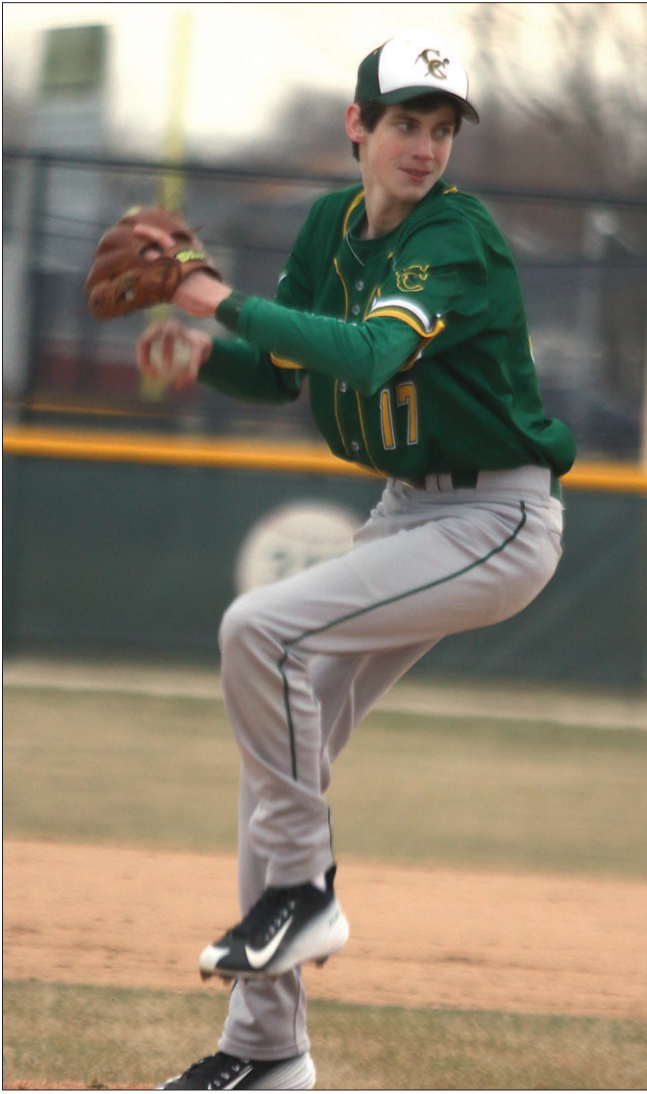
"It was a tough day for hitting, and we did not hit well as a team," said head coach Jerry McDowell. "Our pitching was good again today, and we ran the bases well, which got us three extra runs."

Brnca recorded the win on the mound, as he put in five innings of work. He let up two runs (one earned) off four hits, walked five and struck out six.

Harseim recorded the save pitching two innings. He surrendered just one earned run off two hits, walked two and struck out two.

"We have a tough schedule, so we have to keep getting better," added McDowell.

The Coalers traveled to Bloomington on Tuesday, and will then hit the road



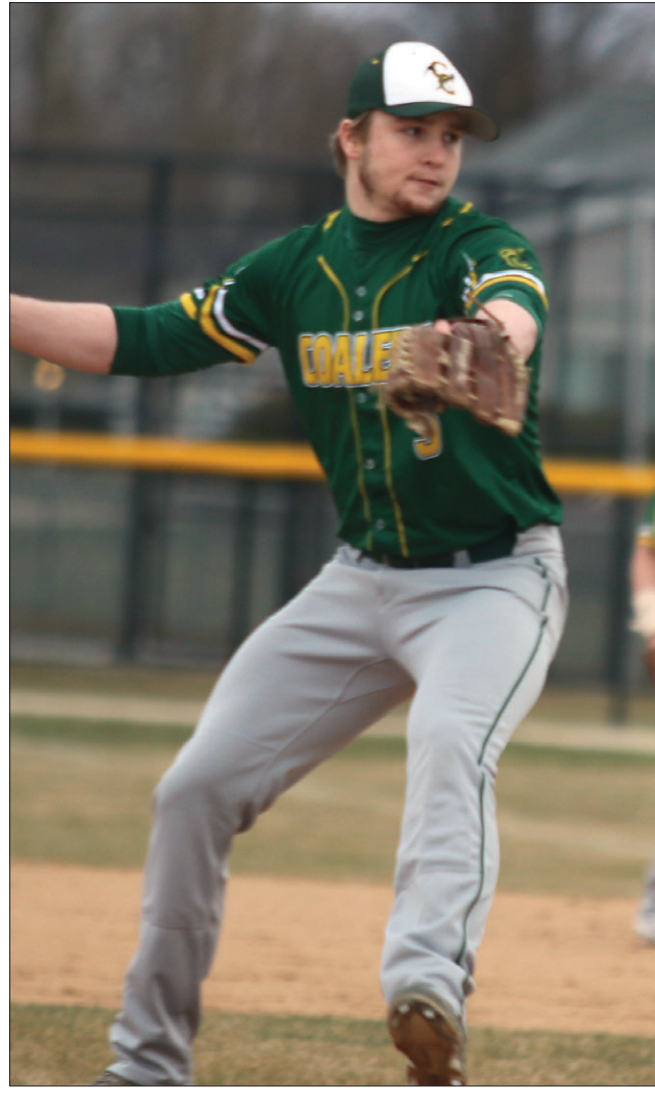
COAL CITY'S pitching was on display last Thursday, when they hosted Clifton Central. The Coalers threw four pitchers in total, as they defeated the Comets, 7-1. Sean Micetich threw one inning in relief, securing a strikeout.

again on Thursday to face Crete Monee.

They will return home on Friday when they host Illinois Valley at noon.

Oswego 7, Coal City 0

The Coalers ran into a tough opponent last Friday when they traveled to Oswego for some non-conference action. The loss put a damper on the Coalers' three-game winning streak. Coal City collected six



Photos by Fred Ruetz, sports photographer

THREE UP, THREE DOWN – Brendan Nevin pitched one inning of relief during Coal City's game against Clifton Central last week. He earned three strikeouts in the inning.

hits, but just couldn't push a run across, as Oswego would tally three runs by the bottom of the second, and four more down the stretch.

"We were a little short-handed with four players missing for a school func-

tion, but Oswego is a nice program," McDowell said. "They are not losing many games, and we couldn't bunch our hits together. Playing teams like this will make us better down the road."

Brnca led the offense going 2-for-3 on the day, while Justin Dabulskis, Luke Rogers and Danny Philips also recorded hits.

On the mound, Hutchings suffered his first loss of the season, moving his record to 1-1.

He put in three innings of work, surrendering three earned runs off five hits. He struck out four.

Brnca came on for two innings, giving up one unearned run off one hit, and walking one.

Brendan Nevin closed out the game with one inning, giving up three runs (two earned), walking four and striking out one.

Coal City 7, Clifton Central 1

The Coalers hosted Clifton Central last week, where they picked up their third win in a row, defeating the Comets by six runs.

Harseim was dominant in four innings of work, striking out 10 batters faced and allowing just one hit and no walks.

Nevin (three strikeouts), Austin Mellen (two K's) and Micetich (1 K) all pitched one inning each in relief.

"We have thrown 12 different pitchers in four games, and they are all doing a great job of coming in and throwing strikes," McDowell said. "Our defense has also been superb the last three games."

Dean Moir led the offense with a single and a double, while other hitters included Harseim, Micetich, Dabulskis and Cody Elrod. Dabulskis and Elrod each added a double.



YOU'RE OUT – Abbie Cullick picks up a tag during Coal City's game against Plainfield North last Thursday. The Lady Coalers wound up losing the game, 10-0.

Lady Coalers searching for a win

Coal City's varsity softball team dropped its third game in a row since the season opener.

The Lady Coalers wound up losing to Bishop McNamara, 12-6, as they were unable to produce any offense until late in the game. It also didn't help that Coal City had five errors on defense.

The Fighting' Irish took the initial lead in the first inning, and never looked back, as they jumped out, 3-0.

They added four more runs in the third and three more in the sixth before Coal City responded.

The Lady Coalers would tally three runs in the sixth inning and three more in the seventh, but it was a little too late.

Despite an early struggling offense, Coal City still wound up with eight hits in the game.

Sydney Miller led the offense, going 2-for-3 at the plate with one double, two RBIs and one run scored.

Abbie Cullick, Leah Campos, Madison Emerson, Kristyn Daigger, Cali Caruso and Sam Olsen all had hits as well.

Emerson added three RBIs off her triple.

In the pitcher's circle, Leslie Youskevitch suffered the loss, putting in three innings of work.

She surrendered seven runs (three earned) off eight hits, while striking out three.

Alivia Phelps came on for the remaining four innings. She let up five runs (two earned) off six hits, walked four and struck out two.

Plainfield North 10, Coal City 0

The Lady Coalers faced their toughest pitcher yet Thursday, as they suffered a six-inning loss to Plainfield



Photos by Fred Ruetz, sports photographer

ALIVIA PHELPS put in 2.1 innings of work during Coal City's game against Plainfield North last week. She wound up surrendering six runs (four earned) off three hits, walking two and striking out one.

North.

Coal City managed just five hits in the affair, with Blaire Harseim leading the way. She went 2-for-3 at the plate with one double.

Miller, Emerson and Daigger also added hits, with Daigger adding a double.

Phelps suffered the loss

in the circle, putting in 2.1 innings of work. She surrendered six runs (four earned) off three hits, walked two and struck out one.

Youskevitch came on for 3.2 innings, giving up four runs (two earned) off 10 hits, and striking out three.

Roark helps U.S. reach WBC title

Wilmington's Tanner Roark helped the United States earn their first ever World Baseball Classic championship, pitching a win in the semi-final that allowed them to advance to the tournament championship.

The U.S. team clinched the WBC crown, as they defeated Puerto Rico in the final, 8-0.

While Roark didn't pitch in the final game, he played a pivotal role in the semifinal round, where the Americans faced Japan.

After allowing three runs in 1.1 innings of work against the Dominican Republic a week prior, Roark got his first start of the tournament against Japan.

He was promised one start in the classic, and while he had to wait through two rounds for that start, he still amde it on a nine day's rest after the 1.1 inning performance.

Roark helped spark the United States to their first semifinal win ever, something that he noted was his "biggest start of his career".

Against Japan, Roark threw four scoreless innings, allowing just two hits and walking one in 48 pitches.

The Americans would go on to win the game, 2-1.

On Saturday, after returning from the World

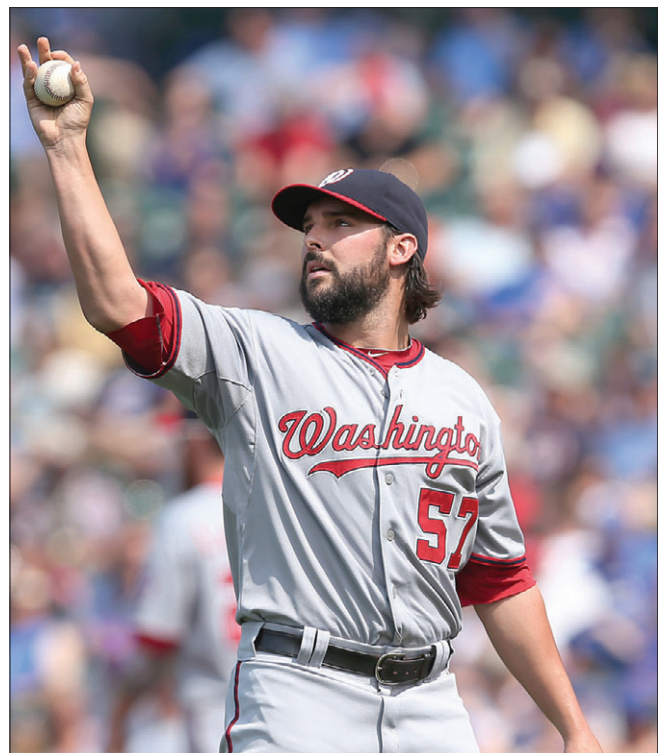


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TANNER ROARK has gotten his season off to a fast start, helping the national team earn their first ever World Baseball Classic Title. He also picked up a win on Saturday for the Washington Nationals, defeating the Houston Astros, 4-1.

Baseball Classic, Roark found himself back in rotation for the Washington Nationals.

While he spent a couple weeks away from the National clubhouse, Roark didn't skip a beat on Saturday, leading his team to a 4-1 win over the Houston Astros.

Roark put in 5.1 innings of work, and

retired 13-straight between the second and sixth innings.

He only gave up three hits, one earned run and no walks, while striking out five.

Overall, it is safe to say that Roark is off to a fast and productive start to his season. It will be interesting to see where this year takes him.

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The exterior of a home usually needs some preventive maintenance in the spring, once all risk of freezing has passed. A few simple tasks will be sufficient to improve the appearance and the value of your residence.

FOUNDATIONS

Check to ensure that no new cracks have appeared and that existing ones have not increased in size. Call in an expert to fill the cracks and solve the problem once and for all.

WINDOWS

If the paint on windows, outside cladding, or the patio has peeled, the wood is probably damp. Any rotten wood should be replaced before repainting.

DRIVEWAY

Examine your driveway and other paved surfaces, including those of indoor garages. Identify all the potholes and cracks in the asphalt that will have to be repaired. Stepping stones in walkways that have broken, chipped, lifted, or sunk over the winter will also need repairing.

GUTTERS

Once the blossoms from spring-flowering trees have fallen, clean the gutters even if you did them in the fall. Take advantage of this extra cleaning to make sure the anchors aren't loose and that your gutters are draining efficiently. Use a garden hose to detect any leaks and ensure that water drains freely through the downspouts and away from the house.



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How building permits protect homeowners

You are thinking of making a major renovation to your home. Perhaps it's time to create that master bedroom suite you long have admired or install that wrap-around porch? What is the first thing that should be done before getting down to business?

The correct way to begin a home remodeling project is to obtain the necessary permits for the job. Many municipalities require individuals to obtain permits for a range of work on homes or other structures, such as office buildings. Permits are generally required for all new construction as well as specific modifications that will affect structural, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical systems. It's important to check with the local building office prior to beginning work to see which permits you will need before the project can begin. Permits are necessary whether a homeowner is doing the work or hiring an outside contractor.

Due to the cost and time involved with securing permits, some homeowners skip this step so they can begin a project promptly. However, this can end up being a costly mistake. Permits might seem like a nuisance, but they actually protect homeowners in various ways.

Permits ensure safe



OBTAIN THE PROPER permits before beginning construction.

workmanship

Permits provide a blueprint by which contractors and do-it-yourselfers must complete renovations. Because inspections will take place, there is no wiggle room. Shortcuts often translate into subpar work that may lead to malfunction and injury in the long run. Safeguarding against poor workmanship means homeowners can feel confident in the work being done.

Permits reduce the likelihood of costly mistakes

As inspectors go through their checklists, they may notice things that were done incorrectly and will offer advice about how to mend the problem before it becomes a larger headache. If left unchecked, an electrical error could lead to a fire or another dangerous situation. Repairs that are not structurally sound may pose problems or deteriorate more quickly than structures that are constructed correctly. Furthermore, catching improper technique early on eliminates having to tear down and redo work, which can be a costly and time-consuming endeavor.

Permits protect against fines

Sometimes work goes as planned even for homeowners who did not obtain the necessary permits. However, years later, when other work needs to be done, inspectors may discover homeowners never secured proper permits and inspections years earlier, leading to fines.

Furthermore, if work is done without a permit and an accident occurs, any damages or injuries may not be covered by a homeowner's insurance policy.

Permits are an important part of the home improvement process. Homeowners should not skirt the responsibility because the permit and inspection process is in place to provide protection to occupants.

How to love your closet

If the only thing you want to do after opening your closet is to shut the door again, it's time for an overhaul.

You don't have to be a neat freak to create and keep a functional, tidy closet space. It just takes some planning and tough love.

Consciously purge

Go through everything one-by-one and donate or sell what no longer flatters or fits you or you don't love wearing. Be ruthless.

A closet filled only with clothes you feel great in and are happy wearing makes getting dressed a breeze. If there's dust on it, ditch it.

Recycle torn or broken items. Why give yourself an additional job of getting them fixed. Aside from getting rid of clutter, you'll have a mental inventory of what you have, making it easier to shop for what you truly need.

Sort it out

Place items you wear most often front and center. You wear 20 percent of your clothes, 80 percent of the time.

Sort items by type such as button-down shirts, dress pants, casual pants, etc., and maybe sort by color.

Let your hangers help

If you have a mishmash of hangers, invest in all new ones or buy more of what you have the most of. Matching hangers is more visually appealing but also makes it easier to see what you have.

Live in the season

Store off-season items out of the way on the top shelves, under a bed or elsewhere. Use plastic bins with labeled lids, rotating with the hanging seasons.

Adjustable shelves make it easy to tweak your closet when the weather changes. For example, taller shelves for sweaters versus T-shirts.

Light it up

A well-lit bright space helps you stay motivated to keep a tidy space. A simple wall light that turns on easily would be beneficial.

Keep the peace

Now that you've tidied up, maintain it. Every time you buy something new, toss something. Keep a bag in your closet for donations.

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so it's completely smooth. Using a drywall knife, smooth a pre-mixed spackling compound over the dent or hole and let it dry for about 15 minutes. Lightly sand the area, apply another thin coat and sand again until the spot is totally smooth. Then apply paint for a completed look.

Cracks

Long, skinny cracks aren't as scary as they look, usually the result of the house flexing or settling and forming around windows and doors that were installed too tightly. To fix, get all of the loose debris out of the crack with a utility knife or flathead screwdriver.

Next, apply a drywall compound into the crack to hold it together and prevent it from cracking again. Let it dry and apply a second coat. After the area is dry, it's ready to be sanded and painted.

Small to medium holes

If the hole is more than a few inches wide, you'll need a drywall patch. Cut a square of repair drywall two inches larger than the hole. With a utility knife score the front of the drywall, then snap it back and cut the back for a perfectly smooth-edged piece.

Next, outline the piece over the hole in the wall with a pencil and then cut the existing drywall along the lines with a drywall saw. Screw two pieces of thin wood inside the hole at the top and bottom. Place the patch over the hole and screw it in, making sure

the heads of each screw are below the surface for an even finish.

Apply a square of drywall mesh, which is sticky on one side, over the patch. This will help bond the patch to the wall. You're now ready to spackle, using a pre-mixed wet drywall applied in three thin coats. Let it dry, sand it down and apply another two coats to make it nice and smooth.

Large holes

Repairing large

patches due to water damage or another issue is just a bigger, longer process of fixing a smaller hole. Instead of using nailer boards, cut out a square or rectangle from one stud to the next stud, and then screw the large patch into the studs.

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Got my vote

COAL CITY—The people of Coal City know how to deal with the hand we were dealt. We learned that June 22, 2015 when a tornado ripped through our town. Coaler Strong gave us strength and hope over the past 20 months but now it seems, we have to face reality. That tornado tore up this town and the feds and the state did little to help us financially. Our family has come to accept that, that the federal government isn't always there to help. But thank goodness for our village government because they've done a pretty good job of keeping things going despite the financial shortfall caused by an act of God. If Home Rule is the answer, then you've got our vote.

Trump's next repeal

WILMINGTON—I hear President Trump is going to repeal the bison as our national animal. He seems to favor an animal more like himself, a jack ass. Just a little fake news.

It's inhumane

WILMINGTON—If people really believe the affordable health care act under President Obama was so great then maybe they should look into the law that reads, only when an individual's heart operates at 35 percent they are allowed a pacemaker to keep them alive. But if an automobile has a fuel pump that only operates at 50 percent they would fix their automobile to run properly. How truly amazing is it that some politicians believe a piece of metal or plastic is more important than a human being.

Screen immigrants

SHADOW LAKES—I just watched the terrorist attack in London with an individual driving a car and using a knife, which of course, we must remember guns are not always used. It has been recorded before that the terrorists have announced to use knives, cars, trucks, whatever, not guns. And yet I wonder why the Democrats wish to continue to allow illegals into this country and not have severe screening, and the Muslims who are part of ISIS have never stood up in front of national television, maybe one here or there, and denounced their Muslim associates.

Inappropriate

WILMINGTON—It's very sad to come out of a church service and find political flyers on all the cars in the parking lot. This happened at a few churches in Wilmington on Sunday, March 26.

Serving themselves

WILMINGTON—American citizens living in the United States are supposed to be granted many benefits without hesitation, except any crime committed by an American citizen will put that individual in jail by government employees. So I was considering becoming a public servant or dumping my citizenship so I can commit crimes and receive protection from my crimes from public servants. The laws don't seem to exist for some people while others are thrown to the wolves. The public servants serve themselves or criminals they don't seem to be serving the American people.

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The Illinois Way

BRAIDWOOD—Ask yourself who should get paid first: The grandmother who can't get a bottle of oxygen to help her breathe or the state politicians who haven't come close to straightening out the budget mess? If you guest the grandmother who needed the oxygen from the company contracted by the state to supply it to Medicare recipients, guessed wrong. A handful of Democrats in the Illinois House sued us taxpayers to get their paychecks before other businesses and social service providers are paid by the state. The Democrats said "me first" in their lawsuit and a judge ruled in their favor. Now all those worthless clowns ruining our state will get paid before everyone else.

Trump's hot air

WILMINGTON—I hear President Trump is no longer taking Air Force One to Marilago he seems to like the idea of a hot air balloon since he can fill it himself. Just a little fake news.

Stall tactics

SHADOW LAKES—This is about all the upheaval about Obamacare and not getting it through yet. Trying to make changes. I don't see what the problem is because I know several people that can't even afford to keep up with the Affordable Care Act and have never purchased into it because they can't afford it. But Nancy Pelosi said when the Democrats ruled Congress that we just have to pass this. All 2,000 pages and read it later. So why don't we now just pass what the Republicans have and look at it later. Or is it different when the shoe is on the other foot.

Dan Hill

Watching and waiting

ESSEX—I am a homeowner in Essex Landing. It is a peaceful subdivision where I know most of the residents. Unfortunately, over the last few months I've witnessed behavior from a relative newcomer to the subdivision which I find disturbing. This individual has been clearing trees on his property which is totally acceptable. There is an empty lot next to this individual's property and this is where the problem begins. In clearing his own property he has dropped trees into the empty lot which belongs to someone else. This has caused destruction of existing trees as well as leaving large quantities of debris. It's upsetting to me to watch and now that the lot's owner is aware it is very upsetting to him as well. Just wanting everyone involved to know I have witnessed and recorded what has happened and would be happy to present documentation in court as needed.

More dogs needed

COAL CITY—Yes sir we sure do need more dogs. As we all know the illegal drugs are pouring over the borders, mostly from the Mexican border. My proposal would be the thousands and thousands of dogs languishing in all the pounds throughout the United States should be taken and trained as drug sniffing dogs used by our stepped up enforcement of our borders. I can see this useful tool of a dog's nose clearing up all or most of the illegal drugs crossing our borders. Give every recruit joining the border patrol a homeless dog and train them both in the ways of the border patrols' many and various techniques of rounding up the bad guys and save some poor homeless dog. We have a resource here that we are failing to tap into. What is it going to take to smarten up people? Save those homeless dogs. Even the smallest dog can be trained. We can use them, not kill them.

At taxpayers' expense

BRAIDWOOD—As a lifetime resident of Braidwood I would like to comment on last week's soundoff about the Braidwood Police using taxpayers' money by driving their vehicles to and from work. Being an employee for 47 years I would have loved for my employer to give me a car and fuel it up so I could



drive back and forth to work. Abuse of taxpayers' money only makes things go up higher. We can talk to each other every week in Soundoff, but when is the mayor and commissioner going to make a stand and do something about this abuse of taxpayers' money?

The golden rule

WILMINGTON—In everything, deal with others as you would have them to deal with you. The golden rule applies also when the "others" are unborn children scheduled for abortion. We are to do what we would want others to do if we were in danger. We can stop wondering how many people we should risk offending, or how many positions we should risk losing. "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."

Rights for all

WILMINGTON—If you are wrong on abortion, you can't be right on other issues. To permit abortion, but then to cry out for the right to work, housing, education and health care, is to say that these rights belong to "some" people, but not "all". They obviously do not belong to those who were snuffed out by abortion.

Not enough pay check

WILMINGTON—I do appreciate the people of the fire department and the work that is performed. However, the people of Illinois are some of the highest tax burdened people in the nation. In addition, our local school system is raising fee structures, and Joliet Junior College announced it is raising tuition. The Illinois Policy group reported tuition and fees in Illinois public universities rose from 74 percent to 112 percent since 2006. The city council recently raised our water/sewer bill by 20 percent. Governor Rauner just gave the area's electric company millions of dollars for their clean energy proposal. Some Illinois state legislatures are talking of raising the income tax again. Unfortunately, all these fees and increases are lying squarely on the backs of this small town (high school fees/taxes, huge water bills, higher electric bills coming, higher income tax proposed). It would be great to increase our taxes for the fire department. I'm afraid there simply is not enough pay check to go around.

Be informed

COAL CITY—I hope people will not fall for the information put on the radio station last week about Home Rule. Investigate it and look into it. It's not all it is said to be. If they decide to raise the tax at a local gas station for 5 cents they pass that tax onto the consumer and there's nothing you can do about it. You need to be aware of what Home Rule really is.

Brought police integrity

WILMINGTON—Roy Strong said during the candidate's forum he was serious that he would hire back a police chief who sued the city. What did he mean when he said, "Imhof is better than the chief who replaced him?" The chief who replaced him retired. Is he speaking of the current chief? I feel the present chief is not only highly qualified but has done a great job for the last three years. The department has been run with integrity, accountability, successful programs and there haven't been any grievances or lawsuits that have cost the taxpayers money. Sounds to me that if he's elected, he wants to erase all present staff and not worry about who's the most qualified for the job.

Funds are locked

WILMINGTON— In a recent article in the Free Press, Alderman Larry Hall stated that, if elected, he would use money from the MFT fund to pay other debt. A law governs what the money can be used for and it's not for other debt. Shouldn't he know that? Don't believe the law allows for shell games to be played with municipal budgets.

Angered for asking

WILMINGTON—I attended the park board meeting on 3/23. A lot of discussion and ideas were presented. One fact that concerns me is that a board member got upset and started yelling at a citizen in the audience. I am not sure why a board member running for re-election would start yelling at a taxpayer for bringing up a valid point. This type of intimidation could cause citizens to not attend meeting out of fear of being belittled by the board.

Get out and vote

WILMINGTON— People please open your eyes and ears and listen to what's going on in town. Ask questions. We want a mayor who will be there full time not part time. Save us money and grow our town. We need the right type of houses, stores, industry. We need our water bills cut, it's the sewer rates that are killing us. It's hard to understand the water bills and all the fees. People need to get out and vote. We need the people out and voting. I believe you can register to vote at the voting polls if you aren't registered to vote. Find out where your polling places are. Let's make a difference in this town for everyone not just certain people in town.

Merits your vote

WILMINGTON—The fire district vote is a no brainer. Do we want our community to take care of our own residents when an emergency happens? You bet we do, it's the least we can do to keep our townspeople safe.

Won't go away

COAL CITY— This is in response to With no substance. You asked the question what is so negative about Home Rule. You also mentioned an old fable of Chicken Little and The Sky is Falling. I will answer about Home Rule with another saying. Home Rule is like giving someone an open checkbook. Home Rule allows a tax on almost everything, including any improvements on your home or property. Once Home Rule is established, it will probably remain forever.

Troubling

WILMINGTON—One candidate running for mayor has shown a disturbing lack of decorum on social media these last few weeks. They even resorted to publicly posting somebody's home address for all to see. This is not the behavior Wilmington should want from a mayor. It's troubling.

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RUBY GREEN

Green to celebrate 90th birthday

Ruby (Rolando) Green of Wilmington will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.

The open house planned by her family will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 401 E. Kahler Rd., Wilmington.

Green was born on April 9, 1927 in Verona, IL.

She and her late husband, Clifford Green, have two sons, Jim (Debbie) of Wilmington and Ron (Jan) of rural Kankakee; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Ruby has been a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wilmington for 70 years. She enjoys doing volunteer work, spending time with family and playing cards with friends.

All family and friends are invited to the open house. Bring a photo, a story or a memory to share.

Quincy dean's list announced

Quincy University has released its dean's list for the fall 2016 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale to be included in the biannual dean's list. In total, 353 students received the honor during the fall 2016 semester.

Local students making the list are Taylor McCollough of Coal City and Tessa Fairbairn of Elwood.

Free screening of new PBS episode at the Mar

There will be a free screening of the new Public Broadcast Service (PBS) episode of Travels with Darley from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Mar Theatre, 121 S. Main St., Wilmington.

The episode, Route 66 & Midwin, will feature Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie and other sights and landmarks along this stretch of old historic Route 66.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of local people involved in the production. The moderator will be Midwin archaeologist Joe Wheeler.

Respond to Midwin RSVP@fs.fed to attend.


Lions to serve breakfast April 9

The Gardner Lions Club will serve breakfast on Sunday, April 9 from 7 to noon at the Gardner American Legion Hall.

Breakfast will consist of pancakes, french toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice and milk. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 5-10. Children under five are free.

Funds raised will benefit the Gardner Grade School eighth grade class, visually and hearing impaired and any other community project funded by the Gardner Lions Club.

A donation of canned goods for the local food pantry would be appreciated. The club also accepts donations of eye glasses, hearing aids and cell phones.



What does home rule mean?

If you are asking this question, please visit Coal City's website at www.coalcity-il.gov. Over 200 Illinois municipalities use this form of government, but it is only available through a referendum to communities under 25,000 residents. Home rule changes the rules governing the capabilities of the village's board of trustees.

If you plan to vote on April 4th, information on home rule is available on facebook or the village's website at www.coalcity-il.gov

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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.
• Bible study will be held on Monday, April 3 and 10, at 1 p.m.
• 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@ymail.com.
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Sat.: 9 a.m., service
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• All life cycle events and Jewish holidays celebrated. Social programs include congregational Shabbat dinners, Seders, folk dancing, bagel and lox brunches, book clubs, adult education classes and other special events.

SOUTHWILMINGTON UNITED METHODIST
225 Rice Street • 815-426-6169
Pastor Dennis Brooks
Sunday worship - 8:30 a.m.
• Holy communion served on first Sunday of each month and special occasions.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
3950 N. Goose Lake Rd.
Morris, IL
(Corner of Pine Bluff, Lorenzo and Goose Lake roads)
942-0675
Pastor Caleb Counterman
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., worship service, children's service; 6 p.m., worship
Wed.: 7 p.m., prayer meeting

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH
P.O. Box 190
So. Wilmington, IL
815-237-2230
Masses: 4 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m., Sunday; 7:30 a.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Reconciliation: 3 to 3:45 p.m., Saturday or by appointment
• CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:40 a.m., at the South Wilmington Grade School. Call the rectory for more information.

CHRISTIAN FAITH CENTER
1800 S. Water St.
Wilmington, IL
815-388-8628
Pastor Jeff A. Urban
Sun.: 10 a.m., Family worship with classes for children ages newborn to 11-years-old
Wed.: 7 to 8 p.m., Family worship with classes for all ages

PHELAN ACRES BIBLE CHURCH
26009 Willow Lane
Phelan Acres
Wilmington, IL
476-7818
Pastor Rodney L. Chappell
Sun.: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 11 a.m. morning worship; 6 p.m., evening service
Wed.: 7 p.m., adult Bible study and prayer; children's Bible clubs

CHURCH OF HOPE
Monroe & Jefferson Streets; Gardner, IL
Pastor Jan Chandler;
237-8312
Sun.: 9 a.m. Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., worship
Wed.: 8:30 a.m., Pastor's prayer and lectionary study group
Thu.: 8:30 a.m., church prayer group

RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS
24901 S. Sage St. • Channahon, IL
Pastor Hans Fiene
815-467-6401
Sun.: 9 a.m., worship; 10:15 a.m., Sunday school and Bible study

COAL CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6805 E. McArdle Rd.
815-634-8670
The Reverend Bradley D. Shumaker
www.coalcityum.org
Wed.: 9 a.m., women's Bible study; 10:30 a.m., Alcoholics Anonymous in the community building
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 in 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., Anon in the community building
• The last Hallelujah soup supper of the season will be on Saturday, April 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. The soups will be chicken noodle and stuffed green pepper.

ESSEX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
114 W. Waverly Street
Sun.: 9 a.m., children's Sunday school; 9:30 a.m., adult Bible study; 10:30 a.m., worship
• Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

WILMINGTON CHURCH OF GOD
1200 Sunset Dr. • Wilmington, IL
60481
Pastor Raymond H. Jones
Home: 815-237-2158
Sun.: 10 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., worship service
Wed.: 6:30 p.m., Bible study

IGNITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
301 S. Broadway • Coal City, IL
Ignitechristianchurch.org
Sun.: 10:30 a.m., worship
The non-denominational church offers children's church and weekly men's and women's Bible study. Visit the church on Facebook.

BURNING HEARTS BIBLE CHURCH
Custer Park Township Hall
35332 Grant Ave. • Custer Park, IL
Pastor Dan Ahlenius
779-205-8606
Sun.: 10:30 a.m., worship

UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF JOLIET
2505 Washington St.
Joliet, IL
Rev. Emily Gage
722-0836
Sun.: 9 a.m., adult gather, child care; 10:30 a.m., worship and church school.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
106 S. Lincoln Street
Braidwood, IL
Pastor Dale Tolly
Church: 815-458-6317
Pastor: 815-922-2212
www.firstpresbraidwood.org
Sun.: 10 a.m., worship

Living Stones Community Church
25124 S. Fryer St. • Channahon, IL
815-325-8476
• Pastor Joe Popischill invited bikers and people of faith to church on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
• Fellowship and Bible study follows.
• Blessings of bikes coming soon.

ROSE OF SHARON MINISTRY
29 Aqueduct • Diamond, IL
Rev. Jan Quiet • 815-228-9585
Sun.: 2 p.m., service
• Gospel Sing is on the second Saturday of each month at 5 p.m.
• Christian Singles meets at 6 p.m. on the third Friday of each month.
• A healing service is held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP
23632 W. Hwy. 113
Wilmington, IL
815-458-6530
Pastor Greg Linkous
alfwilmington.com
• **Sun.:** 10:30 a.m., worship, children's church and nursery available
• **Tue.:** Home church (Bible study)
• **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
• Potluck fellowship dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following worship.

TURNING POINTE APOSTOLIC CENTRE
85 S. Broadway; Suite C • Coal City, IL
Pastor Ida M. Nelson
815-342-0652
Sun.: 10 a.m., worship
Tue.: 7 p.m., worship

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
1414 W. Dupont Ave.
Morris, IL
815-579-8308
Sun.: 10 a.m., service
ESSEX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
114 W. Waverly Street
Sun.: 9 a.m., children's Sunday school; 9:30 a.m., adult Bible study; 10:30 a.m., worship
• Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
301 N. Kankakee St.
Wilmington, IL
Office: 815-476-9025
The Rev. Winn Alley
http://1st-presbyterian-church.net
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., adult Sunday school, "The Bible from Strach"; 10:30 a.m., worship service with communion; 11:30 a.m., fellowship
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815-365-2318
PASTOR DOROTHY WALDRON
Sun.: 6 p.m., service

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1440 Sunset Dr.
P.O. Box 202
Wilmington, IL
815-476-2616
Britton Roth
815-476-7659
Steve Gibson
815-634-4396
www.wilmingtoncoc.com
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., Bible classes; 10:35 a.m., worship; 5 p.m., afternoon worship
Wed.: 7 p.m., Bible study

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Peotone Rd.
Wilton Center, IL
478-3440
Father Roger Kutzner
Pastor Rev. Mr. Milt Leppert
Permanent Deacon
Mass schedule: 9 a.m., Monday through Friday; 5:30 p.m., Saturday; 9 a.m., Sunday
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
West River Road
Wilmington, IL
815-476-4060
Tue.: 7:30 p.m., Midweek meeting, Christian Life and Ministry
Sun.: 10 a.m., Bible topic; Discourse on Bible Topic
All interested persons welcome, no collections taken.

ISLAND CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
120 Vine Street
Wilmington, IL
Pastor Jeff Logsdon
476-9750
Sun.: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon, worship service, nursery provided; 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Sunday school classes for all ages
Wed.: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Adult Bible study and prayer meeting year-round;
• Kindergarten through twelfth grade students meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for Bible study during the school year.



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
303 S. Kankakee
Wilmington, IL
476-HOPE
Rev. Bill Luttrell
wfcnaz@aol.com
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., worship; 3 p.m., Hands of Praise puppet team practice; 6 p.m., service
Mon.: 7 p.m., video exercise class in fellowship hall
Wed.: 7 p.m., fellowship, outreach ministry teams, teen Bible studies
Thu.: 7 p.m., video exercise class in fellowship hall
Sat.: 8 a.m., Men's prayer at the church and breakfast at Chick-A-Dee.
• Call 476-HOPE for prayer if you or someone you know is hospitalized.
• Those who need a ride to Sunday school and church should call or e-mail the church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
4470 E. Rt. 113
P.O. Box 39
Coal City, IL
Pastor David Gilleland
815-634-2654
www.fbccoalcity.com
Wed.: 7 p.m., adult Bible study and activities for children and youth
Sun.: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages; 11 a.m., Sunday worship

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PARK STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
806 Park Street
Mazon, IL
815-448-5514
Pastor Tyler Carrell
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Sun.: 9 a.m., worship; 10:30 a.m., Sunday school
Wed.: 6 p.m., Bible study

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106 W. Gould Street • P.O. Box 46
Braceville, IL
Pastor Bennett A. Woods
815-237-8512
bumclighthouse@yahoo.com
Wed.: 6 p.m., Ash Wednesday service
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., worship, first Sunday with Holy Communion
• United Methodist People meet on the second Tuesday of each month, time and location to be determined
• Women's Bible study is held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
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NEW COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
705 E. Washington St
Morris, IL
Pastor Kevin Yandell
Children's Director Patsy Phillips
815-942-4255
Sunday worship: 9 and 10:45 a.m.
• Nursery and children's programs offered

Serving dinner to those in need

Braidwood's Immaculate Conception Church has partnered with Ignite Christian Church and Coal City's First Baptist Church, New Hope Presbyterian Church and Assumption Church in operating St. Vincent Table.

Free hot, nutritious dinners will be served to those in need or hungry every Monday, April 3 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.

MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
110 S. Division St. • Braidwood, IL
Pastor Justin Kinder
msbbraidwood.com
Sun.: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., worship
Wed.: 6 p.m., prayer meeting
• Office hours are Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.
• Awana and youth will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
309 E. Jefferson St.
Gardner, IL
Pastor Jana Howson
815-237-2227
Sun.: 10 a.m., worship, word and sacrament
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m.
• Join in on the third Thursday of each month for bingo and a bake sale from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Gardner American Legion Hall.

RITCHEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Route 102 • Wilmington, IL
815-476-6166
Sun.: 10:30 a.m., worship service
• Communion with Pastor Brent Phillips is on the first Sunday of each month.
• A fellowship dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the service.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
401 E. Kahler Rd. • Wilmington, IL
Pastor Tom Kingery
815-476-5474
web page: www.fumcwilm.com
Wed.: 6 p.m., Genesis 1-6; 7 p.m., choir practice, Alcoholics Anonymous
Thu.: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Women, Infants and Children hours; 6 p.m., Christian fellowship potluck
Sat.: 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous
Sun.: 8:30 a.m., Sunday school for adults; 9:30 a.m., worship service; 5 to 7:30 p.m., youth group pizza and movie night
Mon.: 9 a.m. to noon, preschool; 6 p.m., Sermon on the Mount; 6:30 p.m., 4-H
Tue.: 6 p.m., Phillippians; 7 p.m., Praise Ringers
• Preschool information can be found in the church office or website.
• Our Caring Closet, at 205 N. First St. in Wilmington, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.
• The church offers youth group, Men's Club, women's groups, Christian fellowship dinners, and mission and community outreach opportunities.

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Easter
Sunday, April 9: 9:30 a.m., Palm Sunday service
Thursday, April 13: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday service
Friday, April 14: 10 a.m., Good Friday Crosswalk; 11 a.m., Good Friday service
Sunday, April 16: 8 a.m., Easter breakfast, 9 a.m.; Easter egg hunt; 9:40 a.m., Easter service

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Holy Week
• April 8, Vigil of Palm Sunday: confessions after 4 p.m. Mass
• April 9, Palm Sunday: confessions after 10:30 a.m. Mass
• April 12, Wednesday of Holy Week: confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass and the last until Divine Mercy Sunday
• April 13, Thursday of Holy Week: 2 p.m., offices close; 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper
• April 14, Good Friday: 3 p.m., Passion of the Lord with Veneration and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross
• April 15, Holy Saturday: noon, Blessing of Easter foods and baskets outside Berst Hall; 8 p.m., Mass of the Resurrection
• April 16, Easter Sunday: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses

Soup supper set for April 1

Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Road, will host its last Hallelujah soup supper of the season on Saturday, April 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The meal will include a choice of home-made chicken noodle and stuffed green pepper soup, a sandwich, crackers, a beverage, ice cream and dessert.

The cost will be \$8 for adults and children 13 and older; \$4 for children ages 6 to 12; and \$2 for children ages 3 to 5. Children 2 and under will eat free.

Carry-outs will be available. All proceeds will go to the church's building fund. Tickets will be sold at the door.

CCW to meet April 3

The St. Rose CCW will meet on Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m., in the St. Rose School gymnasium, 626 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington. The upcoming card party will be the main topic of discussion.

Also on the agenda will be the approval of revised Article IV of the By Laws as well as a review of the remaining articles.

Members will be making more prayer cloth packets and should remember to bring their scissors.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Connie Bragiel, Char Jones and JoAnn Morrison.

Those who need a ride should call one of the officers to make arrangements. Officers are Laura 630-302-2681; Arlene 815-476-2376; and Pat 815-476-6199.

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& Grace Lutheran Preschool
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Reverend Zak Wagner
Preschool Director Mary Kay Hays
office@gracewilm.org
pastor@gracewilm.org
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., worship with communion; 10 a.m., coffee time, Godly Play Sunday School; 6 p.m., senior high youth meeting
Mon.: 11 a.m., Bible study; 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous
• Beginning Sunday, April 23, worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.
• Grace Lutheran Preschool is accepting 2017-2018 registrations. For more information visit www.gracewilm.org, or call the church office.
• A Simple Supper will be held each Wednesday in March from 6:15 to 7 p.m. followed by Lenten worship at 7 p.m.
• 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.

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OBITUARIES

Matthew J. Czemske

WILMINGTON—Matthew J. Czemske, 74, of Wilmington and formerly of Berwyn and Forest View, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Parc of Joliet.

Born Aug. 21, 1942 in Oak Park, IL, Matthew James was a son of Matthew W. and Anne (Kratovich) Czemske. He was raised in Chicago before moving to Berwyn, where he graduated from Morton West High School with the class of 1960. Matt worked as a butcher, and later went on to serve as a firefighter and assistant chief of Forest View Fire Department. Most recently he held employment as a machinist until his retirement. Matt was a fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. He was a member of South Wilmington Sportsman's Club for over 50 years and will be remembered for his love of the outdoors.

Survivors include his three children: Jeffrey (Madonna) Czemske, Christine Czemske and Michael Czemske (fiancé



Marcela Collazo); two grandchildren, Bryan Czemske and Kelsey Czemske; one sister, Madelynn Williams; nieces and nephews: Scott, Kathy, Steve and Lynn, and several cousins.

Matt was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Eileen Roubal.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 2 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7 p.m. at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services and inurnment will be private.

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

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

Madeline Griffith

MORRIS—Madeline Griffith, 86, of Morris, passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Park Pointe Healthcare & Rehabilitation in Morris.

Born May 3, 1930 in Big Mound Township, IL, Mary Madeline was a daughter of George and Etta P. (Kingston) Isaacs. She was raised in McLeansboro, and on Oct. 30, 1947, Madeline married Robert J. Griffith in Morganfield, KY. She worked for the Grocer's Retail Union, retiring after 28 years of service. Madeline loved her church, and was an active and involved member of the First Baptist Church of Morris. She will be remembered for her love of people, as well as gardening and flowers. Madeline cherished her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Robert; three children: Mike (Pam) Griffith of Ocala, FL and Bobbi (Harry) Harrington and Becky (Steve) Grieff, both of Morris; six grandchildren: Derek Harrington of Chicago, Adam (Jenny) Harrington of Coal City, Leah (Gary) Vaughn and Sara Grieff, both of Morris; Marta Peterson of Ocala, FL and Monica (Roman) Hudon of



Winnipeg, Canada and eight great grandchildren: Kayla Harrington, Paige Downing, Lindsey Downing, Addison Harrington, Tori Harrington, Jake Hudon, Easton Hudon and Dillon Hudon.

Madeline was preceded in death by her parents.

The family will receive friends at the funeral services were held Saturday, March 2, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Morris. Pastor Steve Larson officiated, and burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Morris.

Pallbearers were: Harry Harrington, Derek Harrington, Adam Harrington, Steve Grieff, Gary Vaughn and Roman Hudon.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Madeline's memory to the First Baptist Church of Morris or to American Cancer Society.

Friends may sign the online guestbook, upload photographs or share Madeline's memorial page by logging onto www.ReevesFuneral.com.

Funeral services and arrangements were made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Morris.

Vivian Hannum

FORT WORTH, TX—Vivian Hannum, 80, of Fort Worth, TX and a former resident of Coal City and Wilmington, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Born May 25, 1936 in Chicago, Vivian Sophie was the daughter of Mike and Elsie (Cihak) Macaluso. She was raised and educated in Coal City and graduated with the Coal City High School class of 1954. On May 5, 1956 Vivian married, Jack Hannum in Coal City, and her employment entailed working with the Federal Government in Joliet from 1954 to 1959 and in Ft. Leonard Wood from 1959-1960. Vivian and her family relocated to Donahue, IA in 1973, and she later gained employment with Iowa East Central Train from 1985 to 1992. It was in 1992 that Vivian returned to the Wilmington area, until retiring to Ft. Worth, TX in 2001.

Vivian's many interests included cooking and collecting cookbooks. She also enjoyed playing the organ, board games and cards, especially Yahtzee. Her most treasured times were spent with her four grandchildren and her grand-dog, Daisy.

Survivors include her two daughters, Teri Potter (Mark Carter) of Bedford, TX and Jenny (Keith) Hays of Fort Worth, TX; four



grandchildren: Hayley (Austin) McIntire, Taylor Hays and Grace Hays all of Fort Worth, TX and Cameron Potter of Bedford, TX; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Halderson of Wilmington and Fran Hannum of Arizona; two nieces, Mary Jo Morgan and Tracey Brownlee, both of Wilmington; one nephew, Mickey Hannum of North Carolina and numerous cousins, as well as her dear friend since grade school, Lavonne "Bonnie" Lockwood.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jack Hannum; two brothers-in-law, John Halderson and Mike Hannum and one nephew, Mark Halderson.

Per Vivian's wishes cremation rites were accorded.

Graveside services will be held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Wilmington at a later date.

Family and friend may sign the guest book, upload photographs or share Vivian's memorial page on social media by logging onto www.BaskervilleFuneral.com.

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

Ruth Housman

GARDNER—Ruth Housman, 92, of Gardner, passed away Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Born March 11, 1925 in Morris, Ruth was a daughter of Ralph and Florence (Brooks) Stevens. She was raised and educated in Gardner and in 1947 married Andrew Housman. Together they started a family which was Ruth's world. She enjoyed watching her soap operas on ABC, cooking for the whole family and opening her home to anyone in need. Ruth was Ma, grandma and aunt to everyone that knew her.

Survivors include 13 children: Margaret (Ron) Wendel, Raymond Housman, Donald Housman, David (Jan) Housman, Patricia (Ray) Sox, William Housman, Penelope Runyon, Nathan (Kay) Housman, Richard Housman, Hope (Tony) Wilson, Karen (John) Wilson, George (Angie) Housman and Rhonda Housman; numerous grand-



children, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Gloria Olson and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Andrew; three sons: Ralph, Ronald and Warren Housman; one daughter, Marilyn Housman; one grandson, Eric Wendel; two daughters-in-law, Donna and Linda Housman; two brothers, Lyle and Russell Stevens and one sister, Margaret Marigold.

Per Ruth's wishes, cremation rites were accorded, and inurnment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery at a later date.

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

Cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd., 203 Liberty Street in Gardner.

Keith E. Lockwood

WILMINGTON—Keith E. Lockwood, 93, of Wilmington, IL, passed away Friday, March 24, 2017 at the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno, IL.

Born Jan. 24, 1924 in Monrovia, CA, he was the son of Earl and Mary (nee Baker) Lockwood. Keith was a Veteran of the United States Army Air Force, serving during WWII. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, IL. Keith owned and operated Lockwood Auto in Wilmington, IL for many years. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and coaching little league.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lila (nee Mullins) of Wilmington; two sons, Todd (Ruth) Lockwood and Steve Lockwood, both of Wilmington; daughter, Denise (Marc) Price of Reading, PA; six grandchildren: Shane Price, Joseph Price, Matthew (Laura) Price, Blake Price, Brett (Tiffany) Lockwood and Drew Lockwood and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his par-



ents, one brother, Donald Lockwood; two sisters, Marcella Fulton and Marianna Gunning and one granddaughter, Leigh Ann Lockwood.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Friday, March 31, from 4-7 p.m. with services at 7 p.m. Rev. Win Alley will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

Inurnment with military honors will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL, Monday, April 3, 2017 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington.

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 Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, 401 E. Main St, Braidwood is in charge of arrangements.

Stephen J. Hudziak



BRAIDWOOD—Stephen Joseph Hudziak, 74, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Friday, March 24, 2017 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL surrounded by family and friends.

Born Jan. 12, 1943 in Chicago, IL, he was the son of Frank and Lottie (nee Cichy) Hudziak. Steve was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during Vietnam. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood and the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #241 in Wilmington, IL, was an avid sports fan and enjoyed restoring muscle cars.

He is survived by two daughters, Rachel (Nate) Hassett of Braidwood and Julie Logan of Peel, AR; one son, Adam (Brandi) Hudziak of Streator, IL; four grandchildren: Stephen Hassett, Lakyn Hudziak, Kylie (Mike) Putrich and Zoe Hudziak; one great-grandson, Rydin Hudziak and his first great-granddaughter expected in August, one sister,



Linnea (Thomas) Buban and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel to the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood for Mass of Christian Burial. Rev. Show Reddy Allam officiated. Interment with military honors was in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

Memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the Dwight Heritage Health Activity fund.

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 Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, 401 E. Main St, Braidwood is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph H. Kasher



COAL CITY—Joseph H. Kasher, 87, of Coal City, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2017 at his

home.

Born July 2, 1929 in Coal City, Joseph Henry was a son of Harry and Mary (Hazer) Kasher. He was raised in Coal City and graduated with the Coal City High School class of 1947. On Jan. 19, 1952, Joseph married Jessie Bertino in Assumption Catholic Church, and together they made their home and raised their family in Coal City. Joe proudly served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957, and was honorably discharged following his duty in the reserves in April of 1963. He was employed by the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, from where he retired, and also farmed in the Braidwood area most all of his life.

Joe was a 'Jack of all trades' who truly enjoyed working. He loved farming, and also took great pleasure in vegetable gardening and woodworking. He will be remembered as a true family man, who cherished the memories made, while spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Jessie; four children: Diane (John) D'Arcy of Coal City, Karen (John) Maher of New Orleans, LA; Linda (Joel) Micetich of Coal City and Jeff (Chris) Kasher of Diamond; 10 grandchildren: Jennifer (Randy) Ness and John (Gwen) D'Arcy, both of Goose Lake; Ryan (Nicole) D'Arcy of Manhattan Beach, CA; Laura Maher, Jessie Maher and Mary Maher, all of New Orleans and Jack Micetich, Joe Micetich, Nick Micetich and Sean Micetich, all of Coal City; seven great-grandchildren: Nolan, D'Arcy,



Dillon and Collin Ness and Penny, Hazel and John D'Arcy; one brother-in-law, John Kulaga of Plainfield and one sister-in-law, Virginia Faletti of Buckingham, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Thomas Kasher and two sisters: Lucille Kulaga and Mary Eminger.

The family will receive friends for a visitation Thursday, March 30, 2017 between the hours of 2 and 8 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 N. Broadway, one block north of Illinois Route 113 in Coal City. Funeral services will follow Friday, March 31, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the Assumption Parish Berst Center, 150 S. Kankakee St. in Coal City. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Reverend Robert Noesen presiding.

Burial with military honors will be in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Braidwood.

Pallbearers will be: John D'Arcy, Ryan D'Arcy, Randy Ness, Joe Micetich, Nick Micetich and Sean Micetich.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Joe's memory to Assumption Catholic Church Building Campaign, 195 S. Kankakee St., Coal City, IL 60416 or to Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431.

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

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City.

Peggy L. Souders

WILMINGTON—Peggy L. Souders, 84, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at her home.

Born April 26, 1932 in Deland, IL, Peggy Lou was a daughter of William and Ethel Maden. She was raised and educated in Deland, and on July 23, 1949 she married Leon Souders in Deland. Together, Peggy and Leon made their home in Wilmington, where she attended 1st Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending her time outdoors, and took pleasure in feeding the birds and planting flowers. Peggy was a wonderful mother and homemaker whose family was her highest priority and greatest joy.

Survivors include her four children: Vicki (Todd) Martin of Phoenix, AZ; Patty (Jay) Loisel of Gilbert, AZ; Jim (Barb) Souders of Joliet and Sandi (Mike) Nugent of Wilmington; seven grandchildren: Michelle (Manny) Cuellar of Kansas City, MO; Greg (Stefanie) Martin and Lindsay (Joe) Doucett, both of Phoenix, AZ; Brittany (Kyle) Bohannon of Scottsdale, AZ; Samantha Henson of Kemp, TX; Courtney Souders of

Joliet and Tiffany Nugent of Wilmington; four great-grandchildren: Kenadie and Quinn Bohannon of Scottsdale, AZ; Henry Doucett of Phoenix, AZ and Cadence Henson of Kemp, TX; one sister, Sally Jo (Bill) Gillespie; one brother-in-law, Ronald Eades; several cousins, including Cheri (Bob) Dransfeldt and numerous nieces and nephews.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Leon; two sisters: Patsy (Gail) Kingsboro and Suzie Eades and one brother, Bill (Louie) Maden.

Per Peggy's wishes, cremation rites were accorded and private family services were held. Burial will be in Deland Cemetery at a later date.

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

Cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington.

Marlene M. Martinez

WILMINGTON—Marlene M. Martinez, 85, of Wilmington, formerly of Joliet, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Silver Cross Hospital with family at her side.

Marlene enjoyed fishing in Wisconsin and taking pontoon rides on Lake Castlerock, gambling at Ho-Chunk Casino, cooking for anyone and everyone, visiting and gossiping with the family and fussing over her grandchildren, to name a few. Marlene was a faithful and spiritual person, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who will be missed.

She is survived by her children, Ron Martinez of Manhattan and Mary (Frank) Studer of Wilmington; grandchildren: Shannon and Mackenzie Martinez, Nicole Stroud, Jimmy and Ben Studer and Morgan Martinez; great-grandchildren: Dante and Damien Godina, Allyson Martinez and



Lainey and Hayden Stroud; sisters, Fran Moody and Eleanor Rousonelos; brother-in-law, Raymond Martinez and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Oliver "Babe" Martinez; her son, Kenneth A. Martinez; grandson, Ryan James Martinez and her faithful canine companion, Buddy.

Funeral services for Marlene will be Saturday, April 8, 2017, 12 p.m. at Forsythe Gould Funeral Home, 507S. State St., Manhattan. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Private inurnment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date.

Forsythe Gould Funeral Home is in Manhattan in charge of arrangements. For more information go to www.forsythegouldfh.com.

Lorraine M. Ursitti

COAL CITY—Lorraine M. Ursitti (nee Onderisin), 87, of Coal City passed away Sunday, March 26, 2017 at her residence.

Lorraine was born in Joliet, IL. to Andrew and Anna Biros Onderisin and moved to the Goose Lake area in 1977. She was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City for many years and served the church on such committees as The Marthas and the Food Pantry. She also enjoyed working on the Bingo staff for Goose Lake Association.

Lorraine enjoyed living near the water with her family and participating in outdoor activities such as swimming, fishing, boating, ice skating and gardening. She also loved to visit the casinos and vacationing in Wisconsin. Lorraine was a huge Chicago Cubs Fan and was able to see them win the World Series Championship in 2016. She also enjoyed collecting various pieces of Chicago Cubs memorabilia.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, George Ursitti and her children: Sally

Ann (Richard) Bulicek and Suann (Richard) Querio, both of Gooselake and Dennis (Kim) Ursitti of Arizona. She is also survived by her brothers, Robert (Margaret) Onderisin of Goose Lake and Richard (Susie) Onderisin as well as many nieces and nephews.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, William Onderisin and Bernard Onderisin, her beloved sister and brother-in-law, Marianne (Onderisin) and John Taroli and two nieces, Theresa Taroli Ebersol and Kathleen Ursitti.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Ferrari Funeral Chapel, corner of Spring Road and Ferrari Drive with Father Robert Noesen officiating. Burial will be private at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 3-8 p.m. at Ferrari Funeral Services.

Friends and Family can sign the online guestbook at www.ferrarifuneral.com.

Ferrari Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Community calendar of events

To submit your event here, visit www.freepressnewspapers.com

Wednesday, March 29

- 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
- 1 p.m., Wreath laying tribute to Vietnam veterans, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood
- 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, March 30

- 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

Friday, March 31

- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Rummage sale, Braceville United Methodist Church, 106 W. Gould 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 1

- 8 a.m. to noon, Rummage sale, Braceville United Methodist Church, 106 W. Gould St.
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Water Street Market, downtown Wilmington, first Saturday of each month
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Craft show, Moose Family Center, 32050 W. River Rd., Wilmington
- 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers, Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Dr., Wilmington, each Saturday

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- 11:30 a.m., Easter egg hunt, Main Street Baptist Church, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood
- Noon to 3 p.m., Braidwood Area Historical Society museum open, 111 N. Center St., each Saturday through April
- Noon to 3 p.m., Wilmington Historical Society museum open, 114 N. Main St.
- 3 to 5 p.m., PBS screening of new Travels with Darley episode featuring Route 66 and Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, The Mar Theatre, 121 S. Main St., Wilmington
- 4 to 7 p.m., Hallelujah soup supper, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd.
- 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Saturday

Sunday, April 2

- 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Sunday

Monday, April 3

- 3 p.m., St. Rose CCW meeting, St. Rose School, 626 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington
- 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
- 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
- 7 p.m., Coal City Planning and Zoning Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, first and third Monday of each month

Tuesday, April 4

- 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
- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Tuesday
- 7 p.m., Wilmington City Council meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., first and third Tuesday of each month

Wednesday, April 5

- 7:30 a.m., TOPS IL 1024, Island City Baptist Church, 120 Vine St., Wilmington, weigh-in followed by meeting each Wednesday

Friday, April 7

- 6:30 p.m., WE-PTO movie and karaoke, Wilmington Middle School, 715 S. Joliet St.

Saturday, April 8

- 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Ham and bean dinner, and raffle, New Hope Presbyterian Church, 80 N. Garfield St., Coal City

Monday, April 10

- 4:30 p.m., Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition meeting, Braidwood Fire Department, 275 W. Main St.
- 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

Tuesday, April 11

- 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

Wednesday, April 12

- 7 p.m., Coal City Village Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, second and fourth Wednesday of each month

Craft show on April 1

A craft show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Moose Family Center, 32050 W. River Rd., Wilmington. Lunch will be available. The event will be open to the public.

OBITUARIES

Joanne G. Kapala

CUSTER PARK—Joanne G. Kapala (nee Gawlik), 79, of Custer Park, IL, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at her home.

Born Nov. 18, 1937 in Chicago, IL, she was the daughter of Joseph and Sophie Gawlik.

Surviving are her husband, Sylvester Kapala, whom she married Feb. 11, 1956 in Chicago; one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Laura Kapala of Lombard, IL; two grandchildren, Alex and Erin; sister, Cathy Lozano of California and two brothers, George Gawlik and Leonard Gawlik, both of California.

Cremation rites were accorded. A Memorial Mass will be at the Immaculate Conception Church, Monday, April 3, 2017 at 10 a.m. Rev. Show Reddy Allam will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name may be directed to Joliet Area Community Hospice.

For more information and to visit her online guest-book, log onto www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find their Facebook page at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

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



Robert Novy

CARBON HILL—Robert Novy, 80, of Carbon Hill passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at his home.

Visitation will be Saturday April 1, 2017 at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 N. Broadway, one block north of IL Route 113 in Coal City between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. Funeral services will be Sunday, April 2, 2017 in the funeral home at 1 p.m., with the Reverend Dr. Roy Backus officiating. Burial will follow the funeral in Bohemian National Cemetery, Braidwood.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs, or view Bob's full obituary by logging onto www.ReevesFuneral.com.

Funeral services and arrangements are being made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City



Melinda "Mindi" Smith Dabels

GLENDAL HEIGHTS — Melinda "Mindi" Smith Dabels, 41, of Glendale Heights, and formerly of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at Central DuPage Hospital following an extended illness.

Mindi is the daughter of Stanley and Mary Smith of Wilmington, the wife of Damon Dabels, mother of Jack Dabels and the sister of Erin (Dan) Moran.

Funeral services and arrangements are pending at this time under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Road in Wilmington.

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

A complete obituary with service details will follow as information becomes available.



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Is that old soda bottle really worth anything?

BY TONYA MICHALEC
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In the soda business there's one inventor who did it first. You might think it was Coca-Cola or Pepsi. But it was Charles Alderton, a young pharmacist from Texas, who invented the legendary "King of Beverages" - Dr. Pepper.

The White Glove was reminded of that after finding an empty Dr Pepper bottle discovered at Gallery 1700, in Crest Hill. The 10-ounce bottle, minus original cap, is made of clear glass and is priced at \$4.

The secret concoction that became Dr. Pepper was made in the early 1880s by Alderton while playing around with fruit syrups and carbonated water behind the counter of Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store. There, the pharmacist spent his days filling prescriptions for many of the 7,200 residents of Waco. In his leisure, he toyed with creating new kinds of sparkling beverages for them to enjoy while they waited at his counter for their scripts to be filled.

Alderton loved everything there was about working at the pharmacy, including the fruity aroma from fruit syrups and ice cream toppings kept behind the counter. And because of this, he set out to create the first soft drink.

After many attempts, he came up with a lengthy recipe that both he and his boss, pharmacist Wade Morrison, liked very much. Morrison encouraged Alderton to start serving it at his fountain counter. It did not take the locals long before they gave the fruity, yet spicy, drink its first name, which they asked for like this: Charles, shoot me a "Waco."

Word spread about the tasty new drink and soon other pharmacies in town were buying Alderton's "Waco" syrup. But eventually the demand became more than what the two pharmacists could supply and it became time to do something about it.

Alderton, a humble pharmacist at heart, chose to leave behind the stress and let his boss run with the new direction the drink was taking. To help him further its success, Morrison hired a young beverage chemist

named Robert S. Lazenby. Together the men became so impressed with the growth of the popular drink that in 1891 they formed a new firm they called the Artesian Manufacturing & Bottling Company. It was later renamed Dr. Pepper Company, and in 1923 Lazenby and his son-in-law J.B. O'Hara moved operations to Dallas.

The original recipe is still a secret owned by the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. What is known is that it is compiled from 23 flavors. Some of the flavors include: Almond, blackberry, black licorice, carrot, clove, cherry, caramel, cola, ginger, juniper, lemon, molasses, nutmeg, orange, prune, plum, pepper, root beer, rum, raspberry, tomato and vanilla.

Of those 23 possibilities, only one has ever been publicly denounced by Dr. Pepper. According to a 2010 NBC Universal Media article by Kevin Cokely, senior vice president for research and development at Dr. Pepper Snapple in Plano, Dave Thomas, said that the only secret he is willing to reveal about the recipe is that prunes are not one of the 23 flavors in Dr. Pepper.

According to the Dr. Pepper Museum, there are at least one dozen different stories as to how the drink became officially named Dr. Pepper.

According to drpepper.com, the name has nothing to do with the beverage's unique flavor or the man who invented it. Rather, the name was chosen by Morrison as a tip of the hat toward the father of a young girl he was once smitten with.

Whether or not this doffing of respect was done to win back the family's affections is unknown. Still, the name has turned into a marketing dream for the company over the last 132 years.

From 1910 to 1914, Dr. Pepper was served up as the "King of Beverages." Next, the brand came up with its first trademarked character to get the message across to patrons. "Old Doc" was the name of the monocle and top hat wearing doctor used by Dr. Pepper throughout the 1920s and 1930s. And it was through medicinal research conducted during



Courtesy photo

THE WHITE GLOVE holds a vintage bottle of America's oldest soft drink. The Dr. Pepper brand debuted in 1885, one year before Coca-Cola was introduced.

the first of those decades that the longest running slogan used by Dr Pepper.

It is this mantra that partially gives away when the soft drink bottle shown above may have been first filled. Along with the iconic red and white label, the advertisement of numerals 10, 2 and 4 were the face of the company for over three decades.

According to Metropolitan News writer Roger M. Grace, the jingle evolved from a metabolism study conducted by Dr. Walter Eddy at Columbia University. His study found that a natural energy drop occurs in the body around 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. This could be avoided, he also found, if people have something to eat or drink at 10, 2 and 4.

When they were released, America's first beverage company had its advertising agency jump on board with the doctor's results. Hence the birth of the brand's longest lasting catch phrase: "Drink a bite to eat at 10, 2 and 4."

The 10, 2 and 4 slogan was used by the company until the 50s, when the brand's image was refreshed in two major ways. One, by the slogan "the friendly Pepper-Upper", and the

other by the dropping of the period.

The period in Dr. was let go as part of a redesign of the corporate logo, and because of this and the numerical slogan, it is safe to assume that the one found by The White Glove was first filled in the 1950s. This makes it roughly 60-odd years old.

The company has continued freshening up its motto over the decades with: "The most misunderstood soft drink", "the most original soft drink ever in the whole wide world", "Be a Pepper" and "Be You." Today it is "There's just more to it", which is about the 23 fruit flavors that give the drink such a unique taste.

When it comes to value, there is more rise in what 1950s Dr Pepper bottles can be worth than the many number of years they've been around. In regards to empty bottles like the one above, they tend to range from \$5 to \$30, depending on condition. But the real dollars are in the unopened, nearly mint ones. For those, one can expect to pay anywhere from \$100 to \$200 per bottle.

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Kinzinger announces 2017 Art Competition

Over the weekend, Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-Channahon) announced his office will now be accepting submissions for the 2017 Congressional Art Competition.

The winning artist will be awarded free round-trip airfare with one parent/guardian for a reception in Washington, DC. Their artwork will then go on display in the halls of the United States Capitol for a full year. The deadline this year is April 28, 2017.

The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions may be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.

Artwork must be two-dimensional and cannot weigh more than 15 lbs. Each piece can be no larger than 26" x 26" x 4" including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed and must adhere to the size guidelines.

Accepted media for artwork are as follows: paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.; drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, etc.; collage, prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints; mixed media, computer-generated art, photography.

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any US copyright

laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo other than the student's own, painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.

Artwork is due Kinzinger's Ottawa District Office by Friday, April 28, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition and cannot be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.

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How to pick the right medical alert system

Dear Savvy Senior, I would like to get my 82-year-old mother, who lives alone, a home medical alert system with a panic button that she can push in case she falls or needs help. Can you recommend some good options to help me choose?
Overwhelmed Daughter

Dear Overwhelmed, A good medical alert system is an affordable and effective tool that can help keep your mother safe, but with all the choices available today choosing one can be quite confusing. Here are

some tips that can help. How They Work Medical alert systems, which have been around for about 40 years, are popular products for elderly seniors who live alone. Leased for about \$1 a day, these basic systems provide a wearable help button - usually in the

form of a neck pendant or wristband - and a base station that connects to the home phone line, or to a cellular network if no landline is present.

At the press of a button, your mom could call and talk to a trained operator through the system's base station receiver, which works like a powerful speakerphone. The operator will find out what's wrong, and will notify family members, a friend, neighbor or emergency services as needed.

In addition to the basic home systems, many companies today (for an additional fee) are also offering motion sensitive pendants that can detect a fall and automatically call for help if your mom is unable to push the button. And mobile medical alerts that work when your mom is away from home. Mobile alerts work like cell phones with GPS tracking capabilities. They allow your mom to talk and listen to the operator directly through the pendant button, and because of the GPS, her general location would be known in order for help to be sent.

What to Consider

When shopping for a home medical alert system, here are some things to look for to help you choose a quality system:

- Extra help buttons: Most companies offer waterproof neck pendant and wristband help buttons, but some also offer



wall-mounted buttons that can be placed near the floor in high fall risk areas like the bathroom or kitchen, in case your mom isn't wearing her pendant.

- Range: The base station should have a range of at least 400 feet so it can be activated from anywhere on your mom's property - even in the yard.

- Backup: Make sure the system has a battery backup in case of a power failure.

- Monitoring: Make sure the response center is staffed with trained emergency operators located in the U.S., are available on a 24-hour basis, and responds to calls promptly.

- Contacts: Choose a company that provides multiple contact choices - from emergency services, to a friend or family member who lives nearby - that they can contact if your mom needs help.

- Certification: Find out if the monitoring center has been certified by

Underwriters Laboratories, a nonprofit safety and consulting company.

Top rated companies

While there are dozens of companies that offer medical alert systems, here are some top options that offer both home and mobile alerts: Bay Alarm Medical (fees start at \$30 per month for a home landline system, bayalarmmedical.com, 877-522-9633); Life Station (\$30/month, lifestation.com, 800-554-4600); Medical Alert (\$33/month, medicalalert.com, 800-800-2537); Mobile Help (\$30/month, mobilehelpnow.com, 800-992-0616); and Phillips Lifeline (\$30/month plus a \$50 activation fee, lifelinesys.com, 855-681-5351).

Most of these companies offer discounts if you pay three to 12 months in advance.

For mobile medical alerts only, you should also see GreatCall's Lively Mobile and Wearable (these cost \$50 plus a \$20 to \$35 monthly service fee, greatcall.com, 866-359-5606) and Consumer Cellular's Ally (\$150 plus \$25 per month, consumercellular.com, 888-345-5509).

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I've been going to Statehouse committee hearings longer than I care to remember - something like 27 years. Last week, however, was the first time I can ever recall having to fight back tears during a hearing.

The House Appropriations - General Services Committee heard testimony last week from Kenea Williams, a state employee who works at the Murray Developmental Center in Centralia. She has 15-month-old twins named Kobe and Kade. They were born premature and Kobe has something called broncho pulmonary dysplasia. His little lungs are scarred and he requires supplemental oxygen just to live.

Long story short, the company that supplied the oxygen tanks for Kobe dropped out of the state's group health insurance system because the state isn't paying its bills during our long governmental impasse, and they wanted their equipment back. Ms. Williams testified last week that Reps. John Cavaletto, R-Salem, and Charles Meier, R-Okawville, helped convince the company to continue supplying oxygen equipment to Kobe until this July.

But for whatever reason, company execs changed their minds and they sent some employees to retrieve the equipment in January. When a fright-

ened Williams refused to answer her door, the employees apparently called the local county sheriff. Two sheriff's deputies arrived, listened to the desperate mom tearfully plead her case and thankfully decided not to intervene. Ms. Williams has since found a new supplier for a home oxygen system.

So, think about this for a second. The state is deducting health insurance premiums out of Ms. Williams' paychecks twice a month without fail. But there is no state appropriation for group health insurance in this fiscal year's horribly inadequate stop-gap budget, so lots of state vendors aren't getting paid. The bill payment cycle for some of these insurance plans is currently about two years, so providers, like the company which supplied the oxygen tanks for Kobe, are understandably dropping out.

I'm told that the Illinois Department of Central Management Services played a very big role in finding another oxygen tank supplier for that little baby, who was also at the hearing last week with an oxygen tank and a tube



CAPITOL FACTS

Rich Miller

beyond the pale.

If a private sector company withheld insurance payments from workers and didn't pay the money it owed to the insurance provider, the state would clamp down super hard on that employer. But Illinois doesn't even bother paying its end, and, in fact, the state hasn't fully funded that insurance program in years.

This is basically fraud. Others testified at the committee last week that some dentists are demanding payment up front from state employees. So, the patients are paying for insurance, but they can't get treatment unless they pay in advance and then, presumably sometime down the road, the insurance company will reimburse them once the companies get paid by the state. A lobbyist for the Illinois State Dental Society recently told legislators that the state owes 9,000 dentists a total of

taped under his little nose. Many kudos to everyone who helped keep that child alive, including those sheriff's deputies.

But, people, c'mon. This story, while it currently has a happy ending, is just so

\$174 million.

Let's just hope heart and cancer surgeons don't start making patients pay in advance.

Legislators are basically doing the same thing to the worker health insurance fund that they used to do to the pension funds. They promise good benefits at a very reasonable cost to the employee, but then don't provide nearly enough state funding needed to make the pay-

Only, with the health-care fund, it's worse. The pension funds have always had enough cushion in them to forestall an immediate meltdown. They could pay retirees without any money from the state for a while.

But the health insurance fund has a \$3.5 billion negative balance. And that deficit will only continue to grow because the only money currently going into the fund is from state employee payroll deductions.

"I pay my premiums," Ms. Williams told the House committee last week. "I do my part. Now I feel like the state needs to do their part. They need to pay their bills."

So, how about the governor and the General Assembly get a real budget deal done before we, as a state, collectively kill a supposedly fully insured baby? Is that really all that much to ask?

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REAL ESTATE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 1517 Charlotte Street, Wilmington, IL 60481 (Single Family Home). On the 6th 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: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff v. Eric N. Bjornson; et al. Defendant. Case No. 16 CH 1538 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; 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: **Codilis & Associates, P.C.**
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Published in the Free Press Newspapers on March 15, 22 & 29, 2017

N THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS OCWEN LOAN SERVING, LLC Plaintiff, -v- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ELMER K. WOOLDRIDGE AKA ELMER WOOLDRIDGE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELMER K. WOOLDRIDGE AKA ELMER WOOLDRIDGE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ELMER K. WOOLDRIDGE AKA ELMER WOOLDRIDGE, DECEASED, ED WOOLDRIDGE, STEVE WOOLDRIDGE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, WILLIAM BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ELMER K. WOOLDRIDGE AKA ELMER WOOLDRIDGE, DECEASED Defendant 16 CH 76 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 19, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on April 7, 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 2060 E. Old Pine Bluff Rd., Morris, IL 60450 Property Index No. 05-12-351-003. The real estate is improved with a single fam-

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lily residence. The judgment amount was \$83,803.07. 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/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 of 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. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. 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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, 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

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a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Fax #: (217) 422-1754 N o n - CookPleadings@hsbat-tys.com Case Number: 16 CH 76 TJSC#: 37-2177 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 Newspapers on March 15, 22, & 29, 2017.

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. 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.**
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Our guests in attendance must be thanked for raising \$14,100 for our helping hands paddle raise to be used for a new mobile responsive website and new laminating machine. Your generous donations at the end of the evening will continue to benefit the educational opportunities for the children of St. Rose!



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