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Voters rule out home rule

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

When all of the votes were counted, it was clear a majority of Coal City voters were not in favor of home rule.

On April 4, 81 percent of voters said no to the town's proposal to become a home rule unit, a status that would have provided the Village Board increased local control and the ability to implement local taxes. Of the 922 votes cast on the issue, 747 were no.

Village officials had explored home rule as a funding option for municipal improvements for several years and determined last

fall that the time had come to take the proposal to its residents. So by action of the board, the question was put on the consolidated election ballot.

Many communities with home rule utilize the powers granted to increase borrowing, tailor levy rates and negotiate economic development deals.

Taxing powers, with some exceptions, have allowed home rule communities to impose taxes by ordinance. Some have used local taxing power to generate dollars for municipal improvements such as roads and utility infrastructure.

Village officials regularly report on the lack of capital funding, especially when it

comes to roads. The community's annual allotment of state motor fuel tax dollars, they say, falls short of covering actual costs and the town can't levy the dollars it needs to complete the necessary upgrades.

The Village Board had intended to use the powers granted under home rule to implement a gasoline tax to fund street and alley improvements and pay down the tornado debt.

The additional nickel per gallon they had proposed was expected to generate around \$200,000.

Knowing the additional funds will not be available, the board on Monday trimmed its proposed fiscal year 2018 budget by

\$100,000, meaning some of the improvements proposed for the coming year will not be undertaken.

In failing to get home rule passed, the board knows that property tax increases are forthcoming in order to pay back the town's immediate and long-term tornado debt of \$6.3 million.

Following the election, village administrator Matt Fritz said there was a bit of a surprise at the outcome in light of what had happened with the tornado.

Additionally, there was a push from outside sources to come in and sway voters

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Too close to call

Beach leads by two votes in Coal City, Kernc re-elected in Diamond

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

A determination on who will fill the third seat on the Coal City Village Board will not come for another week. With election day and early votes calculated, Sarah Beach holds a two-vote lead over incumbent Dave Togliatti.

But with the mail in votes yet to be counted it's too close to declare a winner.

Grundy County Clerk and Recorder Kay Olson reports of the nine outstanding vote by mail ballots to be counted, three include the village of Coal City trustee race. Those ballots must have been postmarked no later than election day and received in the clerk's office within 14 days after the election.

Mail in votes will be added to the totals when the official retabulation and canvass of the consolidated election occurs on Wednesday, April 19. The clerk has announced the canvass will be held at 10 a.m. in her office located in the Grundy County Courthouse in Morris.

Incumbent trustees Justin Wren and Timothy Bradley were re-elected having received 23.22 percent and 21.8 percent of the vote respectively. The unofficial vote totals in the race have Wren at 522, Bradley with 490, Beach 424, Togliatti 422 and Georgette Vota 390. No votes were cast in Will County.

"As someone who had never ran in a political race before I wasn't sure what to expect. That night I sat starring at the polling results and wasn't sure that I was reading them right, I won by two votes. I wasn't sure if I should be excited or how excited to be," Beach said.

"I decided to save some of my excitement for when the county rules it as an official win, after they factor in the early and mail in votes. So for right now I am honored that so many people came out and voted in my favor, I am truly touched. I am very excited to influence changes in Coal City and to boost our small town economy."

Diamond Mayor Teresa "Terry" Kernc held off a challenge from Diamond Tobacco proprietor Steven A. Kissel, to be re-elected to a third term. Kernc collected 213 votes (Grundy and Will counties) to Kissel's 42 votes.

"I am very aware that two times as many people came out to vote in this election than in the past. I appreciate that folks researched the candidates and came out to vote. To me it speaks tremendously about how important the community is to people," Kernc said.

In the uncontested commissioner race, Jeff Kasher had 180 votes, Carolyn Wilson had 146 votes and David Warner had 166 votes. No one ran for the fourth available board seat so Kernc and the commissioners will have to fill the vacancy through appointment.

In Carbon Hill, Rich Jurzak was elected mayor with 62 votes. There were 52 write-in votes for the post. As for trustee, Gary Smith was the only declared candidate and he received 89 votes.

In the contested race for Felix Township Highway Commissioner, incumbent Democrat Dave Allen fell 20 votes short of retaining his post. Republican challenger

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Bugg explains decision to seek bids

On March 29, the Unit 1 Board of Education published a public notice announcing it would seek bids for the outsourcing of custodial services, a move that drew questions and a few comments on social media sites.

To clarify the intent of the Board of Education in seeking bids, and its plan to hold a public meeting in June on the concept, Superintendent Dr. Kent Bugg issued a statement during the board's April 5 meeting:

"This Board of Education has a long history of making data driven decisions and for being as transparent as possible with those decisions. This focus of the board is one of the reasons our school district was identified by the recent statewide Niche ratings as the 43rd best school district in Illinois, and we were the only school

district in Grundy County to make the top 100 list.

"It is also one of the reasons our school district is in such a strong financial position where we can provide the best possible services to our students and serve our taxpayers by providing one of the lowest K-12 tax rates in the state.

"Furthermore, this board's planning has positioned our school district's fiscal reserve position to where we can withstand any profound funding changes without devastating our academic programming or overwhelming our taxpayers.

"Finally, this board's commitment to transparency has allowed us to be one of 15 school districts in the state to receive the Illinois Policy Institute's Sunshine Award for transparency in

operations.

"The recent decision of the board to solicit bids for custodial services is consistent with this board's desire to gather as much data as possible prior to making any final decisions. What the board had done thus far is to announce that you are investigating the realities and facts of custodial outsourcing, which is information the board wanted to determine the competitiveness of the salary and benefit package the district provides our custodians.

"Once the board gathers this information, they will use the data to determine any necessary and appropriate future actions.

"The board is currently in the col-

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Hoppin' good time



Photo by Ann Gill

THE GFWC-IL Coal City Junior Woman's Club hosted its annual Easter Scramble on Friday, April 7. During the scramble 19-month-old Cameron Brown stopped to take a peak at what was in his bucket. In addition to collecting candy and seasonal toys, children could visit with the Easter Bunny, jump in the bounce house, listen to stories and select a balloon animal. Additional photos appear on page 2.



RICHARD ROSELAND

Coal City Rick

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

Coal City lost a long time community leader with the death of Richard Roseland.

The town's mayor for eight years during much of the 1980s, Roseland passed away April 4 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He was 68.

In addition to serving as the town's mayor from 1983 to 1991, Roseland oversaw the village's finances as a commissioner and remained involved in various community initiatives. His interest in serving

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Unit 1 Board of Education briefs

District enters into agreement on power plant deal

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

After months of negotiations, the Unit 1 School District entered into an intergovernmental agreement with six other taxing district on a tax rebate for the proposed electric generating facility in Goose Lake Township.

Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) is preparing to construct a 1,100 mega watt natural gas powered generating facility. The intergovernmental agreement outlines the taxing districts' desire to rebate a portion of the incremental taxes to the company.

As noted at the April 5 meeting of the Board of Education, the taxing districts recognize that the construction of CPV's Three Rivers Energy project will increase the tax base, contribute temporary and permanent construction jobs, enhance the opportunity for additional economic development and contribute to the overall welfare of the districts.

In other matters before the board:

- Board members approved entering into an intergovernmental agreement with Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Elementary District 2C, South Wilmington Grade School District 74, Braceville Elementary District

and Gardner Grade School District 72C for at-risk preschool.

As reported earlier, a decision was made to dissolve the Grundy County Preschool program and for three of the participating districts to submit their own grant requests to ensure services to students were not reduced.

Unit 1 has submitted a request to host the pre-school program for the districts located south of the Illinois River. The agreement notes the neighboring districts' participation in the re-organized program.

- The board is going with a new insurance broker service beginning in July.

After eight years with The Horton Group, the board has decided to retain the services of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. The decision was made after a committee that included board members Mary Gill and Quint Harmon reviewed proposals and interviewed respondents from three brokerage service firms.

Harmon noted the change will not affect the current benefit plan offered to district employees, but it will result in a cost savings and include additional services, including a wellness program and employee assistance program with a telemedicine

component.

The one-year agreement was approved. Board vice president Shawn Hamilton abstaining due to his employment with a division of the Gallagher company.

- Since no emergency days have been used this school year, the board set the last day of school for students as Wednesday, May 24. A teacher's institute day will be held on Thursday, May 25.

As previously reported, high school commencement is set for Sunday, May 14, at 2 p.m., and middle school promotion will be on Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m.

- The board accepted the resignation of Lisa Lukkari, kindergarten special education teacher, effective at the close of the current school year.

- Tori Cumming was hired as a special education teacher at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year. She is currently fulfilling a maternity leave at the intermediate school. The board also hired Amy Ahlenius as a 3.25-hour special education one-on-one aide at the early childhood center effective April 1.

- Colleen Wagner was transferred from math teacher at the middle and high schools to just the high school and Laura Alderson

transfers from fifth grade to fourth grade special education teacher at the intermediate school.

- Board members approved a 54-day unpaid leave of absence for intermediate school reading aid Tina Jakubowski and a 34-day unpaid leave of absence for Bonnie DeGroot, who is also a reading aide at the intermediate school.

- Ken W. Miller was approved as assistant varsity football coach, Val Metz as assistant middle school track coach and Branimir Dimitrijevic as assistant boys tennis coach. The board also authorized Chuck Lander to serve as a volunteer assistant baseball coach.

- The board held a first reading on 19 revised district policies that include identity protection, court duty, maintaining student discipline and school admissions and student transfers to and from non-district schools.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m., in the community room at Coal City Middle School. A study session is slated for Wednesday, April 26, at 6 p.m., in the high school's administrative conference room.

CCAYBS to host movie night

Coal City Area Youth Baseball/Softball (CCAYBS) is hosting its first movie night Saturday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. at Coal City Lions Park Bronco Field. This is a free event that is open to not only CCAYBS players and families but also the general public.

All players will be given tickets from their coaches that will get them a free bag of popcorn and can of pop courtesy of CCAYBS. The concession stand will be open serving hamburgers, hotdogs, Geo's Pizza, nachos, pop-

corn, candy, pop, water, and Gatorade for normal prices.

Raffle Tickets are due by 7 p.m. and will not be accepted after. Grand prizes will be drawn during movie night with first prize \$750, second prize \$500 and third prize \$250. The concession stand will also be selling extra raffle tickets. A 50/50 raffle will also be available that night.

Following movie night there will be additional weekly drawings until the regular season ends the week of June 12.

Tickets on sale for Street Corner Symphony

Street Corner Symphony is a six-man group from Nashville that will perform in Coal City on April 22.

The a cappella group will appear in the Coal City Unit 1 Auditorium at Coal City High School as part of the Megan Bugg Concert Series.

Megan, a sophomore at the high school, enjoys music and the performing arts. In December 2014 she was diagnosed with stage 4 Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma. Looking for a way to give back to the community that has and continues to support her through this journey, Megan and her family established the concert series to bring quality live entertainment to the community.

Reserved seat tickets are available online at bit.ly/CCSCS422. Student admission is \$15. Adult admission is \$20. The ticket site will automatically locate the best available seats, however concert goers can select their own seats simply by clicking on 'let me choose my seats' located under the seating chart.



Courtesy photo

STREET CORNER SYMPHONY will perform in Coal City on Saturday, April 22 as part of the ongoing Megan Bugg Concert Series. Tickets are available on-line at bit.ly/CCSCS422.

Street Corner Symphony came to international notoriety in 2010 when the group became a runner up on NBC's "The Sing Off." Since then, the men of SCS have performed around the world giving

benefits, clinics and concerts, as well as recording two full albums and numerous singles.

The six men of Street Corner Symphony are Adam Chance, Mark McLemore, Kurt Zimmerman and broth-

ers Jeremy, Jonathan and Richie Lester.

Experts in multiple styles of music, SCS is comfortable moving between most any genre of music, appealing to young and old alike.

Registration open for community garage sale

The village of Coal City's Park Board is once again teaming up with the village of Diamond to sponsor an all-community garage sale.

The two-day event will be held, rain or shine, Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating can call Coal City Village Hall at 815-634-8608 or register online at www.coal-city-il.gov. Information provided will be used to develop a sale listing and map that will be available on the village's website and on the day of the sales at Benson Insurance, 155 S. Broadway; Rolando's TV, Appliance and Furniture, 140 S. Broadway, as well as the village halls in Diamond and Coal City. Participation in the sales is free.

Scouts earn Arrow of Light Award



Courtesy photo

Coal City Pack 466 Cub Scouts recently had their Blue and Gold Ceremony to celebrate Scouting and the crossing over of their Webelos II into Boy Scouts. Five boys crossed over to join Coal City Boy Scout Troop 466 and earned their Arrow of Light Award. The Arrow of Light is the highest honor a Cub Scout can achieve. Honored Scouts (from left) are Bradley Burla, Alex Kostal, Nathan Grant, Dominic Maland and Jonathan Voight. Pamela Burla and Cristyn Kostal served as their den leaders and appreciated the community, friends and family for their support over the past five years.

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.

National Library Week is April 9-15 and the theme is Libraries Transform. Celebrate and visit every day to receive a special prize. Free popcorn on Monday and Thursday, free plant seeds on Tuesday and Wednesday and free zoo tickets on Friday. Free coffee will be available every day. The 5th annual Photography Exhibit begins Thursday, April 13.

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, April 13-Check out a snack, all day for teens. Terrific Tots, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., for 2-3 year olds and caregiver to transition from Family Lapsit Classes to Preschool Storytimes.

Preschool Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for 3-5 year olds

who have not yet started Kindergarten and are ready to attend class by themselves.

Tail Waggin' Tutors with Elle, 4 p.m.

Money Sense Jr., 4 p.m., Kindergartners - 3rd grade can join in learning all about money.

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

Monday, April 17-Sew Good Friends, 9 a.m., join in an afternoon of sewing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holocaust Museum Trip, 10 a.m., traveling to Skokie, dinner at Pappas, on your own.

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

K-3 Sparks, 1 p.m., Frogs is theme for crafts and games.

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 18-Coffee at the Library, 10:30 a.m., Financial Fitness program offered.

Tween boys club, monthly activity, 3:30 p.m., 4th and

5th graders enjoy crafts and fun.

TAG Warriors, 4 p.m., Coalers, 4:30 p.m., teen afterschool group.

Yoga Class, 6 p.m., six week session of yoga. Instructor Lou Ann Carpenter. Mat required, \$30 fee for classes.

Wednesday, April 19-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.

Coloring, Coffee and Conversation, 2 p.m. Join in for some relaxing, stress free coloring.

STEAM, Warriors 5 p.m., Coalers 5:30 p.m., Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, hands on fun.

Tail Waggin' Tutors with Ray, 6 p.m., contact the children's department to set up a time for your child to read to the licensed therapy dogs.

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.

Easter cantata is Friday

The community will come together in song as an ecumenical choir presents the music of the season at the Easter Cantata.

Hosted by Coal City United Methodist Church, the cantata is based on

songs that capture Christ's sacrifice.

The cantata will be held at the church, 6805 E. McArdle Road, on Friday, April 14, beginning at 7 p.m.

The community is invited to join the celebration of

Easter during this Good Friday concert.

"It will be a truly worshipful experience for all who attend," aid Shanan D'Agostino, the church's music director.

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Proposal could sprout agriculture program by GAVC

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

Grundy Area Vocational Center is planting the seeds for what could grow into a local agriculture program.

Unit 1 Superintendent Dr. Kent Bugg announced last week that the vocational center is in the beginning phases of implementing an ag class into the curriculum. If all goes as planned the first crop of

students could begin instruction in fall 2018.

According to the superintendent, GAVC has been talking about introducing agriculture education into its program for several years and the concept is gaining momentum.

Students from the center's feeder schools—Coal City, Morris, Minooka and Gardner—SouthWilmington—would be eligible for enrollment. Additionally,

GAVC Director Lance Copes has reportedly approached the administration at Wilmington and Reed-Custer high schools, who have expressed an interest in participating.

Bugg noted one of the items that needs to be worked out is where the program would be based.

Since GAVC courses include both classroom instruction and practical applications, the students

will need access to a working farm.

Unit 1 owns several acres of farmland on the southwest corner of Spring and Berta roads, and although GAVC has not officially asked to utilize a portion of the land, it is expected to make the request.

The school district currently leases the land to a local farmer, who has indicated that he would be more than willing to re-negotiate the terms of his contract should

the district wish to utilize some of the land and an adjacent storage shed for the GAVC course.

The center is currently conducting a needs assessment among students and will proceed once that is completed.

"The program is still in the infancy stage, but it is gaining some momentum," Bugg said.

GAVC is also considering the addition of a robotics program.

Unit 1 names Students of the Week




BRECKEN JOHNSON was nominated by Jackie Larson to be this week's Coal City Middle School Student of the Week.



Courtesy photos

FIFTH GRADE Students of the Week at Coal City Intermediate School for the week of April 10 are (from left) Ryan Whitehead, Brooklyn Milne and Zech Abbott in row one. Fourth graders standing in row two are Addy Ely, Maddison Padron, Mayday Matthews and Airanna Wilburn.



George Dare

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April 19th

George went to Florida, ended up in ICU, he rested, flew home and is now doing much better. If you know him please send him a card for his birthday.

Residents of Felix Township

I am overwhelmed with the support and confidence you have placed in me by re-electing me Felix Township Clerk. Your votes were greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Patricia L. Christensen

Scouts help spruce up Felix Township



Courtesy photo

SCOUTS FROM COAL CITY PACK 466 pitched in to help clean up Felix Township, spending a Sunday collecting trash along township roads. The Scouts teamed up with township Supervisor Richard Onsen and Highway Commissioner Dave Allen on the roadway cleanup project on Sunday, April 9. They collected a pickup truck load of trash during the outing. Taking part were (kneeling, from left) Hunter Lamphier, Heather Lamphier, Aiden Middleton, Ethan Lamphier and Juli Micetich. In row two are Mason Joyce, Daniel Del Negro, Jonah Micetich, Carter Wix, Owen Burla, Jaiden Leman, Ethan Morrison and Oskir Stott. Standing in the second row are Paul Morrison, Crystal Ramirez, Linden Greenan, Drew Hammond, Martin Ramirez, Gabriel Hamilton, Bradley Burla, Devon McVey, Julian Micetich, Wyatt Chase and Jessi Stott. David Zimmer and Landon and Dane Eaton are not pictured.

MVK Seniors host March meeting

The MVK Seniors met Tuesday, March 21, 2017 for a delicious lunch at the Mazon American Legion Hall, catered by Weitz's Café through the Community Nutrition Network.

President Rita Mills called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. She thanked Pam from Weitz's Café for serving the meal, CNN, and the many volunteers.

There was a silent prayer for ill and deceased members. Get well cards were signed for Pat Starks and Wilma Gehrke. Members sang Happy Birthday to Lou Witt and President Mills read a St. Patrick's Day

poem.

Next, the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Door prizes went to Nancy Burchfield, Bob Hollenbeck and Doris Nicol.

There wasn't any new business to discuss. Lou Witt made a motion to adjourn and Shirley Peterson seconded. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2017 with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting.

Anyone 60 and older is invited to join for a small donation. To make a reservation with Community Nutrition Network call 815-941-1590.

Troop 466 seeks donations for May garage sale

Boy Scout Troop 466 in Coal City is planning a spring garage sale for Saturday, May 13 at the Coal City Lions Hall from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The troop is looking for donations of leftover garage sale items to add to their fundraising sale. Items accepted include clothes, household good, tools and garage items. All funds will benefit the troop.

Troop 466 has the right to refuse items at the door. No dangerous items, TV's, chemicals, CFC's and no large furniture will be accepted.

Donations can be dropped off at the Lions Hall from 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 12.

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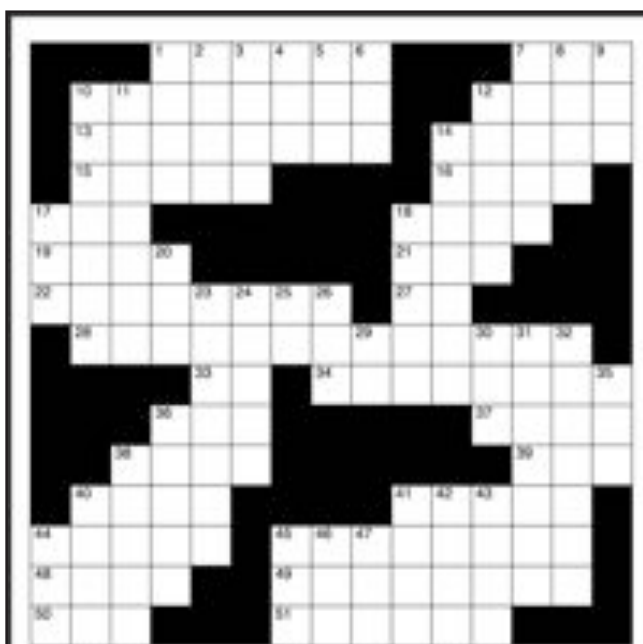
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Winter melon

7. Solar energy particles (abbr.)

10. Requiring fewer resources

12. Nest

13. Name

14. Actress Vergara

15. Very near in space or time

16. Authorized program analysis report

17. Spoken in Vietnam

18. Brews

19. Drops

21. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series

22. Congo capital

27. Soldier
28. Bronx Bomber

33. Argon

34. Open

36. Popular sandwich

37. Protect from danger

38. Goddess of spring

39. Large hole

40. Vegetarians won't touch it

41. Actress Neal

44. Finger millet

45. Small waterfall

48. Israeli city

49. Most gammy

50. NFL owner Snyder

51. Spindles

CLUES DOWN

1. Italian Lake

2. Cuckoos

3. Sound unit

4. Doctors' group

5. The cutting part of a drill

6. A team's best harler

7. Couches

8. Muslim ruler

9. Round globular seed

10. A way to confine

11. Men wear it

12. Chinese province

14. Soup cracker

17. Expression of disappointment

18. West Chadic languages

20. Midway between south and southwest

23. An opal

24. Main artery
25. Junior's father

26. Sierra Leone dialect

29. Cyrillic letter

30. Native American tribe

31. Passes

32. Most unnatural

35. Insecticide

36. Blatted

38. Actress Fox

40. Actresses Kate and Rooney

41. Outside

42. The habitat of wild animals

43. Days falling in the middle of the month

44. Radioactivity unit

45. Certified public accountant

46. Swiss river

47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)



FIREFIGHTERS EXIT THE flashover simulator during this year's Chief Shabbona fire school.



RETIRING BRAIDWOOD FIRE Chief Ken Heberer (left) accepts a plaque honoring his 45 years of service to the fire service from Coal City Fire Chief Jim Sheldon. Heberer was honored during this year's Chief Shabbona Fire School in Morris on April 8.

Fire Chief honored for 45 years of service

BY MARNEY SIMON
STAFF WRITER

Smoke and fire were present at the ComEd station along Pine Bluff Road in Morris on Sunday, April 8. But it wasn't an emergency.

The activity was part of the annual Chief Shabbona Fire School, an ongoing educational program for local fire departments.

This year's event hosted 70 students from 15 departments, with attendees participating in basic firemanship classes, hands-on auto extrication classes, a flashover simulator, and other hands-on and classroom activities.

"We're it, there's nobody else to call, so we want to make sure you're on top of your game," Chief Shabbona President and Coal City Fire Chief Jim Sheldon told the participants. "The Chief Shabbona Fire Academy has been here since 1948, and has graduated well over 300 firefighters. It was created to provide high quality training to volunteer firefighters so that they can become state certified firefighters."

But Sheldon had more to offer than the history of the fire school.

In a surprise move, the academy offered a special plaque in recognition of Braidwood Fire Chief Ken Heberer, who has



FIREFIGHTERS FROM 15 area fire districts participated in this year's Chief Shabbona Fire School, including participants from Coal City and Braidwood.

been a member of the department since 1972.

After 45 years in the service, Heberer

will retire as chief this June.

"Ken Heberer didn't want anything to be done, so we are surprising him today, he's

retiring June 1," Sheldon said.

"Chief Heberer has been very instrumental in helping to develop the curriculum, instructing some of the programs, working behind the scenes, to make sure that this academy, this pow wow, everything with the Chief Shabbona association, has been successful. In 2012 he took on a leadership role, where he served as our secretary and treasurer."

Sheldon said that Heberer has been a great sounding board to other members of the association, due to his knowledge of the history of the association.

"He's a great listener who wears his heart on his sleeve," Sheldon said. "He always has the association's best interest in mind when he's making his decisions. Chief Heberer, you have truly been a friend, a leader who has inspired many who look upon you with great admiration."

In addition to special plaque, Heberer was also presented with a Chief Shabbona t-shirt emblazoned with the logo of his favorite baseball team, the St. Louis Cardinals.

Sheldon also took a moment to honor Braidwood Fire Department Safety Officer Charlie Boyd, one of the main organizers of the fire school each year, for his efforts in putting the annual event together.



Courtesy photos

SULPHUR SPRING Arbor and Coal City Community 4-H Club members who took part in planting the three trees at the Mazon Centennial Park included (from left): Debbie Ruetz, Carl Johnson, Laura Gillum, Cassie Johnson, Cade Krull, Gretchen Goebel, Irvin DeWald, Zita Goebel, Penny Wills, Kaitlynn Baxa, Mark Wills, Cash Biros, Nancy Johnson, Trevor McIntire and Ben Biros (holding the check); Kyler Krull, Belinda Baxa, Palin Goebel and Jennifer Goebel.

Gleaners join 4-H to plant trees

Sulphur Springs Gleaners Arbor met Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Mazon Centennial Park in Mazon to plant three trees with the Coal City Community 4-H kids.

Gleaners supplied the decorative pear trees and helped the kids dig holes for the trees to be planted in. There were many shovels busy. Jeff Marques from the park board and Heidi Litchfield from the *Morris Daily Herald* newspaper were there.

Twelve guests were present which consisted of 7 youths and 15 adults including 9 arbor members with a total of 22 people present. It was a beautiful sunny and windy day.

Two of Gleaners members went to the local Casey's for pizzas, pop, water, and cookies purchased by the arbor and everyone ate at the park shelter after the planting. Leftover pop will be used at the next Arbor meeting. This was Environmental Activity #3 and Youth Action Day #5.

Submitted by Debbie Ruetz, reporter.



KAITLYNN BAXA (from left), Zita Goebel and Ben Biros, with guidance from Carl Johnson, rolled one of the trees planted into the hole that was dug for it during the tree planting by Gleaners and CC Community 4-H members at Mazon Centennial Park.

Junk in the Trunk begins April 16

The next Morris Junk in the Trunk event is Sunday, April 16, 2017. Set up time for the vendors is 8:30 a.m. and the sale runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 100 Commercial Drive which is located behind the Route 47 Walgreens Store in Morris.

JITT is an open air flea market which takes place out of the back of the vendor's truck, car, pickup, van, trailer, SUV, etc.

There is a \$10 donation for each spot which will be given to charity. No clothing, mass produced imported items, private businesses or commercial vendors are allowed. Antiques, collectibles, tools, household items, crafts and home-made items are accepted. It is time to clean out those attics, garages, basements and sheds and find new homes for those unwanted items. Help the environment and keep unwanted things out of the landfills.

This is and has been a fun event for all. All partici-

pants do so at their own risk. If you have not been to a JITT event yet, you do not know what you are missing. Admission is free to the public. April 2017 Donations will be given to the American Cancer Society.

For more information call Ken at 815-942-2032 or email willis824@comcast.net.

This year Gardner Co-op in Gardner will be having a JITT Flea Market to help fund charities on the first Sunday each month from April-October at I-55 exit 22. Contact Craig or Patty at 630-215-8968. April 2 is their first event.

Also Cherry Red Roasters of Dwight will be hosting a JITT flea market to help fund charities at 200 S. Franklin in Dwight on the second Sunday each month from April-October. Contact Duncan or Shelly at 815-584-1227. April 9, 2017 is their first event.

Support group to meet

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

SPOHNC is a patient-directed, self-help organization dedicated to meeting the emotional, physical and humanistic needs of people with oral and head and neck cancer and their caregivers. The SPOHNC Morris chapter meets monthly and is lead by Ali Bute, speech pathologist at Morris Hospital, and Sharon Bernico, a registered nurse from Morris Hospital's Radiation Therapy Center. Bute and Bernico have extensive experience working with individuals with head and neck cancer and can help navigate the illness and rehabilitation process.

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



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Warrior track teams sweep the competition

Thursday night the seventh and eighth grade boys track teams participated in a meet with Ottawa and Nettle Creek.

In the seventh grade meet the scores were Coal City 59, Ottawa 44 and Nettle Creek 20.

First place finishers were Keegan Crater - mile; were Abrahm Wills - hurdles, 100 and long jump; the 4x100 relay team (Aidan Kostbade, Tyler Jackson, Christian Micetich and Cason Headley); Luke Hawkins - 400; and Alex Baudino - 200

Taking second place were Keegan Crater - mile;

the 4x200 relay team (Abrahm Wills, Andrew Collins, Baudino and Thomas Gifford); Braiden Young - 200; Steven Aldridge - 800; the 4x400 relay team (Ean Sears, Hawkins, Dylan Ludes and Young; Nick Latta - shot put; and Hawkins - long jump.

In third place were Kaleb Kuhel - mile and 800; and Sears - 400.

Finishing in fourth were Gavin Chernesky - mile; Cason Headley shot put; and Christian Micetich - shot put.

Eighth grade scores were Coal City 54, Ottawa 59

and Nettle Creek 7.

First place finishers were Asa Cooper - 100, hurdles and long jump; the 4x100 relay team (Cooper, TJ Understahl, Griffin Johnson and Ethan Knutson); AJ Rodriguez - 800; Drake Bruns - shot put; and Ethan Knutson - high jump.

Finishing in second were Johnson - hurdles; 4x200 relay team (Rodriguez, DeKotah Rueger, Nate Sebby and Aaron Mumm); and Logan Miller - shot put.

Taking third place were Knutson - 100; Johnson - 400; and Rueger - 800.

Fourth place finishers were Understahl - 800; Trevor Eikey - shot put; and Rodriguez - high jump.

The seventh grade girls track team won with a score of 78.5 points in their first track meet against Ottawa and Nettle Creek.

In first place were Maeve Quigley - hurdles; Ana Flores - 1600m; the

4x200m relay team (Amanda Albright, Ali Hausman, Addyson Walicek and Gwen Wharrie); the 4x100m relay of team (Trinity Barrus, Carly Ford, Baylee Barnhill and Jocie Widlowski); Audrey Cooper - 400m; Widlowski - 200m; Ella Davy - 800m; the 4x400m relay team (Maci Baldauf, Barrus, Lynzie Norris and Cooper); Mia Rodriguez - shot put; and Stephanie Seminic - high jump.

Second place finishers were Cooper - 100m; Mia Ratajczak - 1600m; Norris - 400m; Barnhill - 200m; Addyson Mellen - 800m; Courtney Meyer - long jump; and Maeve Quigley - high jump.

Finishing in third place were Lauren Ferrari - hurdles; Barrus - 100m; Stephanie Semenic - 800m; and Mellen tie for third in the high jump.

Fourth place finishers were Norris - shot put; and

Lizzie Kenney - long jump. The eighth grade girls team won scoring 51 points.

First place finishers were Hayleigh Roach - hurdles; and the 4x100m relay team (Emma Chiarappa, Natalie Teague, Roach and Sam Moore).

Taking second place were Gabby Babcock - hurdles; Cara Planeta - 1600m; the 4x200m relay team (Colleen Feeney, Hailey Jenke, Hannah Shirkey and Katie Hiles; Azra Malovski - 400m; Feeney - 200m; Edith Torres - 800m; the 4x400m relay team (Kerigan Copes, Heather Kroeger, Emma Hir, and Azra Malovski; Elli Vacarro - high jump; and Maddie Fredericks - shot put.

In third place were Chiarappa - 100m and 200m; Shaela O'Keefe - 800m; and Sophiya Williams - shot put.

Placing fourth were Emma Hir - 400m; and Dianna Sterba - long jump.

Coal City Unit 1 seeks bids for Summer 2017 Parking Lot Projects

LEGAL 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 Summer 2017 Parking Lot Projects, to be used by students of Coal City Community Unit School District #1, Grundy and Will Counties, Illinois beginning July 1, 2017.

Sealed bids are due no later than 2:00 PM Thursday April 27, 2017, in the School Districts Administrative Office, 100 South Baima Street, Coal City, Illinois. Bid specifications may be obtained from the School Districts Administrative Office at the above-mentioned address between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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.

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT
Note: On July 19, 2010, the Board of Education of Coal City Community Unit School District #1 passed a resolution authorizing the signing of a Project Labor Agreement with Will-Grundy Building Trades Council and the Three Rivers Construction Alliance. Contractors(s) of whatever tier, who have contracts awarded under this bid process, agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Project Labor Agreement and may be required to execute a Letter of Assent along with their contract. A copy of the Project Labor Agreement is available by contacting the Owner's Representative listed above.

Sealed bids will be opened at a Public Bid Opening at 2:00 PM Thursday April 27, 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 April 12, 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, 2302.10 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 09 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 1328.94 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 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.

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) MIDWEST CAPITAL INV PURCHASER OR ASSIGNEE

Published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, March 29, and April 5 and 12, 2017.

Foreclosure sale of 121 W. High St.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS

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

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on May 18, 2017, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 East Washington Street front door entrance, MORRIS, IL, 60450, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF MILES HILL'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 27 OF ROSEMAN'S SUBDIVISION OF 95.32 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES WEST 232.11 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, STARTING AT SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 60 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 95 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES EAST 60 FEET, THENCE NORTH 95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MORRIS, IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 121 W. HIGH STREET, Morris, IL 60450
Property Index No. 05-04-277-003.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$151,810.27.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If 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: POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C16-34051.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 263-0003

E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com
Attorney File No. C16-34051

Case Number: 16 CH 73
TJSC# 37-1786

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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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

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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Midwest Capital files notice on Minooka property

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE

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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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/A/COUNTRY 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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Attorney Black files estate claim notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE THIRTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GRUNDY COUNTY - IN PROBATE
No. 17 P 28

In the Matter of the Estate of
Eddie L. Knop,
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of Eddie L. Knop. Letters of office as Independent Administrator were issued to Andrew Knop, 7800 Susan St., Morris, Illinois, 60450 whose attorney is FRANK J. BLACK, BLACK & BLACK, 201 Liberty Street, Suite 211, Morris, Illinois 60450.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Grundy County Courthouse, 111 E. Washington St., Morris, IL 60450, with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or, if mailing or delivery of a notice is required by Section 5-18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

ANDREW KNOP
INDEPENDENT
ADMINISTRATOR

Frank J. Black
Black & Black
201 Liberty Street
Suite 211
P.O. Box 148
Morris, IL 60450
815-942-0594

Published in the Coal City Courant on April 12, 19 & 26, 2017

JV Coalers shutout Herscher

The Coal City junior varsity baseball team came out swining Friday shutting down Herscher 9-0.

The Coalers (4-3 overall) jumped to a 7-0 lead after two innings and added two more insurance runs in the fourth.

Coal City scattered 12 hits, as the offense was unstoppable.

Jack Bunton went 3-for-3 for Coal City with a double, adding two RBIs and two runs.

Austin Pullara ripped a triple and one run scored, while Mickey McDowell, Connor Best, Danny Caruso, Tyson Spencer, Drew Moir, Jake Formenti and Cameron Lander all added hits for RBIs and runs scored.

Josh Michalek and Mason Mulcahy also added runs to the offense.

On the mound, Best and Spencer combined for the two-hitter win.

Best received the start, along with the win, as he lasted three innings. He allowed just one hit, and struck out four.

Spencer followed with four innings of work, letting up one hit, while walking one and striking out six.

JCA 9, CC 1

The Coalers struggled last Tuesday against a tough Joliet Catholic Academy pitcher.

Joliet didn't get on the board until the fifth inning, but when they did, they made it hurt.

The Hilltoppers recorded two runs in the fifth, four in the sixth and three more in the top of the seventh.

Formenti recorded an RBI single to push across Mulcahy for the Coalers' only run in the bottom of the seventh. Unfortunately, they were unable to record any more runs, receiving the loss.

Pullara suffered the loss on the mound, pitching 5.2 innings. He let up four runs (three earned) off four hits, walked six and struck out three.

Bunton threw the remaining 1.1 innings. He surrendered five runs (three earned) off five hits, walked one and struck out one.

Midwest Capital files notice on Braceville property

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE

FILED: 3/24/2017
CASE: 2017TX18

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COALER SPORTS

Coalers pick up first conference win, defeat Herscher in comeback

The Coal City varsity baseball team picked up a big conference win Friday with comeback win over visiting Herscher, 4-3.

Herscher grabbed a one-run lead in the third inning, and built a 3-0 advantage in the sixth.

Coal City (7-4 overall, 1-0 conference) had managed just one hit heading into the sixth frame, but that all changed.

Facing a three-run deficit and one out, the Coalers recorded hits from Blake Harseim, Jake Brnca (double), Austin Friddle, Payton Hutchings and Zack Nolan.

Harseim and Hutchings both picked up RBIs, and Nolan wound up pushing across the tying run with a single.

Sean Micetich came up big with a sacrifice fly, which pushed across the game-winning run.

"This was a great game to be a part of today," said McDowell. "Our defense and pitching remain top notch, and we came alive with the bats when we had to. This is a huge conference opener win over a quality program."

On the mound, Blake Harseim picked up the win with six innings of work. He allowed three earned runs off six hits, walked three and struck out six. He improves his pitching record to 2-0 on the season.

Keegan Gagliardo earned the save, as he pitched one inning in relief. He let up no hits or runs during his outing.

Coal City was scheduled to face Sandwich on Monday at home, but the game was canceled. The game was rescheduled for Wednesday, when the Coalers host the Indians.

Coal City 6,



BLAKE HARSEIM improved to 2-0 on the mound on Friday, as he pitched to a win against Herscher. Harseim put in six innings of work, letting up three earned runs off six hits, walking three and striking out six.

Joliet West 1

The Coalers bounced back from their loss to JCA, as they defeated Joliet West on Thursday by five runs.

"We played a good game all around today," said McDowell. "We got some key, two-out hits, and Justin Dabulskis pitched a nice game pitching to contact. Austin Friddle had a big hit early for us."

Friddle got the offense going with a two-run double in the first inning to give the Coalers a 2-0 lead. He would finish the game with three RBIs.

The Coalers added two runs in the fifth, one in the sixth, and one more in the seventh, while Joliet could only respond with one run in the fifth.

Brnca and Harseim both



Photos by Fred Ruetz, sports photographer

JAKE BRNCA connects for a double during Coal City's conference game with Herscher on Friday. Brnca helped the Coalers rally late, as they mounted a comeback against the Tigers to win, 4-3.

recorded two runs each, while Gagliardo also added a hit.

Justin Dabulskis recorded the win on the mound, extending his record to 2-0 on the season.

He hurled six innings, letting up just one earned run off four hits, walked two and struck out two.

Gagliardo threw the final inning striking out three while letting up no hits or runs.

JCA 5, CC 1

The Coalers took on

Joliet Catholic Academy last week, and even though they outhit the opposition, they were unable to push across some much needed runs.

Coal City earned four hits in the game to Joliet's three, as Copes, Brnca, Harseim and Gagliardo each picked up a hit.

Unfortunately, the Coalers were only able to push one run across in the seventh inning, as they lost by four runs.

"Our defense and pitching have been great, but our bats are anemic right now,"

said McDowell. "Our pitch selection has to get better against quality teams like we are playing."

Hutchings wound up receiving the loss on the mound, putting in three innings of work.

He surrendered three runs (two earned) off one hit, walked four and struck out four.

Micetich threw the remainder of the game, giving up two earned runs off two hits, walking three and striking out one.

Coalers kick off outdoors against Comets, Wildcats

Coal City's varsity boys and girls track teams hosted a triangular meet last Tuesday, as they competed against I-8 rivals Reed-Custer and Wilmington.

On the boys side, the Comets won the meet, finishing with 76.5 team points, as Coal City claimed second (66), and Wilmington took third (28.5).

The Lady Coalers wound up in third place, earning 29 team points. Wilmington (63) claimed first, and Reed-Custer earned second with 55 points.

Cal Smolik had a good outing for the Coalers, as he placed in four events, claiming first in three of them.

Smolik secured first place in triple jump (38' 1"), the 100 meter (12.03) and the 200 meter (24.13). He also claimed third in long jump with a distance of 16' 7".

Gage Leake picked up a first place in the 1600 with a time of 5:25.19, and also secured third in the 800 (2:24.1).

Rounding out first place finishers were Aaron McMurtrey in shot put (43' 1"), Connor Ullrich in the 3200 (12:16.23), and Brandon Cullick in the 800 meter (2:09.19).

Colin Meece took second in the 110 meter hurdles



CAL SMOLIK had a solid outing for Coal City's track team last week, as he placed in four events, claiming first in three of them. He earned first in triple jump, the 100 meter and 200 meter, while claiming third in the the long jump.

with a time of 20.97, and also placed third in the 300 meter hurdles (55.12), while Logan Pierard claimed second in

the 100 meter (12.1) and also took fourth in the 200 (25.88).

Rounding out the individual placements were Ross Williams with a third in shot put (37' 11"), Sean McGouirk with a fourth in the 400 (1:00.5) and Dima Gass with fourth in the 1600 (6:04.49).

Coal City's 400 meter relay also claimed first with a time of 50.16.

On the girls side, Miranda Rhoder helped lead the team in placements, as she secured two first places and one second.

Rhoder placed first in the 400 (1:05.34) and the 200 meter run (28.28), while following that up with a second in the 100 meter dash (13.88).

Abigail Charles placed in two events, securing second in long jump (12' 4"), and also earning fourth in the 200 (31.16).

Kyra Benson earned a first place finish in shot put with a distance of 30' 6", while Jessica Leasure claimed second in the 800 with a time of 3:01.97.

Emily Powers rounded out the individual placements, earning fourth in the 400 with a time of 1:15.78.

The Lady Coalers' 800 meter relay team also claimed second with a time of 2:13.24.

Coaler tennis picks up two wins in Joliet quad

The Coal City varsity tennis team headed to Joliet West this past weekend to compete in a quad against Joliet West, Plainfield South and Joliet Catholic Academy.

The Coalers wound up going 2-1 on the day, as they improved their overall record to .500 (2-2).

In the first match, Coal City defeated the host team in a close battle, 3-2.

Adam Wren picked up a win in singles competition, defeating Carlos Vasquis in consecutive sets, 6-2, 6-2.

The doubles teams of Bryce Perino and Logan Barrus, as well as Alex Adair and Ilya Dimitrijevic wound up with wins as well.

Perino and Barrus picked up their win in two sets, 6-3, 6-4, while Adair and Dimitrijevic saw their match go into three sets.

They would win their third set 7-5 to clinch the win.

Against Plainfield South, the singles competition shined for Coal City, as they won both matches.

Unfortunately, the Coalers were unable to pick up a win in doubles competition, as they lost the overall match, 3-2.

No. 1 singles player Xander Smith picked up a win over Nikolai Stier, 6-4, 6-1, and No. 2 singles Spencer Smeets followed that up with a win over Dylan Wyland in three sets.

He won the first, 6-4, dropped the second, 5-7, but battled back in the tiebreaker to win, 10-8.

In the final match of the day, Coal City defeated Joliet Catholic Academy with their biggest differential of the day, 4-1.

Smith and Smeets both picked up wins in their singles competitions. Smith won 6-2, 6-4, while Smeets picked up an easy win, 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles competition, the no. 1 team of Logan Schoen and Joey Fatigante picked up their first win of the day. They defeated Joliet's team in two sets, 6-2, 6-1.

The No. 3 team of Nick Kosek and DJ Livingston also picked up their first win in two sets, 6-4, 6-2.

The Coalers were scheduled to face Yorkville on Monday, but the match was canceled due to weather. A make-up date is yet to be determined.

Coal City will be back in action on Thursday, when they host Mendota.

Princeton 5, Coal City 0

The Coalers kicked off their regular season this past week, as they suffered a shutout loss to Princeton.

In singles play, No. 1 singles Smeets lost in two to his opponent, 6-2, 6-0, while No. 2 singles Smith also lost in two, 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles action, the No. 2 doubles team of Perino and Barrus were the closest to picking up a win, even though they lost in two games, both with the score of 6-3.

The No. 1 doubles team (Schoen and Fatigante) wound up with a loss as well, battling in the first game, 6-3, and also falling in the second, 6-0.

Kosek and Christian Overton, who make up the No. 3 doubles team, put up a tough fight in their first match, but lost by a 6-4 differential. In the second game, they wound up losing, 6-0.



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COALER SPORTS

Ken W. Miller returning to Coaler football

BY BRENT SUMNER
staff writer

When Ken W. Miller announced his retirement back in 2013, he held on to the hope that one day he might return to the sidelines as a coach.

Now, with athletic director Dan Hutchings taking over the Coal City varsity football program, Miller will return as an assistant.

"He goes around and watches a lot of practices," said Hutchings. "We were just talking, and I offered to see if he would be interested in coming back. We had a spot, and he is."

Miller was inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in April of 2013, a few months before he stepped down from his position as the assistant to the administration/superintendent's office, marking the end of 33 years in education.

On Wednesday, at the Coal City School Board meeting, Hutchings announced that Miller would be rejoining the program.

"We are very excited to have him come back," Hutchings added. "He has a wealth of knowledge, a great football coach, and has been retired now for a few years."

Miller was head coach for Coal City from 1986 through 1999, and took the program to its first playoff appearance, as well as its first state title game.

The program will have kind of a different view though, as Hutchings served as an assistant coach for Miller at one time. This time, the tables have turned.

The program was only eight years old when Miller took over, the team went just 1-8 in the first season, then made the playoffs the next 13 years. He also finished with a conference record of 77-14 (146-54 overall).

In 1993, the team won the 2A State Championship with a perfect 14-0 record, defeating Carlinville for the second time that season, 20-6.

While it is still unknown exactly where Miller will focus his coaching duties, he likely will be calling the offense.

After all, he called all of the plays in his 200 games as head coach.

"We will use him for whatever we need, offense, defense, special teams," Hutchings said. "He will be an assistant coach, and myself, him, Jim Looper and Adam Troll will all build the offense together. It will be a group effort with the staff."

Either way he will bring experience to a new season, and hopefully see the Coalers have success.

Lady Coalers run into some tough competition

Coal City's varsity girls soccer team wound up getting shut out by the opposition for the second game in a row.

The Lady Coalers faced Yorkville on Friday in a non-conference match-up, but were unable to get much offense going in the competition, as they lost, 7-0.

Yorkville wound up recording seven goals in the loss, as Coal City dropped their third game of the season, moving to 1-3 overall.

Miranda Ramirez finished the day with eight

saves in goal.

**Westmont 7,
Coal City 0**

The Lady Coalers were unable to get much offense going on Thursday, as they suffered their first loss of the season.

Coal City kicked off conference action against Westmont, but with the seven-goal loss moved to a 0-1 record in the I-8.

Ramirez played the game in goal, finishing with eight saves.

BY BRENT SUMNER
STAFF WRITER

The Coal City varsity softball team earned its first win of the season on Saturday, when they split a double-header with Joliet West.

The Lady Coalers (1-5 overall, 0-1 conference) dropped the first game in five innings, losing by 10 runs, 11-1, but rallied back in the second game to win it, 6-3.

Coal City recorded its only run of the first game in the first inning.

Sydney Miller got thing started, as she was hit by a pitch to advance to first. She reached third on a sacrifice from Abbie Cullick, who reached on an error.

Miller would eventually score on a passed ball to give the Lady Coalers a 1-0 advantage.

Unfortunately, the rest of the game belonged to Joliet, as they tallied two runs in the bottom of the first, three in the second, five in the third and one more in the fifth.

The Lady Coalers were unable to get any offense going on the day, registering zero hits.

Alivia Phelps suffered the loss in the pitcher's circle, as she put in two innings



SAFE! – Leah Campos gets safely to third during Coal City's game against Herscher last week. Campos would eventually cross the plate, but the Lady Coalers lost the game, 4-2.

of work, letting up five earned runs off four hits, walking four and striking out

two.

Leslie Youskevitch came on for the remaining 2.1 innings. She surrendered six runs (five earned) off six hits, walked two and struck out one.

The second game of the day went a lot better for Coal City offensively, as they scattered 12 hits en route to their 6-3 win.

The Lady Coalers got on the board in the third inning thanks to an RBI triple from Madison Emerson, giving Coal City a 1-0 lead.

Joliet responded in the bottom of the fourth, but Coal City pulled ahead once again in the sixth inning with two runs.

Alivia Phelps came up big with a blast to center field, as she drove in two runs on a double. Emerson and Leah Campos recorded the runs.

Joliet wouldn't go away though, as they responded again in the bottom of the frame with two runs of their own.

Heading into the seventh, the game was tied, 3-3.

Facing two outs, Miller got the offense rolling in the last frame with a single, followed by a single from Abbie Cullick.

Emerson would receive a walk to load the bases, and Campos followed that up with a single to drive in one run.

The small ball continued, as Youskevitch and Phelps both recorded singles to drive in Cullick and Emerson, taking a 6-3 advantage.

Joliet was held off the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh, as the Lady Coalers picked up their first win of the season.

Youskevitch also received the win in the pitcher's circle, hurling all seven innings.

She let up just three runs (two earned) off seven

hits, walked two and struck out six.

Coal City was scheduled to play Sandwich on Monday, but the game was canceled due to weather.

The Lady Coalers were scheduled to travel to Sandwich on Tuesday, and will return home on Wednesday to compete against the Indians again, a rescheduling from Monday.

**Herscher 4,
Coal City 2**

After a week-long break due to weather, the Coal City softball team resumed action on Friday with a conference match-up against Herscher.

Coal City wound up losing to a Lady Tiger team that came alive late, as the Lady Coalers suffered their first loss in the I-8 and remained searching for their first win of the season.

Cali Caruso got things started on Friday, earning the first hit for Coal City.

She wound up crossing the plate on an RBI from Leah Campos, who reached first on an error.

Herscher tied the game 1-1 in the top of the fourth, and grew their lead in the sixth, 3-1.

The Lady Coalers registered one more run in the bottom of the sixth, as Abbey Spesia recorded a sacrifice hit to score Campos.

The Lady Tigers added one more insurance run in the seventh inning, as Coal City was unable to respond, receiving the loss.

The offense still managed six hits in the game, with Miller, Campos, Spesia, Kristyn Daigger, Phelps and Caruso each adding hits. Phelps had a double.

In the pitcher's circle, Youskevitch wound up suffering the loss, putting in all seven innings of work.

She let up four earned runs off six hits, walked three and struck out three.



SAM OLSEN fields the ball during Coal City's first conference game of the season last Tuesday. The Lady Coalers wound up losing the game, moving to 0-1 in the I-8.



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FIELDING A HIT during Coal City's game against Herscher last week is Kristyn Daigger.

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3 Steps to a **BUDGET** that Works

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You may think that creating a household budget is as simple as adding all your income and subtracting all your expenses, but there is (or should be) quite a bit more to the equation.

When you only factor in your current earnings and current expenses, you're not planning for the future. That means any financial goals can be easily deferred, and you may be overlooking the opportunity to shift your spending habits. These three steps can help put you on the path toward better finances and a budget that works for your lifestyle.

1. Take long-range goals and values into account. How you allocate your spending affects your ability to achieve goals months or years down the road. For example, if you're planning to buy a house, your need to amass a sizable down payment puts greater emphasis on saving than if a major purchase isn't on the horizon. Similarly, it's important to understand whether the money you're spending aligns with your personal values. In other words, it's important to be sure that your expenses match the lifestyle you desire. If a substantial chunk of your income is going to lunch throughout the work week but you find yourself short on funds to enjoy more time with family or friends, it may be time to make adjustments.

2. Set your priorities. While covering your current bills is an obvious priority, determining which expenses are most important can help keep non-essential spending under control. One approach is to segment your monthly budget into thirds. In the first category, list all of your recurring monthly debts, or the money you owe other people for things like rent or mortgage payments and utilities, as your top payment priorities. The second category should include payments you need to make every month but have some latitude to vary the amount, such as paying more than the minimum balance due on a credit card or loan. Some people also consider groceries as another area where you have some discretion, as to some degree you can shift your purchases to fit your budget. In the last category, account for non-essential spending like entertainment, clothing and personal care, such as haircuts, massages and manicures.

3. Pay yourself. When you're focused on the money leaving your bank account each month, it's easy to overlook the importance of keeping some of that money for yourself. Whether you're saving for a long-range goal, simply stockpiling reserves against unplanned events or working toward retirement (or even better, all three), setting aside money each month is an important step in creating a healthy budget. Having money set aside not only puts you in a better position to satisfy your goals, it can help you avoid unnecessary stress when life throws you a curveball. A healthy savings account also means you can recover more easily and keep your financial commitments on track when unexpected expenses arise.

Beyond simply adding and subtracting a list of income and expenses, taking into account your priorities and goals can help ensure you create a practical budget that works. Find more tips for creating an appropriate financial plan that fits your personal goals and lifestyle at eLivingToday.com.



Navigating a Financial Emergency

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Understanding your financing options can help ensure you make the best choice to meet your short-term needs without compromising your long-term finances.

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• 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

• 5:30 p.m., Wilmington Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health and Safety Committee meetings, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., second Wednesday of each month

• 6 to 7:40 p.m., Awana Club, Main Street Baptist Church, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood, each Wednesday

• 6 p.m., Wilmington Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., second Wednesday of each month

• 6:30 p.m., Coal City Junior Women's Club, Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., second Wednesday of each month

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

• 7 p.m., Learn to Quilt, Wilmington Lions Hall, 708 E. River St., each Wednesday

Thursday, April 13

• 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, April 14

• 4 to 7 p.m., Lenten fish fry, Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School St., Braidwood

Saturday, April 15

• 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers, Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Dr., Wilmington, each Saturday

• Noon to 3 p.m., Braidwood Area Historical Society museum open, 111 N. Center St., each Saturday through April

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

• 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Saturday

Sunday, April 16

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

• Easter egg hunt following 10 a.m. worship service, Christian Life Assembly, 2960 E. Division St., Diamond

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Junk in the Trunk flea market, 100 Commercial Dr., Morris

Monday, April 17

• 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hydrant flushing in Wilmington through April 28

• 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

• 7 p.m., Ladies Auxiliary VFW meeting, Wilmington Moose Lodge, 32050 W. River Rd., third Monday of each month

Tuesday, April 18

• 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., Coal City Park Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, third Tuesday of each month

• 7 p.m., Wilmington City Council meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., first and third Tuesday of each month

Braidwood TOPS getting ready for retreats

The monthly drawing for the March menu gift was won by Verna Clark. The weekly program, No Excuses was presented by Clark. The TOPS News issue for April/May was the source of this material.

The weekly best loser on March 28 was Phyllis Saben. The members were reminded that next Tuesdays meeting is the first Tuesday of the month. Fruits and vegetables are required for presentation to March monthly best losers.

Three auction gifts were bid for April 4. The cry cash wasn't awarded. No charms were awarded.

TOPS meetings are held Tuesday evenings in the Baptist Auxiliary building, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood. Weigh-in is from 5:15-5:45 p.m. followed by a short meeting. Visitors are welcome.

Area Recognition Days is in Lisle, IL on April 7 and 8, 2017. TOPS International Davys 2017 is in Little Rock, AR on July 14-15. Eight TOPS Retreats are scheduled for 2017. Three sessions are already booked full.

Information on other chapters can be found at www.tops.org or by calling 800-932-8677.

Spring Fling craft, vendor event in Morris

Spring Fling, a craft and vendor event, will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 1650 W. Route 6, Morris.

Hand-crafted items, clothing, jewelry, soaps, lavender products, greeting cards, pens, home decor and woodworking will be featured.

There will also be jams, jellies, dips, cake pops and baked goods.

Agnes & Dora, doTerra, Initials Outfitters, LipSense, LulaRoe, Mary Kay, Norwex, Pampered Chef, Paparazzi, Perfectly Posh, Pink Zebra, Real Time Pain Relief, Scentsy, Stampin' Up, Thirty-One, Tupperware, Usborne and Young Living will be among 30 crafters and vendors at the event.

A raffle will be held to benefit the American Brain Tumor Association.

month

- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Tuesday
- 7:30 p.m., Braidwood Police Pension Board of Trustees meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 S. Main St.

Wednesday, April 19

- 7:30 a.m., TOPS IL 1024, Island City Baptist Church, 120 Vine St., Wilmington, weigh-in followed by meeting each Wednesday
- 1 p.m., Wilmington Garden Club meeting, U.S. Bank, 417 S. Water St.

Thursday, April 20

- 10 to 11:30 a.m., Braidwood senior citizens coffee, Fossil Ridge Public Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd., third Thursday of each month
- 6:30 p.m., Wilmington Township Board meeting, Wilmington Township office, 1095 S. Water Sst., third Thursday of each month

Saturday, April 22

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Spring Fling, First Baptist Church, 1650 W. Route 6, Morris

Sunday, April 23

- 7 a.m. to noon, Essex Lions Club breakfast, Essex Lions Hall, 217 Parls St., fourth Sunday of each month Monday, April 24

Monday, April 24

- 1 p.m., Coal City Food Pantry, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, fourth Monday of each month
- 10:30 a.m., Island City Homemakers meeting, Wilmington Park District, 315 N. Water St., fourth Monday of each month
- 7 p.m., Coal City Planning and Zoning Committee meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, first and fourth Monday of each month

Tuesday, April 25

- 7 p.m., Braidwood City Council meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main St., second and fourth Tuesday of each month

Wednesday, April 26

- 6 p.m., Wilmington Area Historical Society membership meeting, Wilmington Historical Society building, 114 N. Main St., fourth Wednesday of each month
- 6 p.m., Coal City School Board study session, Coal City High School, last Wednesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Coal City Village Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, second and fourth Wednesday of each month

Red Carpet Corridor Festival

Craft show and flea market

Wilmington, Illinois

Saturday, May 6

A craft show and flea market is planned for Saturday, May 6, in the downtown antique district during the Red Carpet Corridor festivities, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Set-up can begin as early as 6:30 a.m. There will be a variety of activities taking place in the downtown area, drawing a steady stream of people. The Red Carpet Corridor Festival is part of the Illinois Route 66 event: <http://il66redcarpetcorridor.org/> that attracts Route 66 enthusiasts from all over Illinois. Unfortunately, no electricity will be available.

The non-refundable permit fee is \$30 for a 10x10-foot space postmarked on or before April 15 without exception. Permit fees postmarked after April 15 will be \$40 per space. Spaces paid for the day of the event will be \$50.

Complete the contract below and return it with a check made payable to Women of Wilmington to: Women of Wilmington, c/o Brenda Craig-Cherveney, 1235 Chesson Court, Wilmington, IL 60481.

Post-dated checks will not reserve a space. Confirmations will be emailed in mid-April.

Questions can be directed to Cherveney by emailing brenniej@aol.com or call 815-476-9470.

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The game that brought on the domino effect

BY TONYA MICHALEC
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The game dominoes is played worldwide, yet little is known about its origin. Historians believe it was created out of boredom using old bones. It has evolved into a versatile game ever since.

No one knows for sure who or when the first true dominoes set was invented. But there's little doubt it was one of the earliest games created by mankind.

The White Glove found of dish filled with dominoes last week at True North Warehouse in Morris. Priced at 25-cents each, the orphaned game pieces, also referred to as "bones", are a mix of both American and Chinese sets made over the last century.

All are black with white dots, but have different weights, textures and designs on the back sides, if any. Despite those left plain or having only a thin picture frame border, the majority of the tiles have an array of embossings, such as: sky-scrapers, people of historical interest, monuments or landmarks, folk art designs of flowers and vines or oriental dragons.

According to bigrock-works.com, possibly the earliest dominoes manufactured with embossed designs on the back were made here in America during the 19th century. Located in Albany, NY, The Embossing Company opened in 1870 and became the leading manufacturer of embossed wooden dominoes.

Dominoes is the name of any game played with small flat, rectangular tiles that have one or more dots on one side. Because the game holds endless possibilities, such as playing cards and dice, there is no right or wrong way for it to be played.

Although they have been made in other colors, traditionally they are white tiles with black dots, or black tiles with white dots. Today's sets are generally marked with zero to six dots and come with 28 oblong pieces that are made from wood or plastic. Early sets were carved from something much different.

The oldest dominoes discovered, according to domino-play.com, were found by archaeologists in China. They are carved from animal bone, usually from oxes, and believed to have been approximately made in 1120. The bone tiles are called either "Gwat Pai" or "Goo Pai."

Teeth and tusks were also used by the Chinese during the 12th century. These would have been specially made for elite gamers or the very rich and are known as "Ngaa Pai" or "Ya Pai."

By 1700, dominoes were abundant throughout Europe. The first Western dominoes of the 18th century were made from ivory for the wealthy and bone for the commoner.

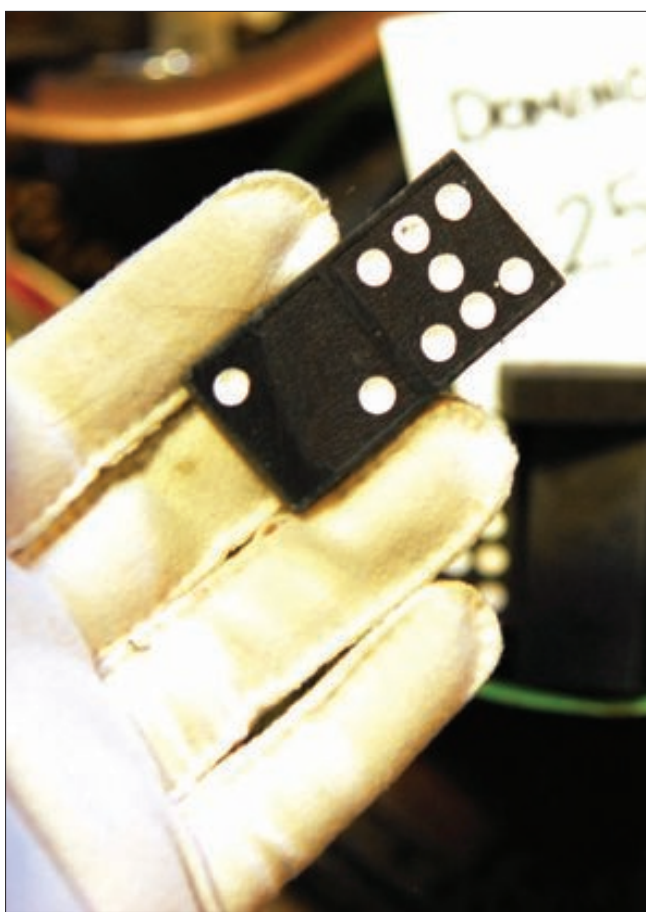
Dominoes shaped from either sheep or cattle bone were being made by French prisoners-of-war to help pass time. To help make the dots, or pips, shallow holes were drilled into the bone and inlaid with thin pieces of ebony.

Craftsmen of the early 19th century left their mark on dominoes by using thinner pieces of animal bone affixed to thin pieces of ebony, which resulted in the first dominoes to be white on one side and black on the other. This is believed to have been one of the ways they responded to a possible lack of suitable animal bones.

They abandoned bone material in exchange for "vegetable ivory." It is made from the tagua nut, or ivory nut, which is extremely hard and close-grained. The nut comes in six varieties of palms native to the isthmus connecting Central and South America. It is almost as valuable as ivory.

Frenchman Charles Lepage invented a type of plastic in 1855 called Bois Durci. It was made from ebony or rosewood sawdust mixed with either albumen from eggs or blood. Along with dominoes, it was used to also make chessmen and dice.

Next came dominoes manufactured from the second kind of plastic ever invented, Parkesine. It was invented in 1856 by a company called Parkes in Birmingham, but was abandoned because it was highly



Courtesy photo

A MIXED-MATCHED bowl of domino game pieces was discovered by The White Glove at a Morris antique mall. Dominoes may have originated in China around the beginning of the 12th century.

flammable.

Scorched by plastics, craftsmen of the late 19th century turned to tinplate for the majority of their commercial domino needs. Since tinplate is so easy to stamp or emboss, this material opened the door for domino manufacturers to tag team with other businesses through advertising.

Tobacco companies were among the first to buy space on the back side of dominoes. They would give away sets, marked with their logo, out to pubs and inns.

After tinplating dominoes were made with a plastic called bakelite that was used up until the 1950s. It was invented by L.H. Bakeland in 1917 and used for everything from serving dishes to domino tiles.

Today's domino tiles are mostly made from cheap wood and common plastic. Some are even made from aluminum and thick paper-card. Production of ivory dominoes has remained ille-

gal since Jan. 1990, when the international trade of ivory was banned.

There is little demand for antique dominoes - unless they are made from anything other than plastic. That's where the big money is.

According to multiple on-line auction sites, wooden tiles range from \$4 each for generic tiles on up to \$1,789 for a complete set, such as a Shalinindia set that includes the original 8-inch wooden box with three inlaid ivory dominoes across the top of the lid.

Individual bone and ebony English tiles can be purchased for as little as \$3 each or as much as \$329 for a complete set that includes the original wooden box.

There were no listings for tagua nut, solid bone or ivory dominoes. Those may be to valuable to sell.

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Disgusted by politicians

BRAIDWOOD—It's really disgusting how politicians disregard the good of the people they are suppose to serve. Democrats and Republicans at both the federal and state level should grow up and start governing responsibly. It's the citizens of our state and nation who suffer from their actions. They should be solving our country's and state's problems instead of bickering and finger-pointing. On the state level, the middle class is being hurt for lack of a state budget; the poor are being deprived of programs they desperately need. Are where are our state legislators? They aren't in Springfield; they took a two-week Spring break. Sickening what they get paid for less than a six-month session that includes paid holidays, two week break and perks galore.

Other unhealthy things

WILMINGTON—I know the Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community is against drugs, alcohol and tobacco. But what's their opinion on caffeine, sugar and fat? Those are unhealthy. Just wondering?

Time will come

COAL CITY—To the JV baseball grandfather, please quit bashing the varsity players. Don't worry, your grandson will get (your) glory when he's ready.

For kids' sake

COAL CITY—Pretty sad a parent has to go to Braidwood for an Easter Egg hunt or find a friend to get you into their area club for fireworks on the 4th of July. Carbon Hill has fireworks for Homecoming. Tell me Coal City is that broke they can't afford to do this for the kids.

Pay better attention

GODLEY—What's going on with the mail in Godley? We are getting other people's mail, it's getting delivered at all hours and I have even seen a regular mail truck deliver mail. I'm tired of going around and giving people their mail. Mondays seem to be the worst day of the week. Please do something about this.

Not in this town

WILMINGTON—The mayor-elect's campaign littered parishioners' cars with his paraphernalia, while Darla went to church. The mayor-elect hasn't been to any board meetings in eight years, while it is not unusual to see Darla at meetings. He is rarely seen at charity events while Darla is at most, and I can go on. My point is, I hope

this was Darla's last run at mayor. She needs to stop wasting her time and burn her signs. And to the 156 people who voted for her, you need to understand, Wilmington will never elect a woman mayor.

Get ready folks

COAL CITY—Great, another billionaire announces his intent to run for governor. The Democrats now have a candidate with deeper pockets than Governor Rauner. Get ready folks because the election isn't until fall of 2018 and they'll both be slinging mud through the airwaves. It's sad that those with the most money are the ones who can out-spend everyone else.

Expose the corruption

WILMINGTON—A key priority of the pro-life movement must be to expose the corruption of the abortion industry. Making abortion legal never made it safe. Keeping it legal can never keep it safe. You can't practice vice virtuously. If you are willing to take a baby's life, you will be willing to do many other kinds of evil as well.

The bottom line

BRAIDWOOD—Nearly three quarters of Americans die in debt, leaving behind an average outstanding balance of \$62,000 including mortgage debt. The most common debt is from credit cards with an average unpaid balance of \$4,500.

Follow the law

BRAIDWOOD—Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel refuses to follow the federal law about sanctuary cities to comply with the federal immigration law. The Department of Justice could strip the so-called sanctuary city Chicago up to \$1 billion in federal funding. Under the new Department of Justice policy jurisdictions that block officers from telling United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement about undocumented immigrants in their custody will no longer be eligible for various law enforcement grants worth millions of dollars each. No one can tell Mayor Emanuel about the federal law. He always knows best, be it federal or state law.

Money runs out

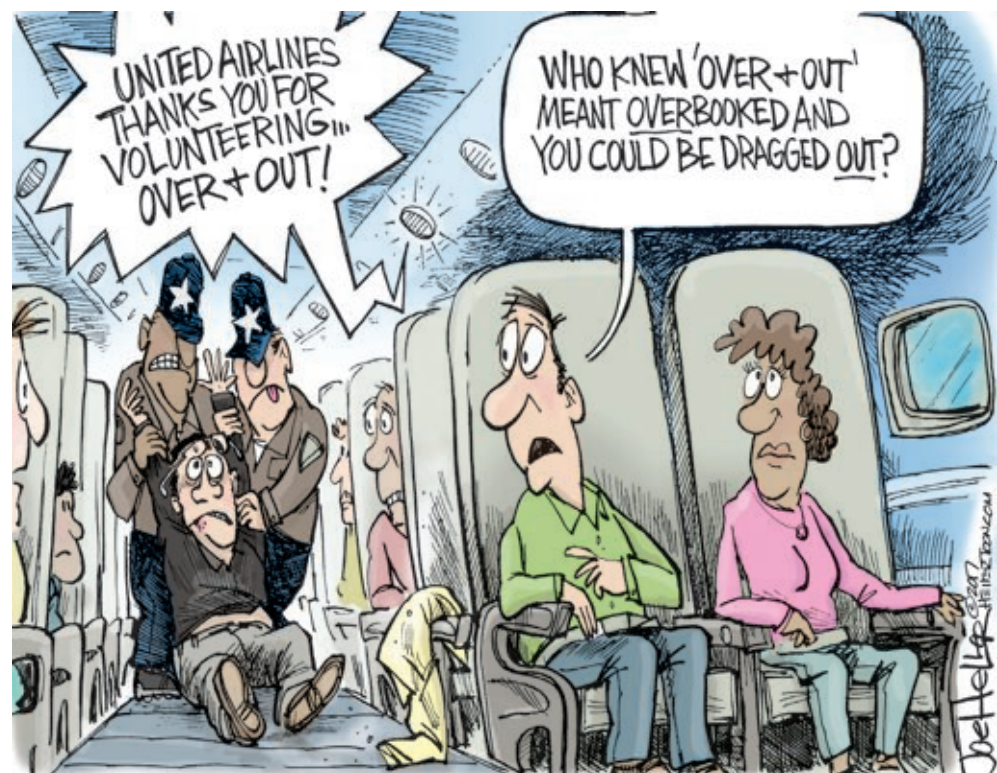
WILMINGTON—The Wilmington Island Park District got \$500,000 from RidgePort, but has only \$100,000 left and nothing to show for what they spent. So obviously they spent it running the fitness center that they claim pays for itself. What happens when the money runs out?

Costly social services

BRAIDWOOD—Read Planned Parenthood does receive a half-billion dollars a year from the government. The organization would be in heavy financial trouble without public funding. The public funds come from two programs - Medicaid health care program targeted at lower income Americans and Title X, a federal family planning program that primarily serves lower income Americans. The overwhelming majority of federal funding comes from Medicaid - 75 percent. Abortions are not a big part of Planning Parenthood. Abortions accounted for about 328,000 of the groups 10 million services provided last year. That's about three percent of patients receiving abortions. The overwhelming majority of Planned Parenthood's services involve screening and treating sexually transmitted diseases and infections as well as providing contraception. If the federal funds were stopped, states could still spend money to help Medicaid consumers. That's what it's all about. How did society manage 50 to 60 years ago when there was none of these costly taxpayer paid services?

For parents of teens

ELWOOD—Every parent raising a teenager should read the article *I loved you enough*. It's been around for years and if you haven't read it you can find it on the web. I have three teenagers of my own, a 16-year-old and a 15-year-old and 12-year-old. Sometimes it's really difficult when they keep questioning about why we do what we do, we're too strict, we're too nosy and into their business. That really hit home to me. I read it to my teenagers and let them know that most parents have this kind of



feeling. We all want to be good parents and it's our right and because we love you that we do these things. As a parent I suggest you read it.

A poor substitute

WILMINGTON—It's great that the Lions Club picked up yet another free event the park district dropped, the Easter egg hunt. Thanks Lions Club, you know what's important. Not to worry, though, the Park District created a new event, Breakfast with the bunny. If you pre-registered, for \$5 bucks a kid, you got 45 minutes for the whole family to eat breakfast, stand in line to get a picture with the bunny, do a craft project and hunt some Easter eggs inside the building. What a poor and pricey substitute for the big, free egg hunt tradition.

From a Braidwoodian

BRAIDWOOD—With Braidwood's multiple area clubs and wildlife areas available, we have such wonderful opportunities for outdoor recreation that other communities don't have. We can only hope that local decision-makers realize the opportunities for greenways available and make some kind of effort to tap into the outdoors. I wish the decision makers of this town would consider a bike trail that would link the town to the Braidwood Dunes property and also to Mazonia Lakes. Seems it wouldn't take much to connect the high schools and middle schools to the Dunes.

Parking not a problem

WILMINGTON—Regarding the article in the *Free Press Advocate* last week about the plan for fixing up the downtown. I think it's ridiculous the first thing on the list was more parking. That could be solved if the business owners wouldn't park in front of their own buildings. If tax dollars are going to be spent to fix up the downtown, how about some beautification like flowers and making sure the broken windows, awnings and boarded up storefronts are fixed first. It would be a waste of time and money if everyone isn't on board. You have buildings like the Flower Loft that show a lot of pride in their front and then two doors down you have a neglected front with cracked windows and walls and junk in the windows.

It takes money

WILMINGTON—Before CMAP and the city spend their time writing a plan for the downtown, I think the question of where is the money going to come from should be answered first. Fixing up the downtown on potential grant funding doesn't work, we learned that with the guy who was going to fix up the Eagle Hotel and that back 15-20 years ago. And didn't the city already have a grant program for fixing up the front of the buildings. As I recall, only one owner made the effort. Don't get me wrong, it

would be nice if Wilmington revived the downtown, in fact it needs it, but I say figure out where the money's coming from first.

Candidate clean-up

WILMINGTON—The election has been over for almost a week and there are political signs still littering up Highway 53. I got tired of looking at the signs a month before the election and I'm even more tired of seeing them now that it is over.

Interstate slobs

GARDNER—Plastic garbage is all along I-55, I see it every day to and from work and it disgusts me. Not only that, there are slobs who throw their fast food trash out their window as if it's their right. Take a drive from Gardner to Joliet and you will see what I mean. When will people just grow up and stop littering?

Free pass for all

BRAIDWOOD—In the United States there are specific laws for everyone to uphold and honor. So if the individuals in this country illegally are given a free pass for violating our laws and receive no punishment then all the American citizens should all be given a free pass on any law they violate. Like the old phrase says, what's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Cut the supply

WILMINGTON—From the teen survey story that ran in the paper, it's obvious that Wilmington has a teenagers and drinking problem. If teens polled in the survey say they are getting alcohol then from who? If it's from their parents then maybe law enforcement should spend more time looking into who sells and distributes alcohol to our teens. And they should be punished, if the teens can't get it then we have done a good thing. I know in our house alcohol is under lock and key because we don't want our kids sneaking it off. Sure it's a pain but we won't be like other parents who let their kids get away with it.

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Summer camp for high school English students

Eastern Illinois University's annual English Studies Summer Camp for high school students will be held this year from July 23 through 29. The unique program allows students to customize their program of study, selecting two sessions from a range of offerings in creative writing, literature, professional/academic writing, media studies and more. Students grow academically and socially as they prepare for college and are mentored by expert faculty who share their passion for reading and writing. Participants will receive individual attention through small class sizes and gain skills in analyzing and crafting texts and expressing their ideas both verbally and through writing. The camp offers two levels of tuition for residential and commuting campers, and various scholarships. The application deadline is May 1. For more information contact camp director Melissa Ames at mames@eiu.edu, visit the camp website at www.eiu.edu/english/camp.php, or call the EIU Department of English at 217-581-2428.

Friendship Garden hosts bowling event to raise funds

The Manhattan Friendship Garden is hosting a Veggie Bowl on Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m., at the Laraway Lanes, 1009 Laraway Rd. New Lenox. Tickets are \$20 for ages 16 and over, \$10 from ages 7-15 and children 6 and under are free with an adult. This event, food, bowling, raffles and fun, will raise funds to support the Manhattan Friendship Garden for the 2017 growing season so we can provide fresh vegetables for those in need through local food pantries and group homes. For more information and tickets contact 815-478-5165 or 815-712-8091 or email manfriendshipgarden@gmail.com. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Find us on Facebook!

Augustana dean's list

Augustana College announced 992 students were named to the dean's list for the 2016-17 winter term. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term. Area students named on the list include Jessica Beyer of Wilmington, a first-year student majoring in Liberal Arts; Abigail Norris of Coal City, a senior majoring in Biology; Arielle Robinson and Madison Rodgers, both seniors of Morris majoring in Multimedia Journalism Mass Communications and Communication Studies; Sylvia Salinas of Morris, a senior majoring in Teaching Spanish and Lauren Severson of Morris, a junior majoring in Biology.

Preschool registration now open

The First United Methodist Church Early Childhood Preschool Program has open registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Children ages 2 1/2 by July 1, 2017, to 5 years may enroll in the program. For information and to schedule a visit of the preschool classrooms call Debbie Seasily at the church office at 815-476-5668, or visit www.fumcwilm.com.

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\$44,692

2017 GMC SIERRA 1500 CREW CAB SLT 4X4

MSRP \$54,999
- \$10,178 16% Discount

\$44,822

SELECT MODEL BONUS CASH TAGGED UNITS

2017 TERRAIN FWD SLT NIGHTFALL PKG.

MSRP \$34,325
- \$4,981 Community Discount
- \$2,000 Select Model Bonus Cash
- \$1,000 GM Financial Down Payment Assist*

\$29,344

2017 SIERRA 1500 DOUBLE CAB ELEVATION EDITION

MSRP \$48,995
- \$5,882 Community Disc.
- \$1,500 Delivery
- \$2,000 Select Model Bonus
- \$1,000 GM Financial Down Payment Assist*

\$39,673

LEFT OVER 2016 FINAL CLEARANCE

2016 TERRAIN FWD SLE-2 V6

MSRP \$32,000
- \$7,000 Community Discount

\$25,000

2016 TERRAIN FWD SLE-2 4 CYL. SUNROOF

MSRP \$32,000
- \$7,000 Community Discount

\$25,000

2016 ACADIA FWD SLT-I WHITE FROST TRICOAT

MSRP \$47,897
- \$10,897 Community Discount

\$37,000

2016 ACADIA FWD SLT-I BRIDGEM MET.

MSRP \$44,798
- \$8,798 Community Discount

\$36,000

2016 ACADIA FWD SLT-I CRIMSON RED

MSRP \$44,798
- \$8,798 Community Discount

\$36,000

2016 ACADIA FWD SLT-I SPARKLING SILVER MET.

MSRP \$44,798
- \$8,798 Community Discount

\$36,000

CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

2017 GMC Acadia Den White Frost	Stock #12000	\$45,000
2014 GMC Sierra 1500 Maxon	Stock #11000A	\$31,000
2013 Chevrolet Silverado 3500LT	Stock #10100A	\$29,000
2013 Terrain CR Silver	Stock #10100	\$24,000
2012 Acadia Crystal Red	Stock #10100A	\$27,000

PRE-OWNED SPECIALS

2014 Honda Accord Sedan	Maxon	57,434 miles	Stock #11100	\$18,000
2013 GMC Acadia Crossover	Silver	92,305 miles	Stock #11100A	\$19,000

PRE-OWNED SPECIALS

2013 GMC Sierra 1500	Black	108,824 miles	Stock #11100	\$28,000
2012 Acadia White		108,445 miles	Stock #11100A	\$17,000
2011 Cadillac CTS Sedan	White Diamond	57,425 mi.	Stock #11100	\$16,000
2011 GMC Sierra 1500	Dark Gray	91,305 miles	Stock #11100A	\$19,000
2010 Cadillac CTS Sedan	Black	98,707 mi.	Stock #11100A	\$16,000
2010 GMC Acadia	Quick Silver	95,300 miles	Stock #11100A	\$19,000
2010 GMC Yukon XL	K1500 Silver	143,338 miles	Stock #11100A	\$19,000
2009 Chevrolet Traverse	Dark Cherry	76,802 miles	Stock #11100	\$11,000
2009 Dodge Ram 1500	Maxon	29,232 miles	Stock #11100A	\$20,000
2008 Saturn Aura	Brown	61,777	Stock #11100A	\$6,500
2008 Ford Expedition	Green	173,236 miles	Stock #11100	\$1,500

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FAITH

**NEW HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
80 N. Garfield St.
Coal City, IL
815-634-8332
newhopepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com
The Rev. Mark Hughey
Thu.: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday foot washing service
Fri.: 7 p.m., Good Friday Community-wide ecumenical service
Sun.: No Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., Easter worship service
Mon.: 10:45 a.m., Meals on Wheels
• Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• The next Session meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26.
• Bible study will be held at 1 p.m., on Monday, May 1, 8, 15 and 22.
• The church will partner with the Coal City Public Library for a Mom's Night Out Tea on Wednesday, May 3. There will be music, tea, shopping and prizes at the church. The registration deadline is Saturday, April 29.
• This year's women's banquet and painting party is set for Saturday, May 6. Everyone is invited to attend.
• The Women's Association will meet on Wednesday, June 7.
• 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 cathymilne@gmail.com.
• Sign-up for the food pantry and Meals on Wheels at least a week in advance on the tri-fold.

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION
250 N. Midland Ave. • Joliet, IL
815-741-4600
Rabbi Charles Rubovits
www.jolietjewishcongregation.org
Fri.: 7 p.m., service
Sat.: 9 a.m., service
• Religious school for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade features Hebrew and Bar/Bat Mitzvah training. Call the synagogue to register.
• All life cycle events and Jewish holidays celebrated. Social programs include congregational Shabbat dinners, Seder, 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

**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.

**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

**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.fbcccoalcity.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

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
301 N. Kankakee St.
Wilmington, IL
Office: 815-476-9025
The Rev. Winn Alley
<http://1st-presbyterian-church.net>
Sun.: 9 a.m., pancake breakfast; no adult Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday worship service
Mon.: Bible study - the Book of Matthew

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

**WILMINGTON
PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH**
32111 S. Rt. 53 •
Wilmington
815-365-2318
PASTOR DOROTHY WALDRON
Sun.: 6 p.m., service

**CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
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

**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

Good Friday service at Abundant Life

The Wilmington Pastor's Association will host a community Good Friday service at Abundant Life Fellowship on April 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Abundant Life Fellowship. Six different pastors will talk about six different Good Friday sermons. A nursery attendant will be available. Abundant Life Fellowship is located at 23632 Route 113 in Wilmington, just east of Braidwood.

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.: 9 a.m. to noon, preschool; 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 (WIC) hours; 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday service
Fri.: 6:30 p.m., Good Friday worship service at Abundant Life Fellowship
Sat.: 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous
Sun.: 7 a.m., Easter Sunrise service; 8 a.m., Easter breakfast; 9:30 a.m., worship
Mon.: 6:30 p.m., 4-H
Tue.: 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.

**BRACEVILLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
106 W. Gould Street • P.O. Box 46
Braceville, IL
Pastor Bennett A. Woods
815-237-8512
bumcighthouse@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.
• Exercise with Patty, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are on Friday at 8 p.m.
• Children's after school programs JAM Junction, and Jesus and Me, for kindergarten through fourth graders; and EDGE for preteens, are held on Wednesday from after school until 4:30 p.m. STATIC youth group Standing Together As Teens in Christ, for seventh through twelfth grades, is held on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Snacks are provided.
• A Dayspring Native American service, including drumline, will be held on Sunday, April 23., at 9:40 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Easter
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

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
195 S. Kankakee St. • Coal City, IL
815-634-4171
Reverend Robert Noesen
stmaryassumptionparish.org
Monday and Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. communion service

Due to church renovation, Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Berst Hall. Weekday rosary, Mass and communion services will be celebrated in a temporary chapel at the south end of the religious education building. Mass on the first Tuesday of the month, Saint Peregrine Devotions and first Saturday 8:30 a.m. Mass and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held in Berst hall.
• Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. Mass; Wednesday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. Mass; Saturday - 4 p.m. Mass; Sunday - 8 and 10:30 a.m. Mass; first Saturday of the month - 8:30 a.m. Mass and the sacrament of anointing of the sick
• Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday from 3:20 to 3:45 p.m.; Sunday before the 10:30 a.m. Mass; and Wednesday before the 8:30 a.m. Mass
• Daily rosary - 8 a.m. in the church
• Devotional prayers Novena to Our Lord and His mother, Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wednesday, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
• Devotional prayers Novena to Our Lord and His servant, Saint Peregrine, patron saint of those who suffer with cancer or any incurable disease or condition, Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - first Tuesday of the month following the 6:30 p.m. Mass
• St. Vincent DePaul Monday evening dinners for the needy are held in Berst Hall. For the parish food and household pantry call 815-634-4171.
• Mother of the Eucharist Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located across from the church at 195 S. Kankakee St. The chapel is a place of silent prayer in the presence of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is solemnly exposed for adoration 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is a place of silent and reverent prayer. Everyone is encouraged to stop in anytime, make regular visits, and sign-up for a specific hour of adoration each week.

Holy Week
• 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

Giant Easter egg hunt on Sunday

Christian Life Assembly will host a giant Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 16, immediately following the 10 a.m. service. The event will be for all children ages birth to 12 years old. There will be more than 15,000 candy-filled eggs, and prizes including a Nintendo Switch, Hatchimals and more.

The 10 a.m. service will have lively music, an entertaining service and fun children's programs. The day will begin with coffee and snacks from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m., followed by worship for all.

The church is located at 2960 E. Division St. in Diamond.

Native American service in Braceville

Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church will officiate the 9:30 a.m. service at Braceville United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 23.

The Native American drumline will perform during worship service. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information call the church at 815-237-8512.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
& Grace Lutheran Preschool
907 Luther Dr. • Wilmington, IL
Office: 815-476-9480
Reverend Zak Wagner
Preschool Director Mary Kay Hays
office@gracewilm.org
pastor@gracewilm.org
Thu.: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday worship service followed by choir practice
Fri.: Office closed; 9 a.m., Friday Crew; 7 p.m., Good Friday worship service
Sat.: 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers
Sun.: 7:30 to 8:45 a.m., Easter breakfast; 9 a.m., Easter festival worship with communion
Mon.: Office closed; no Bible study; 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous

• Grace Lutheran Preschool is accepting 2017-2018 registrations. For more information visit www.gracewilm.org, or call the church office.
• Beginning Sunday, April 23, worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

NEW LIFE CHURCH
A United Pentecostal Church
495 E. First St. • Coal City, IL 60416
Pastor Larry Garcia,
815-634-4133
Sun.: 10 a.m., Sunday school and worship
Wed.: 7 p.m., Bible school
Thu.: 7 p.m., addiction support group

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
110 S. School St. • Braidwood, IL
Rev. Show Reddy Allam
Rectory: 458-2125
Reconciliation: 4:45 to 5:15 p.m., Saturday
Weekend Mass: 5:30 p.m., Saturday; 7:30 and 11 a.m., Sunday; 9:15 a.m., Sunday at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Essex
• The Adoration Chapel in Fr. White Hall is open 24/7, but unlocked daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. A code is available for those visiting the chapel before or after hours. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to make a commitment, or access the code, call Bill Scheer at 815-458-6800.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH
Wilmington, IL
Rev. Steve Bondi
School Principal: Linda Bland
Rectory 476-7491; School 476-6220; Religious Education 476-6220; Kuzma Cottage 476-2030, Hours: 9-11 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
Schedule
Daily Mass 8 a.m. on Mon., Wed. and Fri.; Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 7 and 11 a.m.
Wed.: 5:45 to 7 p.m., REP
Thu.: 10 a.m., Legion of Mary in the St. Rose Church meeting room; 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass at St. Rose Church
Fri.: 2 p.m., Living Stations at St. Rose Church; 7 p.m., Good Friday service/Holyland collection at St. Rose Church
Sat.: Noon, Easter food basket blessing at St. Rose Church; 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass at St. Rose Church
Sun.: Easter Sunday; Kuzma Cottage collection at St. Rose School
• Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 7 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. During school months the Wednesday morning Mass begins at 8:10 a.m. Communion services, pending volunteers, are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 8 a.m. Any prearranged Mass intentions for Tuesdays and Thursdays have been rescheduled for either the Monday, Wednesday or Friday Mass as close to the original date as possible.
• The St. Rose Athletics will prepare Easter baskets for Kuzma Cottage. Sponsor one or more baskets with a \$5 donation for each. Envelopes are available at the church entrances and may be returned to the school office, with a St. Rose student or dropped in the collection basket.
• The St. Rose School kindergartners will host a lemonade stand on Friday, April 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Only \$1 bills will be accepted.
• The St. Rose Council of Catholic Women's annual card, bunco and game party is set for Sunday, May 7, at noon, in the St. Rose School gymnasium.
• Mass with prayers for healing is on the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. Call the parish to verify the Mass will be celebrated. Everyone is invited.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1824 Church St., Wilmington, IL
Dallas Henry, Lead Minister
Zach Griepenstroh, Student & Arts Minister
815-476-6734
www.fccwilmington.org
Sun.: 8:30 and 10 a.m., worship service and children's worship; 10 a.m., Bible classes for adults; preschool through fifth grade children are invited to join Kid's Cove to discover God's word with singing and Bible stories during each worship service; a nursery is provided for all Sunday morning activities
• Collision for sixth through twelfth grades meet each Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
• Men's and women's Bible study meet on every Monday at 7 p.m.
• Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meetings are on the first and third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. at the church.
• Celebrate Recovery meets at the church each Thursday at 7 p.m.
• Family groups meet each week in Wilmington and Coal City. Call the church for times and locations.
• The Deep Roots after-school program provides care for kindergarten through sixth grade students on school days from 2:30 to 6 p.m. There are still openings for the 2016-2017 school year. Call the church office for information.

OBITUARIES

Chris Bruno

COAL CITY—Chris Bruno, 43, of Coal City, has "Gone Fishing." He passed away Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox.

Born Feb. 27, 1974 in Hinsdale, Christopher Michael was a son of Catherine Agnoli and Richard Bruno. He was a graduate of Romeoville High School with the class of 1992, and worked as manager for Mainline Video in Coal City for 18 years. In his free time, Chris enjoyed fishing, music and bicycling, but most of all spending time with his son, Giovanni.

Survivors include his mother, Catherine of St. Charles; long-time companion, Tracy Mack of Coal City; four children: Giovanni Bruno, Jessica Mack, David Mack and Austin Blackwell; sister, Courtenay (Robert) Ward of St. Charles; brother, Jordan (Alissa) Agnoli of Lake Orion, MI; one niece, Layla Ward and three nephews: Brodie Agnoli, Bobby Ward and Lucas Agnoli.

He was preceded in death by his father,

Richard. The family will receive friends for a visitation Wednesday, April 12, 2017 between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, 408 E. Washington St., one block east of IL Route 47 in Morris. Cremation rites will be accorded following the visitation, and a memorial services will follow Thursday, April 13 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Reverend Brad Shumaker will officiate, and inurnment will be in Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Chris' memory to the family for their distribution.

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

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

Rachel Howard

WILMINGTON—Rachel Howard, 32, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, April 7, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Born Nov. 4, 1984 in Palos Heights, Rachel Ryan was a daughter of Donna Lynn Howard. She was raised and educated in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 2001. Rachel loved spending her time outdoors and enjoyed activities like camping and swimming. She treasured time spent with her mother and sisters, and loved every moment with her three daughters.

Survivors include her mother, Donna Durkin; three daughters: Alyssa Ohlund, Kylie McKim and Mia McKim, all of Wilmington; maternal grandparents, Philip and Linda Howard of Palos Park; three sisters: Briget Howard (Timothy Talley) of Wilmington, Brook Howard of Coal City and Caitlin Durkin of Wilmington; step-father, Brian Durkin of Wilmington; nieces and nephews: Nicholas Sullivan, Leah Talley,

Taryn Talley, Brie Talley and Timothy Talley all of Wilmington and aunts and uncles: Jackie (Shane) Ratliff of Crete, Michelle (Dave) Bandyk of Plainfield and Michael (Erin) Howard of Lockport, as well as Patrick Van Dwyne of Wilmington who was like a father to Rachel and "Papa" to her children.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 4 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7 p.m. at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington.

Burial followed Wednesday in Oakwood Sunset Cemetery in Wilmington.

Memorial contributions may be made as gifts in Rachel's memory to her daughters for their future care.

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

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

Carl Jaicomo

ESSEX—Carl Joseph Jaicomo, 89, of Essex, IL, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL.

Born Dec. 24, 1927 in Essex, he was the son of Joseph and Caroline (nee Harms) Jaicomo. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II in the Philippine Islands. Carl was an avid gardener, enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an animal lover. He was a proud grandfather and great-grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family.

Surviving are his wife, Annie (nee Mullett) Jaicomo of Essex, whom she married Oct. 21, 1950; two sons, Carey (Remona) Jaicomo of Pontiac, IL and Dennis (Cheryl) Jaicomo of Essex; one daughter, Sandra (the late John) Parrish of Coal City; three grandchildren: Melissa (Mike) Good, Michael (Megan) Jaicomo and Matthew (Connie) Jaicomo; two step-grandchildren, Todd (Heather) Parrish and Jeff Parrish; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and

nephews. Preceding him in death were his twin sister, Cletus Caroline Jaicomo and other two sisters, Doloris Babka and Madeline Schultz.

Funeral services were April 10, 2017 at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. and Crematory, Braidwood Chapel.

Interment with military honors was at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorial donations in his name to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 would be appreciated.

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

Arrangements were made under the direction of R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood.

Richard Roseland

COAL CITY—Richard W. "Rick" Roseland, 68, of Coal City, passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2017 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago with his family by his side.

Rick was born Dec. 30, 1948 in Joliet, IL to Wayne and Lorene (Zambon) Roseland. He was raised and lived his entire life in Coal City. He married Jeannie Shepherd on June 19, 1971. Rick was a former finance commissioner and former mayor of Coal City. He worked at Testa's IGA for 15 years. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and New York Jets fan. He was also the former drummer for the band Psychotic Reaction.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jeannie; daughter, Amy Roseland and son, Lance Roseland; his mother, Lorene (Zambon) Roseland; brothers, Keith (Vicky) Roseland and Larry (Sandy) Roseland; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Marty and Diane (Shepherd) Sears; brother-in-law, Joe Shepherd; nieces, Krysten (Roseland) and

Todd Schott, Jeanine (Sears) and Tim O'meara and Stephanie (Sears) and Greg Spanbauer; nephews: Adam Roseland, Tim Roseland and Noah Roseland; great-nieces: Laityn Schott, Samantha Spanbauer and Lauren Colbert; great-nephews, Joe Spanbauer and Aidan O'meara and his beloved cat, "Little Guy".

He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Roseland; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Eugene and Shirley Shephard and his good friends, Bill Hart and Ron Leonard.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10, 2017 at Ferrari Funeral Chapel with Pastor Brent Phillips officiating.

Flameless cremation rites, a gentle and eco-friendly choice, were accorded following the service.

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

Ferrari Funeral Services, corner of Spring Road and Ferrari Drive in Coal City was in charge of arrangements.

Norton A. Newcomb



BURNSIDE, KY—Norton Anthony Newcomb, 77, of Burnside, KY and formerly of Wilmington, IL; Colorado Springs, CO and Decatur, IL, passed away April 4, 2017 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset, KY.

Born April 5, 1939 in Joliet, IL, Norton Anthony was a son Norton and Lucille (Bergera) Newcomb. He was raised and educated in Wilmington, graduating from Wilmington High School with the class of 1957. Norton entered into the United States Army, where he would honorably serve for 36 years until his retirement. During his tenure, he earned an Air Medal, ARCOM, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Meritorious Service Medal to name a few. He was also a recipient of the General Richard G. Stilwell Award and honored with the Presidential Unit Citation by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Norton was a member of POVA, and the Black Tigers Organization. He was also active and involved with various Veterans Leadership Programs. Norton enjoyed reading, model airplanes and photography. He also took great pleasure in playing the bongos.

Survivors include three children: Micah Anthony Newcomb, Angelique Nadine Newcomb and Jilashli Kim; six grandchild-



ren: Sonny Anthony Simonetti, Michael Sonny Simonetti, Noah Anthony Newcomb, Amanda Nadine Newcomb, John Kevin Newcomb and Austin James Newcomb; one brother, Norton Newcomb; three sisters: Julia Feldt, Rebecca Williams and Samantha Stelhorn, and numerous cousins as well as his lifelong best friend, Tom Metzger and fellow POVA and Black Tiger Members.

Norton was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Roberta Craig.

Visitation will be Thursday April 13, 2017 between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd., in Wilmington. Funeral services will be Friday, April 14, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Deacon Milt Leppert officiating.

Burial with full military honors will follow the funeral in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

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

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

Joan B. Robinson

SAND CREEK, WI—Joan B. Robinson of Sand Creek, WI was called home to Father God and Our Lord Jesus on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at Mayo Clinic Health System-Bloomer with her family at her side.

She was born on May 31, 1938 in Hillsboro, IL at the family farm of her parents, John and Bea (Hill) Homa. Joan attended the local Hillsboro schools and was married to Cecil W. Robinson on Aug. 28, 1954.

Joan attained an associate degree in accounting from the District One Tech (CVTC) and worked in accounting for many years. She enjoyed deer hunting, gardening, bird feeding, cooking, baking pies and cookies for the grandkids/great-grandkids and neighbors. She also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, camping, walking outdoors and enjoyed nature which included wild mushroom hunting.

Having many friends and neighbors close to her, she enjoyed telling stories and giving advice. She will be remembered as a very loving, caring, helpful and strong willed individual. She was loved by all who knew her and will be missed.

Joan is survived by her sons, Joseph B. Robinson and Derek A. (Dawn) Robinson, both of Sand Creek, WI; daughter-in-law, Terri Robinson of Paw Paw, IL; grandchild-

ren: Shawn, Brandon and Skyler Robinson of Paw Paw, IL; Michelle (JP) Phillips of Wausau, WI; Jonathon Robinson of Colfax, WI; Michael Robinson of Sand Creek, WI; Andrew (Tara) Robinson and Heather (Travis) Larson, all of Chippewa Falls, WI. She was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren and an eighth expected this May. She will be missed by her siblings: John Homa of Sand Creek, WI; Dorothy Bennett of Hillsboro, IL and Jim (Emma) Homa of Braceville, IL. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil W. Robinson; her first born son, Richard Cecil Robinson and her second son, Ronald Shawn Robinson; her parents, John and Bea (Hill) Homa; sister-in-law, Vickie Homa; brother-in-law, Don Bennett and her beloved dog, Hooch.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Sand Creek Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m.

Condolences can also be sent to PO Box 73, Sand Creek, WI 54765 or shared online at www.thompsonfuneralhome.com.

Schriver-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Bloomer, WI is assisting the family.

Food in exchange for fines at the library

The Wilmington Public Library is accepting food for fines through Sunday, April 30, in celebration of National Library Week.

Patrons may bring in one nonperishable food item or toiletry per \$1 fine. Expired food items will not be accepted and donations cannot be used for lost or damaged items. All items will be donated to Kuzma Care Cottage.

This year National Library week runs from April 9 through the April 15. First sponsored in 1958, National

Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

The Wilmington Public Library District joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries are transforming their communities every day through the services and invaluable expertise they offer.

Libraries also offer something unique to their

communities, the expertise of individual librarians. Librarians assist patrons in using increasingly complex technology and sorting through the potentially overwhelming mass of information bombarding today's digital society.

This is especially crucial when access to reliable and trustworthy data is more important than ever.

For more information, visit the Wilmington Public Library District, 201 S. Kankakee St., or call 815-476-2834.

Illinois State Police conduct inspections

Illinois State Police (ISP) announced the results of the special enforcement memorial operation dedicated to fallen ISP Trooper James Sauter, who was killed in the line of duty on Interstate 294 southbound at Willow Road.

ISP troopers throughout the state aggressively patrolled Illinois roadways for 24 consecutive hours March 28 through March 29 in remembrance of their fallen comrade.

This marked the fourth consecutive year of the safety operation honoring Trooper Sauter's memory by focusing on commercial motor vehicle (CMV) enforcement.

During Operation Sauter, ISP troopers conducted 1,437 CMV inspections, placing

138 dangerous CMV out of service, and issued 624 written warnings and 123 citations.

"The results of Operation Sauter are a reflection of our dedication to the memory of Trooper James Sauter, and our oath to protect Illinois citizens," said ISP Director Leo Schmitz.

"I am proud of the men and women of the ISP who risk their lives each and every day, working hard to protect the motoring public along Illinois highways."

Within the last four years, two ISP troopers were struck and killed by CMVs and another was seriously injured. On Sept. 8, 2015 the Willow Road Overpass was dedicated in Trooper Sauter's memory as the Trooper James Sauter Memorial Overpass.



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Safe disposal of prescription drugs will be provided by The Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community, and Shred X will provide document shredding, all at no cost from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at the Wilmington Police Station at 129 Robert P. Weidling Dr.

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Coping with ringing in your ears

Dear Savvy Senior, Are there any new treatments you know of that can help with constant ear ringing syndrome known as tinnitus? I've had it for years but it's gotten worse the older I get.

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Dear Ringin',

Tinnitus is a common condition that affects around 45 million Americans, but is usually more prevalent in the 60-and-older age group.

Here's what you should know along with some tips and treatments that may help.

What is Tinnitus?

Tinnitus (pronounced tin-NIGHT-us or TIN-a-tus) is the sensation of hearing a ringing, buzzing, roaring,

hissing or whistling sound in one or both ears when no external sound is present.

The sounds, which can vary in pitch and loudness, are usually worse when background noise is low, so you may be more aware of it at night when you're trying to fall asleep in a quiet room.

For most people tinnitus is merely annoying, but for many others it can be extremely disturbing.

Tinnitus itself is not a disease, but rather a symptom of some other underlying health condition.

The best way to find out what's causing your tinnitus is to see an audiologist, or an otolaryngologist - a doctor who specializes in ear, nose and throat diseases (commonly called and ENT).

The various things that can cause tinnitus are:

- Age-related and noise-induced hearing loss - this is most common cause.

- Middle ear obstructions, which are usually caused by a build-up of ear-wax deep in the ear canal.

- The side effects of many different prescription and nonprescription medicines like aspirin, ibuprofen, certain blood pressure medicines and diuretics, some antidepressants, cancer medicines and antibiotics.

- Various medical conditions such as high blood pressure, vascular disease, diabetes, allergies, thyroid problems, ear or sinus infections, Meniere's disease, Lyme disease, fibromyalgia, otosclerosis, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorder, a tumor, an injury to



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the head or neck, traumatic brain injury, depression, stress and more.

Treating the causes

While there's currently no cure for tinnitus there are some ways to treat it depending on the cause.

For example, if your tinnitus is caused by a wax build-up in your ears or a medical condition (high blood pressure, thyroid problem, etc.), treating the problem may reduce or eliminate the noise.

Or, if you think a medication you're taking may be causing the problem, switching to a different drug, or lowering the dosage may provide some relief.

Other treatments

Another treatment option for tinnitus that can help suppress or mask the sound so its less bothersome are "sound therapies."

These can be as simple as a fan or a white noise machine, or something more sophisticated like a modified-sound or notched-music device like Neuromonics (neuromon-

ics.com) or the Levo System (otoharmonics.com) that actually trains your brain not to hear the tinnitus.

Or, if you have hearing loss, hearing aids can help mask your tinnitus by improving your ability to hear actual sounds.

There are even hearing aids today that come with integrated sound generation technology that delivers white noise or customized sounds to the patient on an ongoing basis. Your audiologist or ENT can help you with these options.

There are also certain medications that may help. While currently there's no FDA approved drugs specifically designed to treat tinnitus, some anti-anxiety drugs and antidepressants have been effective in relieving symptoms. Behavioral therapies, counseling and support groups can also be helpful.

Other things you can do to help quiet the noise is to avoid things that can aggravate the problem like salt, artificial sweeteners, sugar, alcohol, tonic water, tobacco and caffeine. And protect yourself from loud noises by wearing earplugs.

For more information on tinnitus treatment options, visit the American Tinnitus Association at ata.org.

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

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Riverside Healthcare recently announced the upgrade and implementation of 3D breast biopsy equipment at the Riverside Breast Center, an advancement made possible in part by a gift from the Ta Ta Trot Organization.

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Riverside's current 3D mammography technology allows radiologists to find even the smallest abnormalities in breast tissue. The implementation of this new biopsy

capability makes it possible to sample the area in question and determine if it is an early cancer or another abnormality that needs to be removed.

The 3D biopsy upgrade increases patient convenience and comfort by allowing for comprehensive care locally, reducing wait times to evaluate abnormalities and eliminating the need to travel to an unfamiliar facility for biopsies.

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Public prefers the lies Gubernatorial contest may be most dishonest

I suppose it's too much to expect that we get an honest debate about the need for more state revenues in the already active gubernatorial race. Candidates will be candidates and voters will be voters, after all.

Gov. Bruce Rauner's campaign blasted out an e-mail last week telling supporters that newly announced billionaire Democratic candidate JB Pritzker wants to raise the state income tax to over 5 percent, which, the campaign claimed, would be "Higher than it was under Pat Quinn!"

Nevermind that Rauner himself privately supports raising state taxes to historically high levels. He's OK with a 4.99 percent income tax rate and a 7 percent corporate tax rate. But he also backs a new tax on sugary beverages and a new sales tax on several services. If all that was implemented, the state government would be taxing residents billions of dollars more than it ever has before.

So, apparently, you can only be for the massive tax hikes that Rauner wants. Otherwise, you'll be portrayed as being in House Speaker Michael Madigan's hip pocket.

The Illinois Republican Party obtained audio of Pritzker speaking at a private Democratic event. In one snippet, Pritzker is heard saying: "Let's remind everybody, the tax used to be 5

percent, and [Rauner] let it lapse down to three and three quarters percent. And that's what started a lot of the problems that we've got in the state. So, if you just put it back that's \$5 billion dollars. That doesn't get you everything you need, but it's a good way toward, you know, toward getting real revenue in the state."

The comment was eerily similar to one made by Speaker Madigan in late 2015. "A good place to begin," Madigan said back then, "would be the level we were at before the income tax expired. Starting there, you can go in whatever direction you want to go." Rauner immediately pounced on that comment to claim that Madigan wanted to raise the income tax above 5 percent, even though he never actually said that.

Pritzker's private comments along with a claim that he's in league with Madigan's "plan" were sent to reporters hours before Pritzker's official campaign kickoff.

"I think that we ought to start with the millionaires and billionaires and make sure that they're paying taxes first," Pritzker responded



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when asked, in apparent reference to a graduated income tax or a surcharge on the wealthy, "We're not going to talk about raising taxes on middle class families until we take care of that problem," the *Sun-Times* reported.

But taxation like that would require a constitutional amendment because the state's Constitution mandates a flat income tax. And that means it would require a three-fifths majority in both legislative chambers, and the Republicans (along with some Democrats) have historically resisted a graduated tax. So, forget it.

After Pritzker's press conference, the Republicans released yet another audio snippet of Pritzker admitting the hard truth about a graduated tax: "So let's just talk about this flat income tax, because we're not going to be able to turn it into a millionaire's tax, a fair tax – it's gonna take us three years."

The Republicans used that second snippet to claim that Pritzker wasn't telling the truth to reporters earlier in the day. And their point has merit.

Rauner insists his plan is better because tax hikes are coupled with his reforms. But even his full

package of reforms from back in 2015 would've only slightly moved the economic and budgetary needles, according to his very own analysis that he sent to legislators that year. His reform demands have since been significantly scaled back. And while some of his reforms are undoubtedly needed (particularly workers' comp costs), much of the rest is little more than political window dressing (term limits) and have next to nothing to do with spurring growth.

We are in this hole because our leaders refused to be honest, starting with the 2011 "temporary" tax hike, right through the 2014 campaign, then allowing the tax hike to partially expire and then fighting over who would blink first on raising taxes and accepting "reforms."

And the public prefers the lies. Polls show Illinoisans are convinced somebody else should solve the problem, either millionaires via taxation (which wouldn't raise enough cash) or the faceless bureaucracy via cuts (except for just about every state program under the sun).

Again, I suppose it's too much to ask that candidates and the governor are honest about this stuff. But that means this contest could not only turn out to be the most expensive in Illinois history, it could also be the most dishonest.

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Concoct a Painkiller for what ails you

Membership has its privileges, and once upon a time sailors in both the United States Navy and the British Royal Navy were the recipients of a daily rum ration.

The United States Navy began the daily rum ration in 1794 and continued the tradition until 1862, eventually going completely "dry" at sea in 1914 under General Order #99.

Across the pond, the Royal Navy kept the daily rum ration in place until 1970. By that time naval ships and weaponry were becoming more technologically advanced and perhaps it wasn't the best idea to feed the sailors rum for lunch every day at sea.

By the way, the Royal New Zealand Navy kept the dream alive for 20 more years, officially ending the rum ration on the final day of February of 1990.

If you have researched rum online, or if you take the occasional stroll down the rum aisle at your local spirits retailer, you have probably come across Pusser's British Navy Rum.

British Navy rum? Wait a minute, is this clever marketing? Or is this the actual rum recipe used in the daily Royal Navy rum ration?

As it turns out, Pusser's is the real deal. The original Admiralty recipe is a delicious blend of five West Indian rums, without coloring.

The name "Pusser" is slang for a purser, or a supply/logistics officer. Items



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Brian Rung

supplied by the Royal Navy, including rum, were known as "pusser's issued" items. So, the terms purser and pusser are used interchangeably when referring to a ship's supply officer.

Proceeds from the sale of Pusser's Rum have benefited the Royal Navy Sailors Fund since the brand launched in 1970's. The ongoing charitable contributions are part of an agreement that began when the Admiralty granted Pusser's the right to produce original specification Navy rum.

The Royal Navy has a signature rum, and that rum has a signature cocktail. The Pusser's Rum signature cocktail is the Painkiller, also known as Pusser's Painkiller.

The Painkiller is on a short list of trademarked cocktails meaning that the company, Pusser's Rum Ltd, holds the rights to the cocktail.

Legally speaking, Pusser's Rum must be used if the Painkiller is on the menu at your establishment. If you don't use Pusser's, it's

not a Painkiller.

Both the rum and the cocktail are rich in sailing history, but you can't drink stories. Bottom line, is the drink delicious?

As a matter of fact, it is. As is the case with many tropical drinks it could be a little too delicious given the high rum content.

The Painkiller has become a tiki staple and can be made with either two, three or four ounces of rum. Four ounces may be a bit heavy, that's your call, but the official recipe states that the Painkiller must contain at least two ounces of Pusser's Rum.

Aside from a delicious rum base, the cocktail uses a mix of tried and true tiki ingredients: cream of coconut, pineapple juice, orange juice, and grated nutmeg.

If you are new tiki cocktails, you must get acquainted with cream of coconut. This essential cocktail ingredient is the key to several tropical drinks, including the Pina Colada.

There is one name that you need to know when shopping for cream of coconut, and that's Coco Lopez. Avoid the stuff in the white squeeze bottle, you owe it to yourself, your guests, and the cocktail to use original Coco Lopez Cream of Coconut.

Fresh squeezed juice is always best for cocktail applications, but in the interest of prep time and convenience I use Dole unsweetened pineapple



juice (buy the six ounce cans) and Tropicana orange juice. Make sure that both are 100 percent juice, not from concentrate.

Grated nutmeg is also a tiki staple and is used in many Caribbean rum punches. Fresh grated is best, but I keep the small bottle of McCormick ground nutmeg in my bar and it does the trick.

The Painkiller is built in a shaker and traditionally served in large, goblet-styled glassware.

Fill shaker with ice.

Add 2 oz Pusser's Rum.

Add 4 oz pineapple juice.

Add 1 oz Coco Lopez cream of coconut.

Add 1 oz orange juice.

Shake and strain into ice-filled glass.

Garnish with grated nutmeg.

Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

Prairie Kicks on Route 66 during Red Carpet

Get your "Prairie Kicks on Route 66" at the U.S. Forest Service's Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as part of the Red Carpet Corridor Days.

A free shuttle bus will operate between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., from downtown Wilmington and Elwood to Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie Iron Bridge Trailhead.

The bus will depart from the north end of Water Street in Wilmington, and 401 E. Mississippi Ave. in Elwood.

Participants will come together at 4 p.m. at the Iron Bridge Trailhead Prairie to celebrate life along Route 66 - past, present and future - with a public broadcasting of seeds of little bluestem.

Special Guests Smokey Bear and

Woodsy Owl will be available for photo.

There will be displays by nature based organizations, partnerships and agencies to enjoy, explore and learn about.

There will be demonstrations by local artisans wildlife artist Ray Koehler Jr. and Spinner Kathy Tovey.

Walks

Midwin volunteers will lead 30-minute nature walks and history walks. All walks will leave from the Ranger Trailer.

• Nature walks will be held at 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m. Midwin volunteer Janine Catchpole will guide prairie enthusiasts through the emerging buds and blooms that are expected to be sprouting soon just footsteps off of old historic Route 66 including Golden Alexanders, Spring Beauties and

Shooting Stars.

These, and more, have popped up on this land every spring, even hundreds of years before there was a Route 66. Participants will learn about the importance of today's non-native plant removal initiatives to protect and improve habitat for native flowers and pollinators.

• History walks will be at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Drift back in time some 150 years on a Midwin Heritage Walk. Learn what life was like along Route 66 during its heyday. Participants will learn a bit about early settlers who lived along the road that became Route 66.

The History walks will be guided by Midwin volunteer Lorin Schab, who is also the Midwin Heritage Association President.

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We could still come up short in global warming

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that the Paris climate accord as it stands won't be enough to stave off cataclysmic global warming anyway, even if the U.S. and the other participating countries honor their commitments?

Astrid Taylor
Williams, MA

To date, 197 countries have signed onto 2015's landmark Paris climate accord ("The Paris Agreement"), which aims to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2100 through voluntary emissions reduction plans.

But skeptics argue that even if all participating countries follow through with their promised cuts, we may still come up short in leveling off global warming as needed.

Researchers working on the Climate Action Tracker, a tool used to monitor climate action and global efforts to meet Paris Agreement goals,



found that with current and planned emissions reduction policies, we are on track to hold the global mean temperature down to approximately 2.8 C above pre-industrial levels by 2100 - not the 2 C environmental leaders are hoping we can achieve.

For some context, the current global average mean temperature hovers around 1 C above pre-industrial levels, but climatologists expect the warming to accelerate as a result of a century's worth of carbon dioxide (CO2) built up in the atmosphere.

If we keep up our current pace of emissions up without any checks, climate models suggest the global average mean temperature

will rise about 3.6 C by 2100. Meanwhile, others think we are even further from achieving our goals. Blogger and Skeptical Environmentalist author Bjorn Lomborg calculates that, even if each of the Paris signatories keeps its emissions reduction promises, we can only expect a negligible reduction in global mean temperature, that is, only 0.17 C lower by 2100, but still well above what climatologists consider safe and sustainable.

"Paris is being sold as the summit where we can help 'heal the planet' and 'save the world,'" says Lomborg. "It is no such thing."

What such negative extrapolations don't factor in is that the Paris Agreement leaves room for participating nations to adjust their emissions reduction goals moving forward.

Indeed, setting more ambitious targets mid-stream is baked into the agreement. Negotiators figure that improving technologies and the reduced cost of renewables in the coming years will help drive down emissions more than

we can count on at this point, and getting more nations on-board now is the top priority.

To wit, the U.S. has promised "deep, economy-wide emission reductions of 80 percent or more by 2050" while the European Union has likewise pledged to slash its own emissions by 80 to 95 percent of 1990 levels by 2050.

But are such lofty goals achievable? Stockholm University's Johan Rockström thinks so, but only if we're careful how we get there. Lead author on a recent paper on the topic in Science Magazine, Rockström argues that we need to cut greenhouse gas emissions from utilities and industry around the world in half every decade until 2050 while also cutting out net greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and deforestation altogether. Meanwhile, we'll have to significantly scale up efforts to sequester CO2.

According to Rockström, if we can remove five gigatons of CO2 from the atmosphere every year until 2050-almost double what the world's trees and soils already do naturally-we



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THE MELTING of the ice sheets around Ilulissat, Greenland and elsewhere in the Arctic is accelerating thanks to global warming.

might be able to get in striking distance of the 2 C goal.

CONTACTS: Bjorn Lomborg's "Impact of Current Climate Proposals," onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1758-5899.12295/full; Climate Action Tracker, www.climateactiontracker.org; "A Roadmap for Rapid Decarbonisation,"

<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/355/6331/1269.full>.

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Nationwide gas prices increase this week

Average retail gasoline prices in Illinois have risen 8.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.52 per gallon on Sunday, April 9, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,378 gas outlets in Illinois.

This compares with the national average that has increased 5.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.39 per gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Illinois during the past week, prices on Sunday were 45.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 17.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 9.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 34.6 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"With all but two states seeing average gasoline prices rise over the last week, the jump at the pump has continued," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum

analyst for GasBuddy.com.

"Over half of the nation's 50 states saw prices rise by more than a nickel in the last week while five saw a jump of double digits. While the continued increases are completely seasonal in nature, it's not any easier for motorists to digest.

"Oil now stands \$5 per barrel higher than just a few weeks ago and are the main culprit for rising gasoline prices. Many areas are also nearing completion of the transition to summer gasoline, and with it comes a complex list of various summer blends of gasoline that cause us to pay more each and every spring.

"In addition, with the situation in Syria, there is a rising risk of more heat between some of the world's largest oil producers, causing concern in oil markets which could be a slight contribution to higher prices," DeHaan added.

For live fuel price averages, visit FuellInsights.GasBuddy.com.

Senator: Illinois debt closer to \$66,000 per person

ILLINOIS NEWS NETWORK

Illinois recently passed a milestone. The state's backlog of unpaid bills topped \$12.8 billion, enough to put every man, woman, and child on the hook for \$1,000 in debt. But one state lawmaker says Illinois is in far worse shape than that.

There are just under 13 million people in the state, and Illinois has about \$13 billion in unpaid bills.

Simple math breaks that down to \$1,000 per-person in the state. But State Senator Chuck Weaver said that's only calculating the unpaid bills.

"Take that \$1,000 per man, woman, and child and then add to that Illinois' unfunded pensions of about \$130 billion," Weaver explained. "The debt is about 10 times that number," or closer to \$11,000 per person.

Weaver says when you do the rest of the math, the burden on taxpayers

gets even larger.

"That \$11 thousand includes children. So if you take a family of three, you get \$33,000. But you have to add to that the fact that half the people in the state don't pay income taxes," Weaver said. "Now you're up to \$66,000 for the half the state that pays income taxes."

He says that's a lot of debt for Illinois taxpayers. And that doesn't even get to what they're on the hook for locally.

JJC scholarship applications due by May 1

Joliet Junior College students interested in applying for scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year have until Monday, May 1, to complete their online application.

To apply, students can visit www.jjc.edu/scholarships, register with their JJC student ID, review what scholarships they are eligible for and then complete their application.

Scholarships are started by donors and are a resource that is not repaid. They are awarded for various reasons such as academic standing, leadership, specialized talents, ethnic origin or financial need. Scholarships are available whether just beginning JJC studies or are near graduation.

Scholarships have varied criteria and many of the scholarships are "need based" and require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit

bwww.jjc.edu/financial-aid.

• When applying, students must meet all criteria for each scholarship to be considered.

• Scholarships will be awarded annually, starting in the fall semester and must be used during the academic year for which they are awarded.

Undocumented students should contact JJC's Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) for assistance with completion of their personal financial statement. Visit OMSA in room A-1107 or call 815-280-2829.

Those who have received a scholarship check from an external donor outside of Joliet Junior College should bring the scholarship check to Kerry Joutas, Scholarship Specialist, Main Campus: A - 3027.

For more information call 815-280-2721 or email kejouta@jjc.edu.

Tax Day trivia

With Tax Day just over a week away, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its Tax Day 2017 By The Numbers report which features an infographic filled with fun facts about tax season as well as insights from a panel of leading tax experts.

Find a handful of highlights below, followed by additional taxpayer resources from WalletHub.

- The cost for the IRS to collect \$100 in federal revenue is 35 cents.
- One in five people would get an "IRS" tattoo for a tax-free future.
- Total time Americans spend on their taxes each year is six billion hours.
- The average wait time when calling the IRS in 2016 (42 percent less than in 2015) is 17.8 minutes.
- Seventy percent of filers get a federal tax refund, \$2,897 on average.

Low cost animal clinic set for April 15

Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue will host a low cost shot clinic on Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Available services will include rabies, distemper, bordetella, microchipping and nail trimming.

Schedule an appointment by emailing hopeful-tails.shotclinic@gmail.com.

Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue is located at 2303 Oak Leaf St., Joliet.

Music teachers to meet April 21

The Joliet Area Music Teachers Association will meet Friday, April 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the University of St. Francis in the Moser Performing Arts Center, Sexton Auditorium.

Dr. Eric Sutz will begin his presentation on classical improvisation at 10 a.m.

Sutz is an eminent Chicago-area musician and musical instructor. He is a pianist, guitarist, choir director, conductor of orchestra and band, and musical instructor with many years of experience in developing improvisational skills.

He will share the licks used by all classical composers to improvise over a set of basic chord changes. His steps to improvise will be outlined on handouts. Audience participation will be encouraged so bring your collection of sonatas and sonatinas to share.

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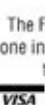
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VACANCY NOTICE Coal City Community Unit School District #1 is accepting applications for a full time custodian. This position will require skills in cleaning and maintaining commercial buildings. Salary determined as per the Custodial Negotiated Agreement. Interested candidates may pick up an application at the Administrative Office, 100 S. Baima St., Coal City. Support staff applications are also available on the district website at www.coalcity.k12.il.us. Application deadline is Friday, April 14. EOE ch 15a-b

Waitresses, cashiers, housekeeping, cooks and handyman needed, apply in person at Mobil Truck Stop, 155 at Lorenz Rd. Wilmington or call 815-476-4271 after 3pm. 15b-19a

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3 BR ranch in Wilmington, LR, FR, utility room, large kitchen, 2 BA, 2 car garage, no pets, no smoking, references and security deposit req., \$1,250 mo., call 815-476-6641. cc 15b-17a

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Coal City 190 E. First St., 3BR, 1 1/2 BA house with 2.5 detached garage. Lg. yard w/ deck, all appliances inc., \$1150/mo + utilities. no pets, no smoking, 1 yr. lease, 708-265-1158. cc 15b-19a

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South Wilmington small bungalow house, 650 Elm St., appliances, CA, utility shed, no smoking, no pets, \$750 mo. plus security, call 815-237-8429. cc 14b-16a

Wilmington, 28340 Elm St, 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 1/2 car garage, 2 story, 4 porches, remodeled 2 yrs. ago, kitchen appliances, laundry room, Phelan Acres on river, \$1,300/mo. call 815-423-5255. cc14a-17b

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Diamond: 1050 Crystal Lane. Beautiful, furnished, 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA home for sale, \$289,900, call Bill 815-514-5278. cc14a-17b.

Wilmington: 25732 Cottage Rd., FSBO, owned land on Kankakee River, 2,475 sq. ft., 3 BR, 2 BA, \$425,000, 815-476-9936. cc14a-17b

LOST & FOUND

Have you found a lost pet or lost a pet in Will County? Please call Will County Animal Control. We may have your pet. We want to reunite your family, 815-462-5633. fr/tfn

LOTS FOR SALE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK N.A. IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-WMC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, -v- KRISTIN B. OLSEN, DAMEN H. OLSEN Defendant 16 CH 73 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on May 18, 2017, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 East Washington Street front door entrance, MORRIS, IL, 60450, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 121 W. HIGH STREET, Morris, IL 60450 Property Index No. 05-04-277-003. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$151,810.27. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If 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: POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C16-34051. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 263-0003 E-Mail: ipledings@potes-tivolaw.com Attorney File No. C16-34051 Case Number: 16 CH 73 TJSC#: 37-1786 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Published in the Free Press Newspaper on April 5, 12, & 19, 2017

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 163 W. Bodine Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408 (Single Residential Home). On the 27th day of April, 2017 to be held at 12:00 noon, at

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ceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by sub-divisions (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 5/15-1507(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 sub-divisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State. For Information Please Contact: Malmquist, Geiger & Durkee LLC 415 Liberty Street Morris, IL 60450 P: 815-942-5072 F: 815-942-5073 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Published in the Free Press Newspapers on April 5, 12 & 19, 2017

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 149-150 Fossil Lake Court, Wilmington, IL 60481 (Single Family Home). On the 4th day of May, 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: Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff V. Renee E. Tucker, et al. Defendant. Case No. 16 CH 1467 in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall

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