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## The green trucks are coming

Trucking company to develop 232-acre site

BY ANN GILL  
EDITOR

Hoffman Transportation's signature green trucks will soon be rolling into Coal City.

The company that specializes in the transportation of bulk dry and liquid goods is expanding its operation to the village with the establishment of a rail served manifest shipping and transloading facility along Reed Road east of South Broadway and adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad.

Kevin Hoffman, the company's president and CEO, and vice president Jordan Hoffman have been negotiating an economic incentive agreement with the village. The proposal would provide the company with incentives to make the initial infrastructure investments to begin the new operation.

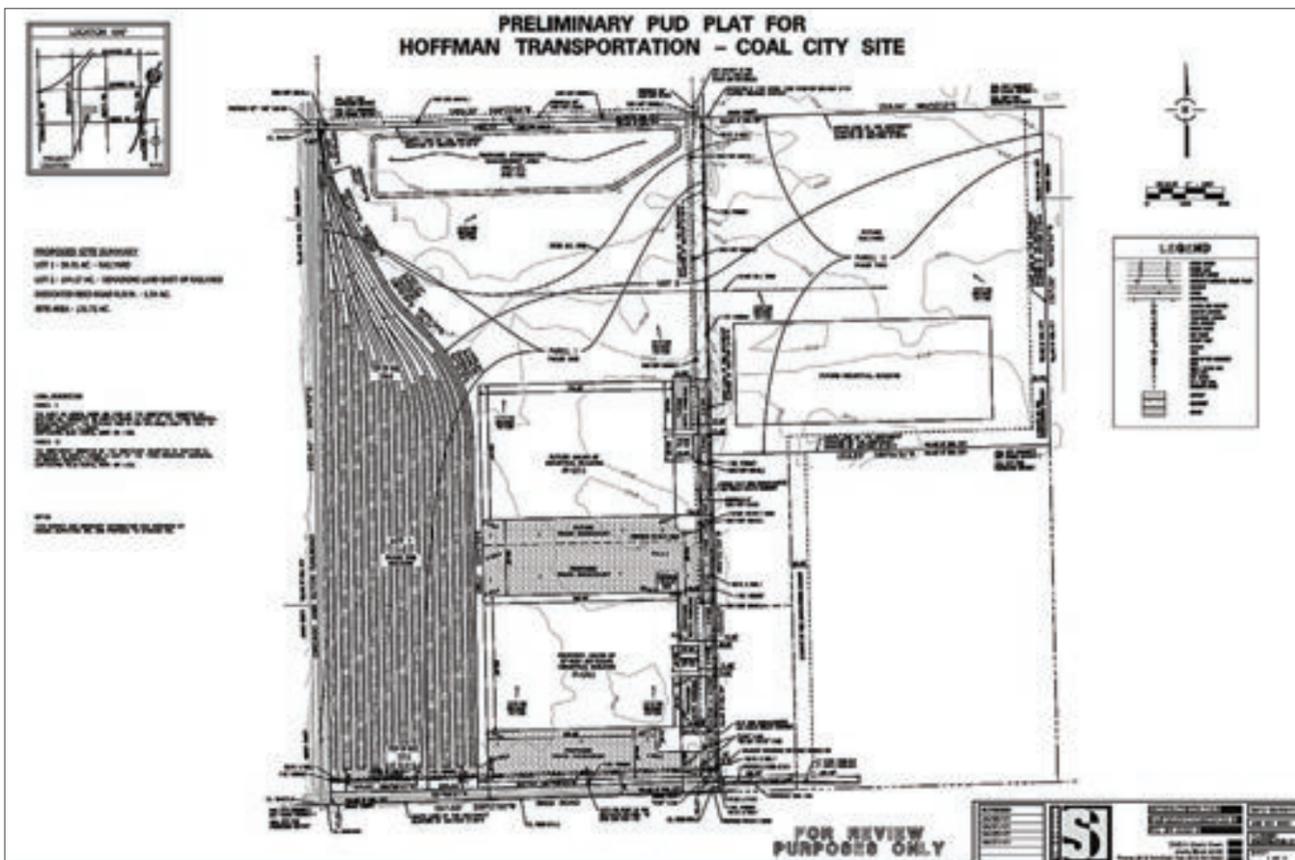
Over the course of several months, the village and company worked out a redevelopment agreement that was adopted by the Village Board at its meeting on May 10.

"We are excited for Hoffman's investment in an area we know carries much potential for hosting many jobs and further industrial growth," said Coal City Mayor Terry Halliday.

According to Coal City Village Administrator Matt Fritz, Hoffman Transportation will begin with the construct a 415,000 square foot warehouse and 20 new rail sidings from which the company will provide transload services.

Infrastructure improvements that include the extension of municipal water and sewer to the site, roadway improvements and the establishment of storm water detention within the project area are included.

Fritz reports the village will reimburse



HOFFMAN TRANSPORTATION, a Channahon based hauler of bulk dry and liquid goods, intends to develop a shipping and transloading facility on Reed Road east of South Broadway along the Union Pacific rail line.

Hoffman for certain infrastructure improvements with pay-as-you-go tax increment financing (TIF) reimbursement of \$2.1 million in offsite public utility improvements

and a continual sharing formula for the remainder of the 17 years of the TIF district, dependent upon the company's capability to maintain full-time jobs at the facility and

increase the equalized assessed value (EAV) with an initial warehouse and possible

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Photo by Ann Gill

IT'S OFFICIAL—Coal City High School graduate Drew Blazekovich celebrates with assistant high school principal Jennifer Kenney as he collects his official diploma at the close of the school's commencement ceremony.

## Lessons learned

Coal City High School commends 103rd graduating class

BY ANN GILL  
EDITOR

As Coal City High School principal Mitch Hamann acknowledges over the last four years, the class of 2017 has experienced its shares of highs and lows, along with successes and failures.

"Through it all, this class has rose to the challenge both academically and athletically. I speak for everyone as we look in anticipation of what the future may hold for all of you," Hamann said as he stood before the graduates gathered in the school's gymnasium on Sunday afternoon.

"These students have led the way for future classes by getting involved

in a variety of academic teams, clubs and organizations. This class has brought positive recognition to CCHS through all of their laurels and accolades, but especially through all of their community involvement," Hamann said.

The 156-member class is the 103rd class to graduate from Coal City High School. The future holds many things for the graduates. Forty-five percent plan to attend a four-year college or university, 36 percent will attend junior college, 4 percent will enroll in a trade or technical school, 11 percent will enter the workforce and 4 percent will serve their country in the armed services.

"Today is a joyful day that marks

the beginning of a new journey for all of us," said Logan Shoen, who was recognized as co-salutatorian.

Also receiving special recognition were valedictorian Luke Rogers and Shoen's fellow co-salutatorian Alexandria Michalak.

Afforded an opportunity to address her fellow classmates, teachers and the hundreds of community members who came out to celebrate the milestone, Michalak noted that high school is time for figuring out who you are.

"One of the biggest lessons I have learned in high school is to never apologize for being yourself," she

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Photo by Ann Gill

WILMINGTON RESIDENT and businessman Joe Brown (center) stopped by Coal City Fire Station 1 last week to thank the crew that came to his aid after he suffered a stroke in March. Emergency medical technician Bailey DePodesta (left) and paramedic Brenda Cardenas were assisting the Wilmington Fire Protection District when the call came in.

## Survivor

BY ANN GILL  
EDITOR

Approximately 795,000 people suffer a stroke each year in the United States, and according to the American Stroke Association, "a large percentage of the ones that happen are treatable with the right care, right away."

Wilmington's Joe Brown and his family can testify to the fact that the right care, right away makes all the difference.

On March 6, Brown was working at his family's towing business when it became apparent to his daughter-in-law that something wasn't right. She called 911.

It was a busy day for the Wilmington Fire Protection District's ambulance squad, so Coal City was helping out at the neighboring station when the call came in. The orange ambulance headed out on the call with Wilmington.

When emergency crews arrived, Brown was sitting in a rolling chair and the signs of stroke were obvious. Coal City emergency medical technician (EMT) Bailey DePodesta said he observed that Brown had some facial drooping and his whole left side was limp.

Knowing time is of the essence, Coal City paramedic Brenda Cardenas said, "it was pick him up, get him on a stretcher and get him in the ambulance."

Working together the two ambulance crews tended to Brown.

"Wilmington assisted getting an IV in him, I checked to make sure he wasn't having a heart attack

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# Police arrest man after motorist is threatened

STAFF REPORT

A vehicle was struck with a pellet from a BB gun as it traveled Division Street, and the man who pulled the trigger was arrested.

Coal City Police were dispatched to the parking lot of a local business Saturday afternoon to take a report of a damaged vehicle.

The male driver informed officers he was westbound in the 100 block of E. Division St. when he heard something strike this vehicle. He went around the block and stopped in front of a home where two people were sitting on a porch. When he asked what they were doing, one of the men identified as John R. Inocencio allegedly approached and threatened to stab him.

The driver indicated he returned to his vehicle for fear the man would stab him and as he started to drive

away, he claims the man put a knife in his tire.

Officers went to the home where they observed two men sitting on the porch. According to the report, the two were shooting beer cans off the porch with a BB gun. They denied having a knife, however two were turned over to officers.

Inocencio, 30, of Coal City, was arrested for aggravated assault as a result of the alleged threat of causing bodily harm and criminal damage to property. He posted the required bond and was issued a notice to appear in Grundy County Circuit Court.

In other police matters:  
 • Police are reviewing a reported theft of tools from a residence in the 500 block of Elizabeth St.

*Editor's note: Persons named in the police report are innocent of all charges until proven guilty in a court of law.*

# Coal City grows with annexation

BY ANN GILL  
 EDITOR

The village of Coal City has grown by two acres with the annexation of property on the southeast corner of South Broadway and Spring Road.

After years of considering annexation, Eugene and Irene Wren entered into an annexation agreement that was approved by the Village Board at its meeting on May 10.

Per the terms of the annexation agreement, the village will allow the property owner a curb cut off on Spring Road, water and sewer tap on fees will be waived and the subject land will be zoned single family residential, allowing the property owners to construct an additional single-family home on the property.

The annexation and annexation agreement were adopted, but approval was not unanimous as Trustee Neal Nelson voted in opposition.

At a public hearing prior to the board's regular meeting, Nelson noted his concern about the curb cut and the village's intent to waive tap on fees for any new development on the property.

"I certainly respect Trustee Nelson's opinion, but quite frankly I don't agree with it. This is a critical corner of town and should be in Coal City and I don't see it as a burden on taxpayers," Mayor Terry Halliday said.

The property currently has one single-family residence and it is expected that the owners will move to construct another residential unit on the property in the coming months.

In other matters from the May 10 meeting:

• At the request of the police chief, the Village Board approved the appointment of George Shugart as part-time police officer. Utilization of a part-time officer would increase the total workable hours to be filled on an interim basis due to a recent resignation within the force. Shugart is a retired Grundy County Sheriff's deputy.

• The board amended the administrator's employment contract in regards to his annual salary, which will increase to \$116,507 effective May 1, 2018.

• After initially tabling a request from members of the Coal City Police

Department to allow village staff to voluntarily enter into a deferred compensation plan offered through the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association, trustees agreed to move forward with the request. As it was noted, participation in the supplemental savings program is open to all village employees and the cost to the village would be limited to the administrative time spent when processing payroll.

• The board authorized the mayor to enter into a lease contract with McGrath Office Equipment for copier service. The agreement includes a new copier for the village hall and due to equipment failure, the placement of a refurbished copier at the police department. The 60-month lease comes at a combined cost of \$179 per month.

• Trustees approved purchase orders totaling \$61,316. Included in the bills was a \$6,350 payment to Ancel, Glink for legal services in the month of March and \$3,464 for software license upgrades

The next meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

# Hoffman

future phases.

The company is required to create 50 new full-time jobs. Failure to do so negates the developer's claim for increment financing.

As for the pay-as-you-go reimbursement, the developer will retain 90 percent of the increment on its initial investment of \$2.1 million. Thereafter, the village and developer will split the increment equally until the developer has recovered the reimbursable TIF investment of approximately \$8.5 million.

The agreement also sets infrastructure and building permit review fees.

According to village officials, the fees associated with construction of the first building are locked at \$50,000; the second building at \$100,000; and a potential third building would be billed at 25 cents per square foot. Plan review will be completed by an outside agency and the fees established will cover those costs.

The total project site is around 232 acres with the initial phase of the project at around 130 acres. Access to the new industrial site will be located off of Reed Road.

The village has authorized conditional uses for the site to operate as a freight-supplied industrial park, for the construction and operation of railroad sidings, construction of a private well that will be used for truck tank washing, and a 41-foot tall warehouse. Additionally, the village approved the rezoning of a 32-acre portion of the property from agricultural to industrial.

"Hoffman Transportation, who has worked with all the involved government jurisdictions, has worked diligently to meet the requirements posed to them and has aggressively sought this location for its competitive advantages of low tax rates and location to manifest freight service provided by the Union Pacific," Fritz said.

"It is anticipated the example of Hoffman Transportation will continue to demonstrate the business-friendly climate located within Coal City and the continued focus upon identifying industrial clients to augment the village's current residential tax base," Fritz said.

Construction will get underway this year and Hoffman hopes to up an running by early 2018. Once in operation, 50 to 70 trucks are expected in and out of the facility on a daily basis via Reed Road.

Town leaders report rail cars will not cross Spring Road. To accommodate the new rail traffic, improvements are slated to the Reed Road crossing.

The Coal City site will be the company's fourth transloading facility as they currently operate in Channahon, Fort Smith, AR and in Old Hickory, TN.

"We believed from the beginning Coal City offered the best potential for the expansion of Kevin's business. We were happy to work together to reach a solution by which more jobs will be available for our residents close to home. Besides Kevin and Jordan, I would like to thank all of the dedicated people who reviewed this and worked together; this included many entities including the fire district, Grundy County, our townships and even the local drainage authorities," Halliday said.



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# Grads

said.

As Rogers stepped to the podium to deliver his valedictorian address, he reminded his classmates that it's important to remember where they came from.

"All the lessons we've learned, the friends we made, and the events we experienced made us who we are today. To forget those is to forget our roots," he said.

Four years ago, Unit 1 Superintendent Dr. Kent Bugg encouraged the class to make the most of their high school years and challenged them to do three things during their days at CCHS—respect one another, maintain the highest level of moral character and build their legacy. On Sunday he reminded them of the challenge and commended them for accepting it.

This time, he provided three pieces of advice — follow your passion, show love and kindness to others, and that high school is not real world.

"The real world is far less forgiving and the consequences to your actions are real," Bugg said. "Success in the real world isn't easy, but nothing worthwhile is."

Having no doubts that the class of 2017 will rise to the challenges of the real world, Bugg recommended the graduates be awarded their diplomas and with that Board of Education pres-



UNIT 1 SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Kent Bugg awarded Victoria Sztapka her diploma during Coal City High School's commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 14.

ident Ken P. Miller stepped to the front of the stage to assist the superintendent with the presentation of diplomas.

As the graduates clutched their white diploma covers, they stood one last time as a class, and taking a cue from class vice president Joey

Fatigante they turned their green and white tassels, marking the end of their high school careers.

"We made our legacy here at CCHS, and now its time to let others make their own," Fatigante said.

Validictorian-Luke Rogers

Co-salutatorians-Alexandria Michalak and Logan Schoen

Hunter Andrjeski, Courtney Augello, Elaina Bach, Hannah Bailey, David Barker, Madelyn Bloom, Mackenzie Bugg, Leah Campos, Kenady Clayburn, Maggie Cochran, Kyle Cowherd, Katelynn Cullom, Joseph Fatigante, Madison Halliday, Darren Hawkins, Deanna Hudson-Blevins, Ashley Jackman, Christian Johnson, Julie Mahlfeldt, Aisha Malovski, Allison Neumann, Allison Norris, Alivia Phelps, Drew Pierce, Hunter Reeves, Lucas Riley, Madeline Romanetto, Jacob Scerine, Hannah Schwier, Reid Scott, Tyler Shirkey, Mackenzie Smith, Melanie Smith, Macallister Smolik, Macey Spencer, Chloe White and Margaret Wills.

# Brown

also and then I kicked them out and we were on our way," Cardenas said.

As the ambulance made its way to Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, Cardenas continued to tend to Brown. By the time the ambulance arrived at the hospital, the patient had two IVs in his left arm.

"And that is what we want for a stroke," said Sheryl Burcenski, a nurse practitioner in the hospital's Neuroscience and Stroke Care Center.

Burcenski joined Brown and members of his family at Coal City Fire Station 1 last week. She was there to talk about stroke care and the Brown's came to offer their thanks for the quick response and overall care provided.

"I really appreciate what you guys done. I'm doing fine," Brown told the crew.

He acknowledges he still has a little trouble with his speech and he gets depressed from time to time, but on the positive side the movement in his hand is improving and he is walking.

Brown has been to physical and occupational therapy and takes part in the hospital's stroke support group.

"They've already taken me out of physical therapy because I was doing so good. I'm going one more week, and then the speech lady said she's going to cut me loose too," Brown said.

On his own he does exercises and projects that are helping him recover and he says he's getting better every day.

"I think you are going to do very well," Burcenski told Brown.

Not only is he back to mowing the lawn, but he's also back to work.

"Our daughter-in-law drives the tow truck and he gets out and hooks up the cars," his wife, Mary said.

"My family is behind me all the way," Brown said.

In speaking with the first responders, Mary Brown said she knew her husband was going to be OK, when he wished her a happy birthday bright and early the morning after his surgery.

Brown and his family are grateful for the work of the emergency medical

personnel that responded to their call that day.

"I think it's cool how you have all these small communities and you all come together to help each other out. It's awesome, you should all give yourselves a pat on the back, because if it wasn't for you guys he wouldn't be here," said Joe's daughter-in-law, Danielle Brown.

This is the second time Brown stopped by the fire station to visit with the team that cared for him that March afternoon.

"This is unusual, normally we don't get to know

the outcome. It's awesome that he came in. We were completely shocked when he walked in the first time, some tears were shed that day," Cardenas said.

"I don't see why more people don't recognize the fire department. It's all because of how fast they got there and the knowledge they have that's helped me get better. I could have had no use of my leg, no use of my arm or I could have been dead," Brown said.

Burcenski noted a lot goes into patient success and its starts with the work of EMS providers.

"I'm so proud of you guys," Coal City EMS coordinator Pat Shroba told the team.

Cardenas and DePodesta note they were not alone on the call.

"Wilmington was great," Cardenas said.

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SIX COAL CITY High School graduates have announced their intent to joined the armed services. Each of the graduates was recognized during the school's commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 14. Students enlisting (from left) are: Donald J. Livingston, U.S. Army; Keaton Cryder, U. S. Army National Guard; Konner Ruhrup, U.S. Army; Abby Eungard, U.S. Navy; David Robbins, U.S. Marine Corps, and Spencer Smeets, U.S. Coast Guard.

# Enlisted Coalers

## Six Coal City High School graduates headed to the military

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

"Being a soldier is more than courage, it's sacrificing yourself for something greater than yourself." The anonymous quote accurately depicts six members of the Coal City High School class of 2017, as each of them has selected to serve their country as members of the nations military.

Graduates Keaton Cryder, Abby Eungard, Donald J. Livingston, David Robbins, Konner Ruhrup and Spencer Smeets have announced their intent to join the armed services. Two of the six are scheduled to enlist next week with Livingston heading off to the U.S. Army on Tuesday, May 22, and Smeets joining the Coast Guard on Wednesday, May 23.

Smeets, the son of Chad Smeets and Lori Daniels, said he was raised in a military family. A grandfather and uncle served in the U.S. Navy and another uncle was a ranger in the U.S. Army.

"I was taught that it was important and an honor to be a member of the armed forces," said Smeets.

His goal is to become an aviation survival technician rescue swimmer and graduate officer school to become a Coast Guard officer. He will attend basic training at Cape May in New Jersey.

Livingston, the son of Don and

Gina Livingston, is headed to Fort Benning, GA, for his initial military training. He also comes from a military family with a grandfather and great-uncle who served in the Army and an uncle in the Navy.

Livingston said serving his country is something he has always wanted to do and that the doors it opens will provide him with a foundation to attend college and achieve his goal of becoming a firefighter with the Chicago Fire Department.

Cryder, the son of Laurie Williams, is joining the U.S. Army National Guard and will report for basic training at Fort Jackson in September.

"I have wanted to join the military since I was very young," Cryder said, noting his reason is simply that he wants to do his country a service.

He also has family that served, his great-grandfather was a member of the U.S. Navy.

After retiring from the Army, the future soldier said he plans to complete a college degree and work as a police officer.

Eungard, the daughter of Doug and Jill Eungard, notes she too has always been interested in serving her country and it seems like good direction for her to go.

She will head to Naval Station Great Lakes this fall for basic training. Upon completion of her four years of service in the military she plans to attend college.

Robbins is heading to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA, on Oct. 10 to begin his journey as a U.S. Marine.

The son of Kevin Robbins and Shelia Lombardi, Robbins said enlisting in the military was the best decision for him as it will provide him the benefits of a job out of high school, the opportunity to learn new skills and provide the training needed for his career path into welding. He added that he, "joined for the journey and adventure that is the Marine Corps."

He reports his grandfather was a Marine and two cousins served in the Army.

Ruhrup is heading to the U.S. Army, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Dan Styra and cousin, Keith Bowman.

The son of Kevin Ruhrup and Karen Styra, he plans to make a career out of the military and has his sights set on becoming a combat medic.

"I want to defend and help people and to save injured American soldiers in order to bring them home to their families, this is why I chose to be a combat medic," Ruhrup said.

He will head to basic training at Fort Benning on June 26.

"I want to make an impact on many lives. I feel that it's every person's obligated duty to protect the things they love and that matter most throughout their lifetime. I believe that this is my way of doing that," he said.

## Megan Bugg Concert Series Saturday night is the night for music

The Megan Bugg Concert Series will continue Saturday, May 20 with a double bill featuring BOGO Free and Marvin Minarich.



Courtesy photo

BOGO Free, an acoustic group featuring guitarist Roger Hoegger and Coal City's own vocalist Pat Halloran, will appear on the Coal City Unit 1 Auditorium stage at 7 p.m.

BOGO Free got its start in 2015, about 40 years after Halloran and Hoegger first performed together in Mountain Chill, a band they put together as students at Dwight Township High School.

THE MEGAN BUGG Concert Series will present Marvin Minarich (pictured) and BOGO Free in concert on Saturday, May 20 in the Coal City Unit 1 Auditorium at Coal City High School. Advanced tickets are available at bit.ly/CCMegan

Halloran is currently the superintendent of Morris Community High School. Over the years he's performed in school and community theater productions and sang with another local band, Flashback.

Hoegger has played consistently since high school with groups including Rocky Mountain Pleasure, Main Street and User Friendly. He's also a founding member of the popular local cover band The Clients.

Although BOGO Free will play just about anything from the past four decades, they have a knack for playing songs they heard in high school. If you like songs from bands like The Beatles, The Eagles, Sammy Johns all the way to the Zac Brown Bands and Three Doors Down

The second half of the show will feature Marvin Minarich.

Minarich, of Morris, has been performing at local events for 15 years. He performs with a variety of groups and ensembles, is a regular vocalist for the Teddy Lee Orchestra, has appeared at the former Willowbrook Ballroom and was the 2005 Illinois State Fair Talent Contest winner for his rendition of Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife."

Minarich studied music at Joliet Junior College and business at the University of Illinois—Chicago. He is the owner of Marvin's Motor City, Inc. that specializes in the restoration of classic cars.

The show is sponsored by Ameriprise Financial.

General admission tickets are \$5 per person and available in advance at bit.ly/CCMegan. Tickets will also be available at the door beginning one hour prior to the show.

Coal City Unit 1 Auditorium is located at Coal City High School, 655 W. Division St., Coal City. Proceeds from the concert support future programming offered by the Megan Bugg Concert Series.

## Togliatti recognized for decade of dedication



DEPARTING VILLAGE TRUSTEE Dave Togliatti was stopped before he walked out of his final meeting last week to be presented with a gift from Mayor Terry Halliday and the Coal City Village Board. One of his parting gifts was a signed stop sign, a fitting memento for the trustee who led the charge to eliminate and relocated stop signs in order to make travel through the village more favorable. "It's one of the biggest contributions you made," Halliday said, in thanking Togliatti for his 10 years of service. "It's been enjoyable," Togliatti replied.

## It's official, Beach assumes trustee post



Photo by Ann Gill

THE VILLAGE OF Coal City welcomed newly-elected Trustee Sarah Beach to the Village Board May 10. Beach won the four-year term by a single vote, edging out incumbent Dave Togliatti in the April 4 consolidated election. Beach was administered the oath of office by Village Clerk Pam Noffsinger (right) at the start of the board's regular meeting. Taking the oath were re-elected trustees (from left) Justin Wren and Tim Bradley, and Beach.

## COAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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

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

Thursday, May 18-Drop In English and Reading Help, 17 and older, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 19-Bingo at the Library, 1 p.m. Adults enjoy an afternoon of bingo with prizes and refreshments.

Saturday, May 20-Summer Reading Programs for teens, children and adults begin.

Theme is Build a Better World. Visit the library to register and find out more about the programs available for the summer months. Prizes will be awarded.

5th annual Zombie Walk, 4 p.m. Weather permitting we will walk to Campbell Park and return at 4:45 p.m. then play games at the open lot outside of the library. At 5:30 p.m. a movie, "ParaNorman," rated PG, will be shown in the meeting room and will end at 7 p.m. This is an all ages event. Families are encouraged to attend.

Monday, May 22-Country Meadows Book Club and Writers Group, 10 a.m. Parenting Diabetic Kids,

6:30 p.m. Support group for parents and caregivers of children with diabetes. Held in the annex.

Tuesday, May 23-Coffee at the library, 10:30 a.m. with Candlelight Home Healthcare.

Teen Bean Boozled Challenge, 4 p.m. Play Bean Boozled with jelly beans. Spin and take your chances. Is it lime flavored or lawn clippings?

Yoga Class, 6 p.m. Six week session of yoga led by instructor Lou Ann Carpenter, \$30 non-refundable fee, yoga mat required.

Wednesday, May 24-Coloring, coffee and conversation, 2-3 p.m. at the teen area tables.

## Grundy County real estate taxes due in June

Grundy County tax bills will be mailed May 5th, 2017 with the first installment of real estate taxes due Thursday June 8, 2017.

Payments may be mailed directly to the Grundy County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 689. Allow approximately 5 days prior to the due date to ensure the payment is received by the due date.

For your convenience payments may be

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# Vietnam vets, families to be honored on Memorial Day

In 2008 the Congress of the United States authorized the Department of Defense to conduct a commemorative program marking the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. It would also serve to thank and honor veterans of that conflict — including personnel who were held as prisoners of war (POW), or listed as missing in action (MIA)—for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States, and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.

The Department of Defense

has established for the purpose of the commemoration that the term "Vietnam Veteran" shall include all veterans who served between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 no matter where they were stationed. By Presidential Proclamation issued on May 25, 2012, the Commemoration extends from Memorial Day 2012 until Veteran's Day 2025. St. Juvin Post 1336 Veterans of Foreign Wars became a Commemorative Partner in the program in 2015 and has been distributing materials including vet-

eran lapel pins, decals, and brochures. The Post will continue this program during and after the local community's Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 29, at 11 a.m., at the Coal City Intermediate School, 305 E. Division St., Coal City. This Memorial Day observance will feature recognition by Post 1336, acting on behalf of the Department of Defense, to Carolyn Russell, who will receive the "In Memory of" certificate and commemorative pin awarded to parents and siblings of a veteran

whose name appears on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Russell is the sister and only surviving immediate family member of LCPL Cecil L. Russell, USMC, of Coal City, who was killed in action Feb. 7, 1968 near Thua-Thien Vietnam. LCPL Russell was the community's only killed in action during the Vietnam War. Any living United States Vietnam veteran who served on active duty, regardless of location, is eligible to receive a lapel pin. Other Vietnam veterans mem-

orabilia available are "I served" and "50th Commemoration" decals, and "Proud Vietnam Veteran Family Member" and "Join the Nation in Thanking Vietnam Veterans" pins. St. Juvin Post invites the community to attend the Memorial Day observance to help them recognize the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans and for the Vietnam veterans to receive a token of the honor they justly deserve.

# Coaler Band granted new instruments

BY ANN GILL  
EDITOR

A grant has been awarded to Coal City High School's music department. The funds are earmarked for instruments and equipment to support the school's concert band. Last fall, high school band director Cameron Kotovsky submitted a grant application to The Mockingbird Foundation, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that supports music education for kids. Word came last month that of the 955 applications

submitted, his request was one of 12 selected for funding. The music program was awarded \$5,000. "As an educator over the course of the school year I'm looking for opportunities to not only help my students in the classroom, but also financially through opportunities we can give them in the instruments they play and opportunities to perform in front of people," Kotovsky said. The Mockingbird Foundation was established in 1996 by fans of the band Phish. The foundation has distributed over \$1.1 million to support music edu-

cation through 326 grants to programs in all 50 states. Submissions for this year's round of grants came with a request of \$2.5 million. The 12 programs selected received a portion of \$81,000. In addition to Coal City, two other Illinois school's received funding — Barbara A. Sizemore Academy in Chicago received \$5,000 and Dongola School District 66 was awarded \$10,000. Assistance was also awarded to schools, centers and non-profits located in Pennsylvania, California, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan and Missouri.

# CCHS in running for musical theater award

Coal City High School's production of "The Little Mermaid," is in the running for an Illinois High School Musical Theater Award presented by Broadway in Chicago.

In a video announcement presented by Anthony Murphy and Isabelle McCalla, who star as Genie and Jasmine, respectively, in the national touring company of Disney's "Aladdin—The Musical," the nominees for this year's awards included 24 high school students in the running for the title of best actor and actress in a high school musical.

Coal City's musical theater department is one of five to be nominated in the category of Best Scenic Design. The award is sponsored by Grosh Backdrops & Drapery.

This is the fourth year the award will be presented as part of the annual awards program that honors excellence in high school musical theater. Coal City won the award in 2014 and 2016.

"To be listed amongst the schools selected is a true honor and testament to the hard work of our students, crew and creative team," said Jack Micetich, the school's musical theater director.

The other scenic design nominees include Cary-Grove High School for its production of "Evita," Hinsdale South High School's production of "Into the Woods," Lake Forest High School's presentation of "Urinetown," and "Into the Heights," presented by Libertyville High School.

The awards will be presented Monday, June 5, during a ceremony at the Broadway Playhouse located in Chicago's Water Tower Place.

# Not a single day missed



COAL CITY High School's assistant principal Jennifer Kenney (center) recognized seniors (from left) Leah Campos and Hannah Schwier for not missing a single day of their senior year. Certificates for the Perfect Attendance Award were presented May 10.

Photo by Ann Gill

*Now it's been years  
Since you've gone away,  
We want you to know  
We miss you everyday.*

*Through good times, bad and  
heartache, a smile was always there,  
You'd forget about your troubles;  
your love you'd gladly share.*

*Your wish was to wash  
The Lord's feet with your tears,  
And dry them with your tresses  
That grew for all those years.*

*Now you're with the Father  
In heaven up above,  
We gave up your presence,  
Now He can share your love.*

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# Land Use Department to host shred event in Morris

The Land Use Department's Environmental Resource and Conservation Office (ERCO) will be hosting an after tax season shredding event for residents on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will take place in the front parking lot of the Grundy County Administration Building located at 1320 Union Street in Morris.

Please limit your shredding materials to two standard paper ream boxes in order for more people to be able to participate.

As this event will save you the time of shredding sensitive documents, the cost of a shredder, and recycle the most recoverable

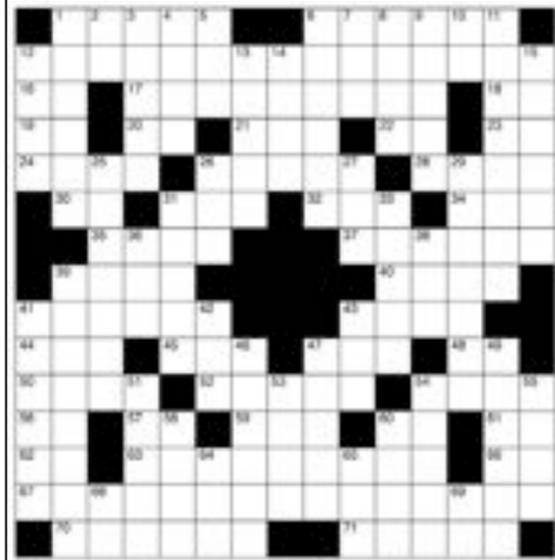
material, it is a complete win for you and environment.

The process that takes place at our Shredding Event the day of the event is the following:

- Paper is dumped into a shredding device that is part of a box truck
- Documents are shredded on site
- Shredded paper is weighed and then recycled
- Grundy County residents give back to the Earth resources

We appreciate your efforts in recycling and look forward to seeing you at this event.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact our office at (815) 941-3228.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Member of Jamaican religion
- 6. Explodes
- 12. "Water White" produced this
- 16. Promo
- 17. In a harmful way
- 18. Aluminium
- 19. Cerium
- 20. Female title
- 21. Singer DiFranco
- 22. Beloved alien
- 23. Free agent
- 24. Tax
- 26. Change
- 28. Heaviness
- 30. Third note of the solfège
- 31. Printing speed measurement
- 32. Posch
- 34. Brew
- 35. Female of a horse
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Type of hemline
- 40. "Traffic" actor German
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Inhabitant of Media
- 44. Fisher's statistic
- 45. Beloved dish \_\_\_ and cheese
- 47. An association of criminals
- 48. Samaritan
- 50. Describes an action
- 52. Almost evict
- 54. Holy fire
- 56. Audio frequency
- 57. Stephen King novel
- 59. Rocky peak
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Gallium
- 62. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 63. One-dimensionality
- 66. Soldier
- 67. Act of foreshadowing future events
- 70. Envoys
- 71. Establish by law

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Regain possession of
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Con games
- 4. Checks
- 5. Atomic mass unit
- 6. Large groups
- 7. Utah athlete
- 8. Abnormal sound
- 9. Scandal vocalist Patty
- 10. Atlanta rapper
- 11. Takes without permission
- 12. Apple computers
- 13. Hymn
- 14. Clue
- 15. Makes happy
- 25. Close to
- 26. Mimic
- 27. Cool!
- 29. Simplest
- 31. Preface
- 33. Represents the Tribe of Judah
- 36. Boxing great
- 38. Birth control means
- 39. English cathedral city
- 41. Refurbish
- 42. Test for high schoolers
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 46. Most adurable
- 47. Large Pakistani tribe
- 49. Enemy to grass
- 51. Along the outer surface of a hull
- 53. Travels on water
- 54. Innermost Greek temple sanctuaries
- 55. Fire and
- 58. Singer Turner
- 60. "\_\_\_ the Man" Musical
- 64. \_\_\_ de plane
- 65. Frozen water
- 68. An alternative
- 69. Intensive care

# Welding students excel at state



A GAVC welding team competed at state on Friday, April 28 and took the first three places. Team member Connor Jerz (right) won state first place gold, a Minooka student took second place and Peter Maland (left) took third place. GAVC welding teacher is Jim Cebulski. Jerz also won a bag full of welding tools at state. The GAVC welding team has won state the last several years in a row. Jerz and Maland both started local 597 Pipefitters apprenticeship program Monday, May 1.

Courtesy photo

# School and sports physicals available at health department

It is spring and time to think about getting ready for the next school year! Many of your children will need health examinations and immunizations. Physicals are required for students entering kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades, and also for those wishing to participate in school sports. Certain immunizations are also required for kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade.

All children that live in Grundy County are invited to a sports and health examination clinic performed by physicians from Morris Hospital at the Health Department. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 and Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 9am-3pm. Cost is \$15 per exam and \$20 donation per vaccine. No one will be turned away for inability to pay the vaccine donation; however, exam must be paid.

The Grundy County Health Department will be offering immunizations at these clinics to those that meet the Vaccine for Children (VFC) guidelines: Medicaid Eligible (Title 19), no insurance, insurance that does not cover vaccinations or only covers certain vaccines and Alaskan Native/ American Indian.

All children that live in Grundy County are invited to attend these clinics with an appointment. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Grundy County Health Department at 815-941-3404

**Congratulations**

**Tyler Nathaniel Rock**

on all of your accomplishments and on your Graduation from Wilmington High School WHS Class of 2017.

**May 13, 2017**

We are so very proud of you!  
Good luck in whatever you do in the future!

All our love,  
Mom, Dad, Lance, Katie, Trevur, Grandpa & Grandma Konc and the rest of your family.

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

# STEPS and TRAILS classes clean up new park



Courtesy photo

STEPS CLASS from Coal City Middle School and TRAILS class from Coal City Elementary School went to Hope Helps all inclusive park Friday, May 5 to help clean up the beautiful new park. The students picked up sticks, pulled weeds and swept the grounds. Both classes enjoyed learning about community service and playing at the playground. Afterwards, they were rewarded with pizza and cupcakes. Pictured in the back row are Niko Nash, Lucas Perry, Wyatt Keeley, Zach Lawson, Aidan VanDuyne, Desiree Velasco, Scotty Griffith Jr., Hannah Moore, Zach Shrove and Adam Hicks. Jordan Segermark, Lexi Diagger and Michelle Hall are on the slide.

# Intermediate School students honored



Courtesy photo

ON FRIDAY, MAY 5 Coal City Intermediate School fifth grade students Creide Skubic (left) and Makayla DeMarse (right) attended the Illinois Principals Association's Student Recognition Breakfast at the Rialto Square Theater in Joliet with their parents and Principal Tracy Carlson (center). The students were nominated based on their character, effort and attitude. In addition to breakfast, the students were presented with a certificate of excellence and heard an inspirational message from Steve Troglio, a national motivational speaker. Skubic is the son of Craig and Carrie Skubic and DeMarse is the daughter of Andrew and Ronica DeMarse.

# Unit 1 Students of the Week



Courtesy photos

HONORED STUDENTS of the Week at Coal City Intermediate School for the week of May 14 are (from left) Leo Kurtz, Payton Sajner, Liam O'Mara, Serenity Gray and Deric Lang sitting in row one. Kneeling in row two are Max Hatley, Jon Rutkowski, Cyris Hull, Bradley Burla, Delaney Peacock and Kyle Foster. Completing the group standing in row three are Ariana Fergelec, Jerry Carlson, Tanner Wallace, Kaeden Weiler, Ella Sorensen and Raegan Sandeno.

# Coalers recognized by principals association



COAL CITY HIGH School seniors Kyle Cowherd and Julie Mahfeldt were recognized May 4 at the Illinois Principal Association Recognition Ceremony held at the Rialto Square Theater in Joliet. The students were selected for the recognition by assistant principal Jennifer Kenney (center) based upon leadership, scholastic achievement, work ethic and dedication to CCHS. Cowherd (left) is the son of Tom and Betsy Cowherd and Mahfeldt (right) is the daughter of Keith and Janet Mahfeldt.



AZLYN OLESON was nominated by Jim Looper to be Students of the Week at Coal City Middle School for the week of May 15.

# 2nd Annual Tee Time for Veterans golf outing

Tee Time for Veterans 2nd Annual golf outing will be held on Saturday, May 20. The Coal City Post 796 Sons of the American Legion and Babe's Tap will be hosting the event.

The golf outing will be held at High Point Golf Course, 309 High Point Dr., Essex. Four person scramble, 18 holes with shotgun start. Team with the lowest score wins. Check in is at 9 a.m. with tee off at 10 a.m.

The event will have a 50/50 split the pot and raffles. Hole sponsorship is available.

Fee is \$70 per person, \$65 for veterans and \$10 for food only. Fees include golf, cart, food, three beverage tickets and prizes.

Proceeds will be used to help support area veterans, families and children.

For more information or for tickets call Tom Hovel at 815-272-1238

# Coffee at the library

Coal City Public Library District will be hosting Coffee at the library May 23, 10:30 a.m. in the library meeting room. Refreshments will served.

Candlelight Home Healthcare, LLC's mission is to provide the highest level of care services to individuals within the comfort of their own home. A representative will discuss what benefits one might qualify for from Medicare and insurance and answer related questions.

# Coal City Soccer weekly report

Coal City Soccer stats for U6 division on May 13 are Ferrari Accounting vs. 3rd Degree Design Apparel, 3-3. Scoring for Ferrari Accounting was Olivia Ferrari with 3 goals. Assists were made by Teigan Trofimchuck and Zackary Babcock. Playing well were Logan Sontag and Avery Hollis.

Ferrari Accounting vs. State Farm, 4-4. Scoring for Ferrari Accounting were Olivia Ferrari with 3 goals and Carter Giordano adding 1. Assists were made by Teigan Trofimchuck and Zackary Babcock. Playing well were Logan Sontag and Avery Hollis.

J&R Service vs. D Construction, 7-9. Scoring for J&R Service were Ellyana Nicholson with 3 goals, Chase Clubb with 2 and Maddox Meents with 3. Assists were made by Kinsley Novak. Playing well for was Jake Benson.

Berkots vs. Coal Bin Storage, 6-6 Scoring for Berkots were Aubrie Kavanaugh 1, Cyrus Simonds 2 and Dylan Gregory 3. An assist was made by Dylan Gregory. Playing well were Aubrie Kavanaugh and Cyrus

Simonds.

Scoring for Coal Bin were Tori Harrington and Cameron Espersen with 3 goals each. Assists were made by Addison Skaggs. Playing well were Luke Sharum and Jacob Sheedy.

In U8 action Geo's Pizza vs. Cardinal Transport, 3-2. Scoring for Geo's Pizza was Dominic Chellino with 3 goals. Assists were made by Ella Endrst and Mason Brown. Caiden Giordano had 2 saves. Playing well for Brady Endrst and Paisley Ziech.

TNT Excavating vs. Reed Custer Girls, 5-1. Scoring for TNT Excavating were Louie Arteaga with 3 goals and Ethan Tidball with 2. Cora Armstrong and Cody Kozlowski saved goals for the team. Playing well for TNT Excavatin was Kaelynn Forsythe.

TNT Excavating vs. Reed-Custer Boys, 6-0. Scoring for TNT Excavating were Brent Hanna and Ethan Tidball with 2 goals apiece and Louie Arteaga with 3. Kaelynn Forsythe had 2 saves. Playing well was Cora Armstrong.

Country Financial vs. Dynamic Fitness, 6-4. Scoring for Country

Financial were Shane Spoto 2, Tyler Galass 1 and Jake Munsterman 3. Assists were made by Shane Spoto. Claire Mohler, Abi Rose and Hunter Lanphier saved goals for the team. Playing well was Landon Johnson.

For the U10 division Doc's Pharmacy vs. Reed Custer, 3-2. Scoring for Doc's Pharmacy were Aiden Kenney 2 and Josey Figueroa 1. Luke Munsterman had an assist. Martin Ramirez saved 11 goals for the team. Playing well were Jake Peters, Mekhi Riley and Colton Lemmons.

Rachetti's vs. Manhattan, 1-9. Scoring for Rachetti's was Colton Siron 1. Assists were made by Trace Wilson. Carson Hart and Caleb Reinhart saved goals for the team. Playing well were Adrian Dames, Mayson Wantroba and Max Valdez.

In U12 play Faith Baptist vs. Joliet, 2-3. Scoring for Faith Baptist were Shpetim Shabani and Caleb Figueroa. Ethan Randolph and Jared Counterman saved goals for the team. Playing well were Will Endrst and Gavin Togliatti.

In U14 action Cardinal Transport vs. Streator, 2-5

Scoring for Cardinal Transport were Johnathon Riley and Bobby Milne. Caleb Kuhel and DeKotah Rueger saved goals for the team. Playing well were Gabe Ludes and Addey Connor.

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# Coaler tennis gets ready to compete in JCA Sectional

The Coal City varsity tennis team wound up splitting their last two regular season matches this past week, as they prepare to head to Sectional on Saturday.

The Coalers will compete in the Joliet Catholic Academy Sectional, joining a group of seven teams looking to qualify for state.

Other teams in the Sectional include: JCA, Kankakee, Lemont, Morris, New Lenox and Tinley Park.

As far as the two matches last week, Coal City wound up getting shutout by Romeoville, 6-0, but wound up defeating Kankakee, 5-0, giving them some momentum with the win against a Sectional opponent.

Against Kankakee, No. 1 singles Xander Smith started things off with a two-set win over his opponent, 6-2, 6-3.

Spencer Smeets followed suit, defeating Jose Batana in two sets as well, 6-2, 7-5.

The Coaler doubles teams dominated the competition, as they each won in two sets, with most of the games being shutouts.

No. 1 doubles Joey Fatigante and Logan Schoen got things started with a dominating win, 6-0, 6-0.

Logan Barrus and Christian Overton kept the momentum going, as they defeated Antoinio Walsh and Kyle DeYoung in two sets, 6-2, 6-0.

Rounding out the action were No. 3 doubles Nick Kosek and DJ Livingston, winning with scores of 6-1, 6-0.

The Coalers will be looking to ride that performance into their tough Sectional, with the hopes of advancing more tennis players this year to state.

# Coaler wrestlers compete in freestyle tournament



Courtesy photo

COAL CITY WRESTLERS competed in the Illinois Freestyle State Tournament on May 5-6 at the Armory on the campus of University of Illinois in Champaign. Twenty-three wrestlers from the Gentry Freestyle club competed, including wrestlers from Coal City, Reed-Custer, Wilmington, Herscher, Manteno, Bradley Bourbonnais and Bishop McNamara. Matt Gentry is a two-time Olympic wrestler, and an NCAA Champion from Stanford University. He holds an offseason club in Kankakee. Pictured are (from left) Brandon Strnad, Alex Friddle, coach Mike Kimberlin, Ryan Wasielewski, coach Matt Gentry, coach Jake Kimberlin and Cole Garcia.

# CCHS bass fishing team season ends

The Coal City High School bass fishing team had their season come to an end on May 8 at the sectional tournament held on Heidecke Lake. The Coalers were represented by two teams in the sectional which was fished by 19 boats from 11 schools.

The team of Brett Blecha and Austin Planeta finished in fourth place and became the state finals alternate team. The team of Riley Prodehl and Austin Berglund also had a good tournament finishing in 5th place, just one ounce off the other Coal City Team.

The Coaler fishing team starts the season at the beginning of the school year. As the year goes on, the students fish tournaments and have various competitions to decide the top four anglers. These four get the opportunity to represent Coal City High School in the sectional tournament.

This season had nearly 20 students sign up for the



Photo by Fred Ruetz

CCHS BASS Fishing Club members and boat captains participating in the sectional tournament at Heidecke Lake are Hunter Killion (left) and Zennon Shain kneeling in front. Standing in row two (from left) are Rich McLuckie, Tim Hanley, Jim Martis, Riley Prodehl, Chad Planeta, Austin Berglund, Brett Blecha and Austin Planeta.

fishing program. Of those 20, about 12 stuck with it all season and competed all the way to the end. The team has been a great way to get students involved in school

activities while teaching them the ins and outs of competitive bass fishing. The program has seen an increase in participation and more is expected in the

future. The fishing team relies on money from their fundraising booth at the Octoberfest event in Coal City to fund the program and allow the students a chance to take advantage of this sport. This year's team was mostly underclassmen who are all expected to return next year.

With the increased interest in the sport comes the need for more help. The fishing program relies on boat captains to volunteer their boats and time to take these students out on the water.

If anyone is interested in helping in any way with the program they can contact Chad Planeta at 815-705-8418 for more information.

# Athletic physicals at CCHS

Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers will provide athletic physicals on Thursday, June 8, at Coal City High School for athletes

going into sixth through eighth grades as well as 10th through 12th grades.

Physicals for those with names beginning with the letter A to K will be 8-10 a.m. and L to Z will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Entry is through the front doors. Cost is \$15 cash or check made out to Coal City Unit District #1.

All athletes must have a physical form signed by parents in order to get a physical.

Attorney Fisher files McClean estate notice

## PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of James E. McClean, Deceased. Case No. 17 P 33

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of James E. McClean of Braceville, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 19, 2017 to Valerie Carter as Independent Executor.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Grundy County Court House, 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, Illinois 60450, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before November 17, 2017 or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 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.

Dated: April 19, 2017  
Valerie Carter, Independent Executor

Jeffrey L. Fisher, Attorney at Law, 06184265, 207 S. Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. 815-476-7635  
Published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, May 17, 24 and 31, 2017.

## Felix Township to hold road district budget hearing

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes for the township of Felix in the county of Grundy, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018 will be on file and available to public inspection at Felix Township Office, 6525 E. Whitette Rd. Coal City, IL on Thursday, May 11, 2017 or Call Patti Christensen Clerk or Richard Onsen-Supervisor for an appointment at 815-634-7288.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Felix Township Office and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2017  
Richard Onsen-Supervisor  
Patricia L. Christensen-Clerk  
Published in the Coal City Courant on May 17, 2017.

## Felix Township to hold town budget hearing

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:00 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Felix Township Office and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2017  
Richard Onsen-Supervisor  
Patricia L. Christensen-clerk  
Published in the Coal City Courant on May 17, 2017.

## Grain dealer license surrendered

## LEGAL NOTICE

State of Illinois Department of Agriculture

Notice is hereby given that the grain dealer license of Lansing Trade Group, LLC, 100 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 1225, Chicago, IL 60606 has been voluntarily surrendered. This company has given formal notice to the Illinois Department of Agriculture of their election to voluntarily cease purchasing grain from producers. Under the requirements of this voluntary election, grain cannot be received, picked up, or contracted for purchase after April 5, 2017.

If you have any questions, please notify the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Warehouses, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9281 on or before July 4, 2017.  
Raymond Poe, Director  
Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Published in the Braidwood Journal on May 17, 24 and 31, 2017.

## S.E. Gutters & Siding files as new business

## LEGAL NOTICE

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 11, A.D. 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Grundy County, Illinois, setting forth names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as S.E. Gutters & Siding, located at 8620 E. Teal Lane, Wilmington, IL 60481.

Dated this 11th day of May, A.D. 2017.  
Kay T Olson, Grundy County Clerk  
Published in the Coal City Courant on May 17, 24 and 31, 2017.

## Gypsy Soul files as new business

## LEGAL NOTICE

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 9, A.D. 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Grundy County, Illinois, setting forth names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Gypsy Soul, located at 216 Liberty St., Morris, IL 60450.

Dated this 9th day of May, A.D. 2017.  
Kay T. Olson, Grundy County Clerk  
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## Attorney Mancuso files notice of Ness name change petition

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS 17 MR 53

In the Matter of the Petition of )  
CARTER MICHAEL NESS, )  
A Minor by Parent or Guardian )

REBECCA L. MCNELIS, )  
For Change of Name, )  
Petitioners, )

vs. )  
TYLER S. NESS, )  
And all unknown fathers, )  
Respondent )

### NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

In the matter of the Petition for Change of Name of CARTER MICHAEL NESS, a male child. TYLER S. NESS, take notice that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Grundy County, Illinois for the change of name of a child named CARTER MICHAEL NESS.

Now, therefore, unless you TYLER S. NESS, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the act or otherwise file our Appearance, therein, in the said Circuit Court of Grundy County, 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, IL 60450, on or before the 28th day of June, 2017, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

Cori Trotter, Clerk of the Court  
Michael H. Massino  
SABUCO, BECK, HANSEN,  
MASSINO & POLLACK, P.C.  
405 Liberty Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
815-942-6210  
mike@sabucobeck.com  
ARDC No. 6189969

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## CAD Professionals Company files as new business

## LEGAL NOTICE

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5th A.D. 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Grundy County, Illinois, setting forth names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as CAD Professionals Company, located at 1802 N. Division St., Ste. 109, Morris, IL 60450.

Dated this 5th day of May, A.D. 2017.  
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## Rodriguez estate claim notice

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, IN PROBATE No. 17 P 35

In the Matter of the Estate of Emanuel F. Rodriguez, Deceased

### CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of Emanuel F. Rodriguez. Letters of office were issued to Timothy A. Rodriguez, whose address is 5175 South Filman Road, Gardner, IL 60424, as Independent Representative whose attorney is HYNDS, YOHNKA, BZDILL & McInerney, LLC, 105 W. Main St., Morris, IL 60450.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Room 30, Grundy County Courthouse, 111 E. Washington St., Morris, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 3rd day of November, 2017 or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 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 by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
Hyns, Yohnka, Bzdill & McInerney, LLC  
105 W. Main Street  
P.O. Box 685  
Morris, IL 60450  
815-942-0049  
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## Sheriff's sale of 27000 W. Cypress Rd.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST III Plaintiff, -v- EDWIN CARDONA, DAWN M. CARDONA, AMBERLEIGH ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, EDWIN CARDONA AND DAWN M. CARDONA Defendant 12 CH 191

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 23, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on June 2, 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:

LOT 131 IN SOUTHERN CROSSINGS UNIT 1, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 15, 2003 AS DOCUMENT #425565 AND FILED IN PLAT CABINET H, SLIDE 43, IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 27000 W. CYPRESS ROAD, Channahon, IL 60410  
Property Index No. 03-24-181-002.  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$317,335.65.

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 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: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 12-2336.

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.  
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Chicago, IL 60606  
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E-Mail: iipleadings@johnsonblumberg.com  
Attorney File No. 12-2336  
Case Number: 12 CH 191  
TJSC#: 37-3906

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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## Sheriff's sale of 1865 Naomi Dr.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR QUEEN'S PARK OVAL ASSET HOLDING TRUST Plaintiff, -v- GARY D. BUDACH, JR, MELISSA A. BUDACH, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 12 CH 185

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 24, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on June 15, 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:

LOT 31, IN BRADLEY'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 1, 1954, IN PLAT BOOK D AT PAGE 8; AS DOCUMENT NO. 161672, IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1865 NAOMI DRIVE, Morris, IL 60450  
Property Index No. 05-17-302-007.  
The real estate is improved with a single unit dwelling.  
The judgment amount was \$165,369.33.

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 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.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: WEISS MCLELLAND LLC, 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850, Chicago, IL 60603,  
(312) 605-3500 Please refer to file number 12-0931.  
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# COALER SPORTS

## Lady Coalers clinch I-8 North Division, regional up next

The Coal City varsity softball team suffered a loss Monday during a high scoring affair with Beecher.

The Lady Coalers (13-14 overall) took too long to get started while Beecher built a

nine-run lead through four innings.

Leah Campos finally got Coal City on the board in the fourth, hitting a two-run homer, plating herself and Blaire Harseim to cut into

the lead, 9-2.

Coal City continued to rally late, recording one run in the fifth and two more in the sixth, but Beecher answered back with five runs in the top of the seventh to put the game out of reach.

The Lady Coalers ended with one run in the bottom of the final frame, but it would prove to be not enough as they lost 14-6.

Cali Caruso, Elaina Bach, Blaire Harseim and Kenzi Christensen each picked up RBI singles in the game.

Alivia Phelps suffered the loss in the circle, as she lasted just 1.1 innings, letting up seven runs (four earned) off four hits and walked three.

Youskevitch threw the remaining 5.2 innings, letting up seven runs (six earned) off 13 hits, walked four and struck out two.

### Coal City 5, Wilmington 1

The Lady Coalers clinched the top spot in the Interstate Eight Conference North Division on Friday, with a conference win over Wilmington.

"With the year and how it started, going 0-6 in the beginning of the season, to come out with first place in conference is huge," said head coach Stephanie Harmon. "We set the goal every year, and when we get it, it is an accomplishment for them."

The win put Coal City (12-4 conference) in first over Seneca, who holds a record of 11-5.

The Lady Coalers never faltered in their conference clinching game on Friday, as they held a lead through all seven innings.

They got things started in the first, scoring two runs. Caruso would record the go-ahead run, stealing home on a passed ball. That was followed up by Sam Olsen hitting a ground ball and reaching on an error, scoring Madison Emerson.

Wilmington recorded one run in the bottom of the frame, but that would be the only scoring the hosting Lady Cats would produce.



LESLIE YOUSKEVTCH picked up a win on Friday over Wilmington, as she pitched all seven innings. She let up just one earned run off seven hits, walked one and struck out five.



CALI CARUSO throws the ball in after making a catch in the outfield on Friday. The defense held Wilmington to only one run in the first inning, as they silenced the offense moving forward.

The Lady Coalers continued to add to their lead in the fifth and seventh innings, securing the win.

Abbey Spesia got the team on the board again in the fifth with an RBI single, plating Emerson.

In the seventh, Coal City took advantage of some defensive errors, as Wilmington came up with an overthrow. The Lady Coalers scored two thanks to heads up running from Emerson and Campos.

"We are playing well as a team right now," Harmon added. "Defensively, we are playing well behind our pitcher. We are struggling at getting key hits, getting runners across the plate. That is something we have to work on."

Youskevitch hurled all seven innings in the circle to pick up the win. She let up just one earned run off seven hits, walked one and struck out five.

### Morris 3,

### Coal City 0

The Lady Coalers just couldn't get their offense rolling on Wednesday, as they suffered a shutout loss to Morris.

Coal City managed four hits in the game, but couldn't push any runners across, as they left seven stranded down the stretch.

Harseim, Emerson, Campos and Spesia registered the hits in the game, with Campos and Spesia both having doubles.

Morris rallied in the fourth to pick up a two-run lead, and added one more in the sixth to secure the win.

Youskevitch wound up with the loss in the circle, as she worked through all six innings, letting up three unearned runs off three hits. The Lady Coaler defense had four errors in the game.

Youskevitch also struck out two and walked two.

### Coal City 7, Plano 2

The Lady Coalers

earned a conference win over Plano last Tuesday, as they were able to take a commanding lead early.

Coal City jumped on the board in the second thanks to an RBI double from Olsen to drive in Spesia for the go-ahead run.

The Lady Coalers then rallied in the following inning, tacking on six runs in the third to jump to a 7-0 lead.

The team took advantage of two walks with bases loaded and RBI singles from Spesia, Olsen and Cali Caruso.

Olsen, Emerson and Hannah Schwier led the offense with two hits each, while Caruso, Abbie Cullick and Spesia each added one hit.

Phelps secured the win on the rubber as she worked all seven innings, letting up just two runs (one earned) in the seventh inning. She let up six hits, walked three and struck out seven.

## Coal City baseball, softball look ahead to Regional

Coal City's varsity baseball and softball teams enter Regional play next week, where they will face some stiff competition with the ultimate goal of making it to state.

The Lady Coalers enter as the seventh seed in the Morris Regional, as they host Plano (10) on Monday in the first game. The game starts at 4:30 p.m.

The winner will advance to the semifinals, where they will compete against second seed Providence Catholic.

The team that makes the Regional final will face the winner of Morris (3) vs. Kankakee (6).

In baseball, the

Coalers will kick things off in the semifinals as the fourth seed team, playing against Ottawa (5). Coal City hosts the baseball Regional, with their game starting on Thursday, May 25 at 4:30 p.m.

On the other side of the bracket, Manteno (2) will await the outcome of Morris (6) vs. LaSalle-Peru.

The Regional championship could prove to be a tough one, as Coal City will most likely run into Manteno, who finished second in the conference.

## CCMS track teams sending 12 athletes to state

On Saturday, May 11, the Coal City Middle School track team participated in their sectional track meet.

The team had 12 athletes qualify for the state meet, which will be held in East Peoria.

The 12 State qualifiers included the seventh grade girls 4x100 relay team (Baylee Barnhill, Carly Ford, Trinidy Barrus, Jocie Widlowski and Mauve Quigley) with time of 54.99.

The seventh grade girls 4x400 team (Regan Ullrich, Audrey Cooper, Barrus, Maci Baldauf and Lindsay Norris) also qualified with a time of 4:37.24.

Audrey Cooper, a sixth grader, also qualified for seventh grade 400 with a time of 1:05.07.

Boys track team qualifiers included seventh grader Abrahm Wills in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.78, and Griffin Johnson, eighth grader, in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.67.

Asa Cooper qualified in three events - the 100m dash with a time of 11.88, the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.17 and the long jump with a jump of 19-feet, 2.75 inches.



COAL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL had 12 track athletes qualify for state this past week, as they get ready to head to East Peoria for the state meet. Members of the program that qualified include: (Front, from left) Regan Ullrich, Griffin Johnson, Abrahm Wills, Asa Cooper and Jocie Widlowski. (Back) Lynzie Norris, Audrey Cooper, Baylee Barnhill, Carly Ford, Maeve Quigley, Maci Baldauf and Trinidy Barrus.

## Coaler wrestling camp

The 2017 Coal City wrestling camp will be held June 5-9, in the Coal City High School wrestling room.

Incoming sixth through twelfth graders from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Incoming first through fifth graders will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

All wrestlers should enter through door 18 on the south side of the school by the football field.

The camp will feature clinician Mike Mena, Illinois' first four-time undefeated state champion and a four-time All-American for the University of Iowa where he wrestled for the legendary Dan Gable in his final season as the head coach with the Hawkeyes.

Mena was a co-captain of the 1997 National Champion Hawkeye team that set the tournament scoring record.

The in-district fee is \$35. The out-of-district camper fee is \$40. The second child will be \$20, and the third child \$15. Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

### Coal City Wrestling Camp Registration form

Complete the following form and mail to Coach Masters at Coal City Middle School, 500 S. Carbon Hill Rd., Coal City, IL 60416 with a check made payable to Coal City High School.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (fall 2017): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size (circle one): YM YL S M L XL

## Lady Coalers fall in Regional opener

The Coal City varsity girls soccer team saw their season come to an end on Tuesday, as they battled Joliet Catholic Academy in the opening round of Regional action.

"Despite being down in score most of the match, we played at a very competitive level throughout," said head coach Michael Kostbade.

The Lady Coalers faced a 2-0 deficit by half-time, and midway through the second half saw the score tilt 4-0 in JCA's favor.

Coal City wound up getting on the board in the second half off a heads-up play from senior forward Ashley Matusiak.

Unfortunately, the team was unable to add to their tally as they fell 5-1.

Miranda Ramirez was kept very busy in net, earning 20 saves on the night, including a terrific penalty kick stop.

Ramirez finished the season with a total of 149 saves, averaging 9.61 per game.

The Lady Coalers (4-10-1 overall, 2-7 conference) were led on the season offensively by Bridget Kauzlaric who earned five goals and four assists.

Leah Hiles finishes the year with five goals and one assist, followed by Helen Osen (four goals, one assist), Maggie Cochran (three goals, two assists), Lauren Phillips (four goals, two assists), Hannah Flint (one goal, two assists), Matusiak (three goals, two assists), Cassie Combes (one goal), Katelyn Cullom (two goals) and Syndi Bortles (two assists).

Coal City's other goalkeeper, Breanna Ray earned 19 saves on the season, averaging 7.60 per game.



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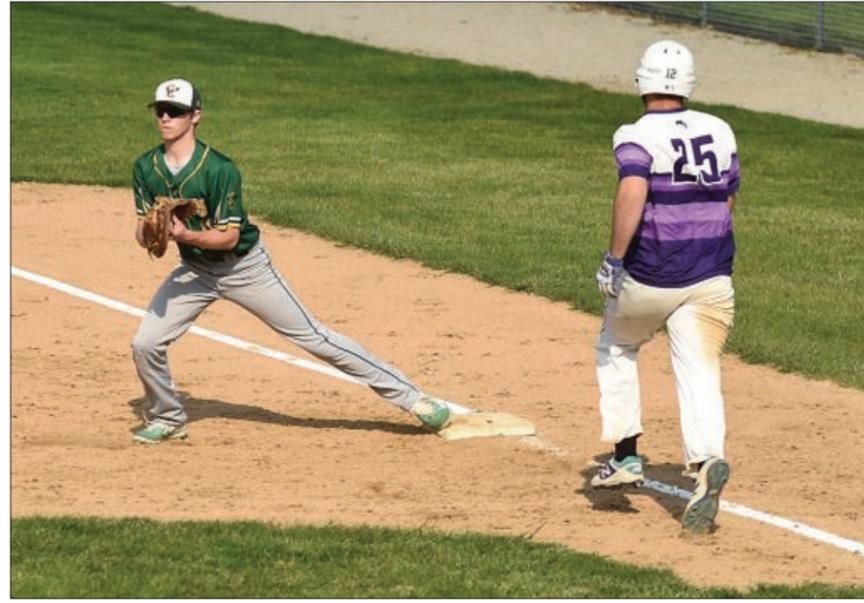
# COALER SPORTS

## Coalers avenge the Wildcats, win I-8 North Division

Coal City's varsity baseball team savored the sweet taste of revenge Monday, defeating Wilmington in a non-conference game, 11-6. The Coalers took the initial lead with two runs in the first inning, scoring off a two-run single from Zack Nolan, plating Payton

Hutchings and Kaleb Spreitzer. Wilmington answered in the third by taking a 3-2 lead, but that didn't last as Coal City erupted for nine runs over the next two innings. Jake Brnca came up with an RBI triple to start the

third inning, followed by RBI singles from Hutchings and Blake Harseim, along with a sacrifice fly from Zack Nolan plating Harseim. Spreitzer also recorded another run after stealing home. Spreitzer, Harseim and Hutchings kept the offense rolling in the fourth, as they each had RBI singles, with Harseim's driving in two.



**YOU'RE OUT** – Payton Hutchings catches a throw at first to get the baserunner out during the early goings of Coal City's game against Wilmington on Friday. The Coalers wound up losing through eight innings, 7-4.

Overall, the Coalers scattered 13 hits in the five-run win, as they improved their record to 27-6 overall. "This was one of our best hitting days," said head coach Jerry McDowell. "We made good contact up and down the line-up. I like the way we are playing, and we have made big strides during the season."

Brnca picked up the win on the mound, as he put in five innings of work, surrendering six runs (three earned) off seven hits. He walked three and struck out five.

Justin Dabulskis hurled the final two innings, walking one and striking out two.

### Coal City 7, Rochester 5

The Coalers won both ends of a double header Saturday, defeating Rochester in the second game of the day.

Coal City scored all seven runs in the first two innings and held on to win.

"We played very well today against two quality opponents," said McDowell. "We scored early and held off the rally. Lots of guys contributed today."

Brnca and Harseim both finished with two hits on the day, recording one run each, while Danny Phillips and Brendan Nevin both added one hit for one run.

Carter Copes also had one hit on the day.

On the mound, Hutchings extended his record to 7-2, as he picked up the win through 5.2 innings.

He surrendered just three earned runs off six hits, walked one and struck out 14.

Harseim pitched the final 1.1 innings for the save, surrendering two earned runs off three hits, and striking out two.

### Coal City 6, Pleasant Plains 5

The Coalers started Saturday by edging Pleasant Plains, a win against a notable program.

"Pleasant Plains is a strong program every year, and their record is 27-5," said McDowell. "We played a different type of team you don't see a lot of. They are very fast and run a lot on the bases. We did a nice job of containing them, and came up with some key hits early in the game."

Coal City built a 6-0 lead before Pleasant Plains recorded their first run in the third inning.

The Coalers were able to hang on for the win, despite Pleasant Plains recording five runs down the stretch.

Austin Friddle led the offense on the day with two hits, including a tripe, driving in two RBIs and scoring two runs.

Harseim went 3-for-3 with two runs scored, while Brnca added two hits and one run.

Beau Wills secured the win on the mound, pitching 4.1 innings. He surrendered four runs (three earned) off six hits, walked two and struck out one.

Dabulskis hurled .2 innings, letting up one earned run off two hits with one strikeout.

Harseim secured the save, pitching the final inning with one hit and one strikeout.

### Wilmington 7, Coal City 4

The Coalers saw their 15-game win streak come to an end on Friday when they traveled to Wilmington.

"We have been playing so well lately, and we made one error that was kind of critical there in the seventh," coach McDowell noted. "I told the kids, now we can start new here, work on some things, and get it going again."

While Coal City wound up with the loss on the day, they still were able to clinch the conference title, winning the North Division with a conference record of 14-2. The closest team in the North as Plano (9-7).

It was a back and forth battle through the eight-inning affair as Coal City took the initial lead in the top of the fourth with a sacrifice fly from Keegan Gagliardo, driving in Blake Harseim for the go-ahead run.

The lead was held for one inning, but Wilmington recorded two runs in the fifth, moving ahead of the Coalers, 2-1.

Zack Nolan tied the game up for Coal City in the sixth inning, hitting a ground ball and reaching on an error, scoring Harseim.

Errors continued to plague Wilmington in the top of the seventh, as they let up two more runs to Coal City.

The Coalers capitalized with Kaleb Spreitzer advancing two bases on errors, followed by an RBI grounder from Brnca.

Friddle chipped in with an RBI grounder to center field, scoring Hutchings, as Coal City moved ahead, 4-2.

With the bottom half of the seventh left, Wilmington was able to record two runs on a two-out double, tying the game and forcing an eighth inning.

Coal City was held off the scoreboard in the eighth inning, and that was followed up with Wilmington's Josh Jones hitting a walk-off three-run homer to secure



**KEEGAN GAGLIARDO** works the mound during Coal City's first game against Wilmington on Friday. He worked through seven innings of the eight-inning loss, letting up four runs (three earned) off six hits. He struck out six.

the win. "Our approach at the plate wasn't the best, we lunged out at the curve ball," said McDowell. "It wasn't that we played bad though, I just think Wilmington was clutch all day. They played a good game, and their two pitchers had us off stride all day."

Gagliardo had the start on the mound, and lasted seven inning, surrendering four runs (three earned) off six hits, walked three and struck out six.

"Keegan has been good all year, that was the most runs he has let up all year," McDowell added. "He has been really good and composed."

Dabulskis hurled the final inning, surrendering three earned runs off three hits, walked one, and struck out two. He suffered his first loss on the mound, moving

### Coal City 5, Plano 2

Harseim played a pivotal role in Coal City's conference win over Plano on Tuesday.

He pitched the team to the win, as he put in six innings of work, letting up just two runs (one earned) off six hits. He walked one and struck out six, earning his fifth win of the season.

However, he also came up big at the plate, earning a home run in the fifth inning, and sparking the offense in the fourth with a double, finishing with two runs scored and one RBI.

"Blake Harseim had a monster game on both sides, and we got three key hits with two strikes in the key fourth inning," said head coach Jerry McDowell.

Heading into the fourth inning, Coal City faced a 2-0 deficit, but wound up adding four runs to the board in the frame.

Elrod picked up a two-run single to give the team the lead, while Brnca and Sean Micetich both added hits for one RBI each.

"Another great job of executing when we needed to," McDowell added. "We have rallied several times from behind during our winning streak."

Gagliardo earned the save on the mound, pitching the final inning, as he let up no hits or runs.



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**UNABLE TO HIDE** his smile is Coal City's Danny Phillips. He takes a big lead off first base during the first inning of Friday's game.

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Gochujang-Glazed Chicken

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Garlic seasoned rice vinegar delivers a boost of flavor to this Asian-inspired chicken, creating a sensational main dish. Add crisp fresh veggies tossed with organic rice vinegar and garlic as a side then finish the meal with a sweet take on a juicy fruit crisp.

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### Gochujang-Glazed Chicken

Servings: 4  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 45 minutes

- 4 tablespoons Nakano Seasoned Rice Vinegar – Roasted Garlic
- 2 teaspoons gochujang (chile bean paste)
- 6 tablespoons maple syrup
- 4 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons, plus 2 teaspoons, olive oil
- 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 8 chicken thighs
- 4 cups fresh cauliflower, riced (use grater or food processor so cauliflower resembles rice)
- 1 1/2 cups fresh scallions, sliced
- 2 cups fresh sugar snap peas
- 3 sprigs fresh cilantro, for garnish

Heat oven or grill to 375 F.

In large bowl, mix together vinegar, gochujang, maple syrup, soy sauce, olive oil, mustard, salt and pepper to form marinade. Dip chicken in marinade and toss lightly until coated.

Lightly oil foil pouch and layer base of pouch with cauliflower. Add scallions and sugar snap peas then place chicken on top. Carefully pour remaining marinade over pouch contents (ensuring that liquid stays inside foil).

Seal foil packet and bake or grill 30 minutes. Open foil to create 2-inch long vent then bake or grill another 15 minutes, or until completely cooked. Garnish with cilantro before serving.

**Chef's tip:** For best results and added flavor, marinate chicken 30 minutes before preparing pouches.

**Substitutions:** In place of gochujang, red pepper flake paste can be made by mixing 1 tablespoon red pepper flakes with a few dashes soy sauce and 1 dash sugar. Alternatively, substitute 2 teaspoons sriracha for gochujang.



Bartlett Pear and Oat Crisp

### Bartlett Pear and Oat Crisp

Servings: 4  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes

- 4 cups fresh pears, medium diced
- 4 tablespoons Nakano Seasoned Rice Vinegar – Mango
- 3/4 cup quick oats
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup, plus 2 teaspoons, all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons butter, diced into 1/4-inch squares

Heat oven to 375 F.

Toss pears in rice vinegar and set into lightly greased foil pouch.

Combine remaining ingredients in bowl and use two forks to combine ingredients until mixture becomes crumbly.

Pour mixture evenly over pears, seal pouch and bake 20 minutes.

Open top of foil and bake another 10 minutes, or until crisp and golden.

**Chef's tips:** For crispier crust, refrigerate crumbly mixture 30 minutes before baking. Serve with scoop of vanilla bean ice cream.

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6. Make 1/2-inch folds on each short end, folding toward food but leaving at least 1 1/2-2 inches between the seam and food.
7. Handle pouch with care to avoid piercing or tearing, and always use tongs to remove pouches from heat.

### Mediterranean Vegetables

Servings: 4  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes

- 3 tablespoons Nakano Organic Rice Vinegar – Seasoned
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus extra, to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper, plus extra, to taste
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1 1/2 teaspoons, fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh garlic, minced
- 1 cup fresh zucchini, sliced into 1 3/4-inch long, 1/4-inch thick planks
- 1 cup fresh green pepper strips
- 1 cup fresh red pepper strips
- 8 fresh stalks asparagus, slicing off 1/4 inch from bottom of stalk
- 1 fresh portobello mushroom, sliced into 1/2-inch squares
- 1 cup fresh eggplant, diced into 1/2-inch squares

Heat oven or grill to 375 F.

In large bowl, mix together rice vinegar, olive oil, salt, pepper, parsley and garlic to create marinade.

Clean vegetables then place them in marinade in small batches. Toss to coat then place in foil pouch. Pour remaining marinade over vegetables and seal pouch.

Bake in oven or over indirect heat on grill 25 minutes. Add salt and pepper, to taste, after removing pouch from heat.

**Chef's tip:** Open pouch after 20 minutes of cooking and allow vegetables to crisp slightly under direct heat for remaining 5 minutes.



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# IDOT's mowing approach to protect monarch butterflies

To help revive the shrinking populations of the monarch butterfly and other pollinators, the Illinois Department of Transportation is adjusting its mowing routine along state highways this spring and summer.

The approach, part of IDOT's overall effort to encourage green and sustainable practices in all its programs and projects, will help to re-establish types of plants that are food sources for bees, butterflies and other insects that are native to Illinois.

"As one of the largest land owners in the state, IDOT appreciates its tremendous responsibility to act as stewards of the environment," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blakenhorn.

"This simple change in our maintenance obligations will have little impact on the traveling public, but will give a big assist to Mother Nature at no cost to the state."

Although their numbers are on the decline, pollinators play a vital role in agriculture and the state's ecosystem by fertilizing and aiding in reproduction of flowers, fruits, vegetables and seeds.

The official state insect of Illinois since 1975, the monarch butterfly is at risk of being declared endangered, with a population that's declined by 80 percent the last 10 years.

Starting this month, IDOT will only mow 15 feet of right of way beyond the edge of the roadway. Exceptions will be made in certain areas to preserve sightlines for motorists and to prevent the spread of invasive plant species.

Prior to this initiative, mowing widths varied by location. By reducing the amount of land being mowed, IDOT hopes to encourage the growth of critical plant species, such as milkweed, the only food source for monarch caterpillars.

In the coming months, IDOT will be monitoring road-sides to determine if the approach is working.

In recent months, IDOT has taken other measures to restore native habitat along state highways, including a prairie restoration on U.S. 45 near Champaign.

# Community calendar of events

To submit your event here, visit [www.freepressnewspapers.com](http://www.freepressnewspapers.com)

## Wednesday, May 17

- 10:30 a.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Wednesday
- 6 to 7:40 p.m., Awana Club, Main Street Baptist Church, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood, each Wednesday
- 7 p.m., Learn to Quilt, Wilmington Lions Hall, 708 E. River St., each Wednesday

## Thursday, May 18

- 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
- 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 St., third Thursday of each month

## Friday, May 19

- 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. Rose mother/son event, St. Rose School, 626 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington

## Saturday, May 20

- 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers, Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Dr., Wilmington, each Saturday
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dollars for Dogs and a bake sale hosted by the Wilmington Garden Club at Whitmore Ace Hardware, Winchester Green shopping center
- Noon to 3 p.m., Braidwood Area Historical Society museum open, 111 N. Center St., each Saturday
- Noon to 4 p.m., Senior Citizens and Veterans Expo, Old Smokey City Park Lions pavilion, 263 W. Second St., Braidwood
- 5 to 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus spaghetti supper, St. Rose School, 626 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington
- 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Saturday

## Sunday, May 21

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Junk in the Trunk flea market, 100 Commercial Dr., Morris, third Sunday of each month through October
- Noon to 3 p.m., Braidwood Historical Society museum open, 111 N. Center St., each Sunday, May through September
- 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Sunday

## Monday, May 22

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

## Tuesday, May 23

- 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 to 7 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Immaculate Conception Church Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School St., Braidwood, each Tuesday
- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Tuesday
- 7 p.m., Braidwood City Council meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main St., second and fourth Tuesday of each month

## Wednesday, May 24

- 7:30 a.m., TOPS IL 1024, Island City Baptist Church, 120 Vine St., Wilmington, weigh-in followed by meeting each Wednesday
- 6 p.m., Wilmington Area Historical Society membership meeting, 114 N. Main St., fourth Wednesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Coal City Village Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, second and fourth Wednesday of each month

## Saturday, May 27

- 11 a.m., Memorial Day parade, from Wilmington Middle School, 715 S. Joliet St., to Veteran's Memorial Park at Vine and Williams street

## Sunday, May 28

- 7 a.m. to noon, Essex Lions Club breakfast, Essex Lions Hall, 217 Parls St.
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Essex Museum open, 218 Parls St.

## Wednesday, May 31

- 6 p.m., Coal City School Board study session, Coal City Middle School, last Wednesday of each month

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WITH THE RIVALS Lookout Park's disc golf course recently receiving some updates, the club will be holding their first tournament this summer. The course has received new cement tee boxes, and the update is an added bonus on top of what the volunteers have been doing to develop the park, as they have also cut back brush and added new signs for each hole. Volunteers that had a hand in making the new cement tees included: (from left) Frank Cacic, Jim Spinale, Don Utke, Tony Dabulskis, Charles Hairald, Kathleen Kennedy, Phil Keller and Rich Welchko. Not pictured: Marsha Keller, Doug Albright, Nichole Brice and John Norton.

# How is your aim?

## Disc golf club to hold local tournament

The Southland Rivals Disc Golf Club has big plans heading into the summer season with the 2017 Southland Open.

After constructing new concrete tee boxes at the Wesley Township park, the club will be hosting their first ever tournament on June 10 and will include two different disc golf courses.

The tournament will start on that Saturday at Rivals Lookout Disc Golf Course, with sign in being held from 8-9 a.m.

A player meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m., and the rounds immediately fol-

low. The tournament will have five divisions including: Open, advanced/intermediate, recreational/novice, women and juniors.

Two rounds being held at the Rivals Park and then after an one-hour break, the final two rounds will be played at the Old Smokey course in Braidwood.

Winners will receive an 80 percent payout for all divisions. There will also be food and drink available.

Entry for the tourna-

ment will be \$25 for each division, and there will also be a \$5 optional charge for CTP/Ace.

The first 50 competitors who register will also receive a tournament stamped disc.

To pre-register, participants can go online to [paypal.me/SRDGC2017](http://paypal.me/SRDGC2017). They can also go to the Southland Rivals Disc Golf Club Facebook page for more details.

For questions, people can email the club at [southlandrivalsdgc@yahoo.com](mailto:southlandrivalsdgc@yahoo.com).

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# Turkey hunters harvest more birds during 2017 season

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary statewide total of 15,719 wild turkeys during the 2017 Spring Turkey Season, including the youth season.

The 2017 total compares with the statewide turkey harvest of 15,484 in 2016.

The statewide preliminary total includes the record Youth Turkey Season harvest of 1,541 birds, compared with youth season harvest of 1,045 turkeys in 2016.

Spring turkey hunting

was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2017 seasons were April 3 to May 4 in the South Zone and April 10 through May 11 in the North Zone.

The Youth Spring Turkey Season was March 25 through 26 and April 1 to 2.

This was the first year the youth turkey season was open for two weekends statewide, rather than one weekend for the South Zone and one for the North Zone.

Turkey hunters this spring took a preliminary

total of 6,842 wild turkeys during all season segments in the South Zone, compared with 6,694 last year in the south. The North Zone preliminary harvest total this year was 8,877 wild turkeys, compared with 8,790 in the north in 2016.

"Weather always plays a big role in harvest numbers and 2017 was no different," said Luke Garver, Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wild Turkey Project Manager.

"For the first two-thirds of the season, harvest trends

were well above average. The significant rain events we experienced across much of the state slowed harvest considerably. Despite a rainy end to the spring season, this year marked the third consecutive season of an increased harvest total. Additionally, we were encouraged to see the youth season being the success it was."

The top counties for spring wild turkey harvest in the South Zone in 2017 were Jefferson (412), Jackson (359), Union (359), Randolph (349), and Pope (348). The top five North Zone counties for spring turkey harvest this year were Jo Daviess (610), Pike (404), Adams (395), Fulton (378) and Hancock (325).

The preliminary 2017

spring turkey harvest for Will County was 73 compared to 51 in 2016; and the Grundy

County 2017 spring turkey harvest result was 56, the same as 2016.

## Catfish Days Craft Show and Flea Market

A craft show and flea market is planned for Saturday, July 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the downtown antique district during the Catfish Days festivities.

Set-up can begin as early as 6:30 a.m. There will be a variety of activities taking place all day in the park and the downtown area, drawing a steady stream of people. Catfish Days traditionally includes such activities as fireworks, food vendors, bike and pet parade, clowns, and various other live acts. This is an excellent way for you to show and sell your wares. No electricity will be available.

The cost is \$30 for 10-foot x10-foot spaces post-marked on or before July 8, and \$40 after July 8. Spaces paid for the day of the event will be \$50. There will no longer be two feet of space between vendors. All interested parties, including Wilmington non-profit organizations, must pay for a space.

Complete the contract below. Detach and return it with a check made payable to Women of Wilmington. Mail to: Women of Wilmington - Catfish Days, c/o Colleen Holem, 22742 W. Kankakee River Drive, Wilmington, IL 60481. Questions can be directed to Holem at 815-476-2580. Post dated checks will not reserve a space. Confirmations will be emailed beginning in May.

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## Where does Illinois rank in drug use, addiction

The number of people who admit to ever using an illicit drug actually rose from 1979 (31.3 percent) to 2015 (48.8 percent), according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Annual overdose deaths have more than tripled from 2000 (17,415) to 2015 (52,404).

And over 11 times more people were in prisons and jails for drug offenses in 2015 (469,545) than in 1980 (40,900), according to The Sentencing Project.

Where drug abuse most pronounced and which areas are most at risk in the current political climate?

In order to determine which states have the biggest drug problems, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia in three overall categories: drug use and addiction, law enforcement, and drug health issues and rehab.

The District of Columbia ranked as having the biggest problem with the highest ranking.

Illinois came in 29th, and Idaho ranked as having the least problem with drug use/addiction.

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## Impact of technology

**BRAIDWOOD**—Read Mark Zuckerberg and other digital zealots have long promised that bringing humanity together in a giant communications network would create a more harmonious world. But rather than peace, love and understanding, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and others have splintered the United States and western world into angry factions and filled public discourse with vitriol and insult-making people prone to lashing out at those who over share. We're learning technology is an amplifier for human worst traits as well as our best. What it doesn't do is make us better people.

## Same here

**WILMINGTON**—This is in regards to the person from Coal City who called in about sophomores being called up to play varsity baseball and ignoring the juniors and seniors who are already there. Well, you don't have to feel alone. The same thing is going on over here in Wilmington. We have a couple of sophomores they wanted to call up and it really hasn't helped the team that much. There have been more errors made than probably I have ever seen in Wilmington baseball. And at the same time, the seniors are being ignored leaving probably the best pitcher on the team not pitching because they are using the sophomores instead. So don't feel bad. I guess the coaches at both schools just don't give a darn about the juniors and seniors on their teams, they are just concerned about who they want to pick.

## Wish differently

**ELWOOD**—In response to the mother who called into Sound-off to say she doesn't appreciate receiving a text from her daughter on Mother's Day. Just be thankful you have a daughter still alive who communicates with you. I lost my daughter way too early thanks to a reckless driver who never got charged. Her life was taken away and we're left to mourn. I'm reminded of her every Mother's Day when I wish I could at least get a text from her.

## Slow it down

**WILMINGTON**—I have a request for the people who drive down Kankakee River Drive, aka Old River Road. Please slow down when you are driving down this road. There are small children who live out here or come to visit their grandparents. They don't always look before crossing the road. There are young adults and adults who jog, run or ride their bikes down this road. They may not hear you coming. There are people who love to walk their dogs on this road as exercise for both the owners and the dogs. Your speeding on this road doesn't always give us time to get ourselves and our beloved pets out of your way. There are curves you can't see around due to the trees

and areas where it is almost impossible to get completely off the road. The sad part about all this speeding is that it isn't just people who decide to cut through to New River Road - it is also our neighbors and often teenage children of our neighbors. The weather is getting warmer and more pedestrians are using it. We have the right to be able to use this road safely. Please be considerate of the people who live along this road. My next step will be to contact the police to help take care of this problem.

## Jobs more important

**WILMINGTON**—I was reading the Free Press Advocate yesterday and I was just astounded when I read the mayor's new projects. Wanting to put birds chirping music downtown and sound of water at the Kankakee River rippling, broadcast that through downtown and the community? Give me a break, this town needs jobs. We don't need the revitalization of an antique district. We need a revitalization of jobs for middle class Americans. People in this town have to leave this town for meaningful employment. And since we have to leave this town for employment we shop out of town. But if we worked in this town we might spend more time and money in it. We need to concentrate on getting more jobs into Wilmington rather than birds chirping and river bubbling sounds.

## Border lock down

**ROCKVILLE TOWNSHIP**—Who do you think is paying for all the illegal immigrants coming into this country? You and me and other taxpayers, not Mexico for sure. If you plan to retire, look for a decrease in your retirement since we have to so we can accommodate these illegals. Sixty nations have secured borders. Why can't we protect what we have worked for? Our ancestors came to this country to work and assimilate and build it to what it is today not sit on public aid and not want to work and have a bunch of kids. I have no problem with immigrants, but they need to get their citizenship first and not simply come over and have kids and become a citizen that way. Australia lets no one in their country unless they can prove they have skills or an education that will be beneficial to their country. Also you need to respect the president of this country whether you like him or not. I didn't like Obama and many people didn't vote for him but people didn't riot like you see all these liberals because they couldn't have their traitor Hurricane Hillary in office. And they are still investigating her criminal shenanigans.

## Donate that horn

**WILMINGTON**—I was fortunate enough to attend the St. Rose School talent show on May 9, 2017. I enjoyed the talents of the students very much, but was amazed at the fact that the music department is in need of instruments, especially a nice piano. It would be great if they could receive a few nice donations of musical items that you no longer have a need for.

## Hurtful holiday

**ROCKVILLE TOWNSHIP**—Mother's Day and Father's Day need to be abolished. We live in a day and age now where many children don't have good decent parents in their lives to celebrate. It's very hurtful and detrimental to children when they see others making crafts or buying presents when maybe they can't do the same. And it's not a necessary holiday so why have it if it's hurtful to others. And so those who do have good parents can be blessed enough to make every day Mother's Day or Father's Day.

## No idea

**WILMINGTON**—In answer to the remarks in the May 3 paper regarding good park leadership. This reader must have no idea what the park district controls. That is only the fitness center, which you have to pay for every service. They have nothing to do with the parks, mowing, maintaining the fields or



equipment and hauling the garbage out. Oh, they mow at the schools for a price and they raised our property taxes.

## Looking good

**COAL CITY**—Kudos to whoever is in charge of the maintenance of Braceville-Gardner Cemetery. I was there over the weekend and couldn't get over how nice the grounds look. Somehow every stone is now cleared of weeds and grass and it looks great. Obviously that took a lot of time and hard work to complete and I, for one, truly appreciate it.

## Wasting money

**BRACEVILLE**—The taxpayers' money waste continues in Braceville. The financial commissioner recently opted to hire a contractor to fix a water main break instead of allowing the Braceville maintenance personnel to fix the break, which they have done on several occasions over the past several years. The contractor cost the village \$8,100, while the maintenance personnel could have fixed the break for a few hundred dollars and would have had the water system back up and running before noon. This was wasting taxpayer money. They wasted over \$7,000 on a simple water main break when we have the resources and the personnel working for the village who could have fixed it.

## None of their business

**WILMINGTON**—Pro-abortion politicians say "the government should not be involved in a personal decision like abortion." But the government got "too involved" in abortion when it claimed to have authority to authorize it. Some say it is none of the government's business to prohibit abortion. Actually, it is none of the government's business to permit abortion.

## Nothing done in Braceville

**BRACEVILLE**—The current commissioners, excluding one, have been in office now for two years and I can't help but wonder what exactly they have accomplished? There have not been infrastructure improvements, and the maintenance department isn't allowed to do hardly anything anymore other than mow grass. During the 4th of July holiday, we can't have the American flag flying on the telephone poles lining Mitchell Street anymore because they say we can't afford it. Is the just one person in charge? I thought Braceville was a democracy. No more Braceville Days and no more fireworks because once again the finance commissioner says we can't afford it. We could before. What happened? The relationship between the board and the employees is at an all-time low. Taxpayers have been threatened by certain board members for no particular reason other than expressing their 1st Amendment rights. There are still junk cars sitting in people's yards that should be removed. No improvements have been made to the drainage issues. The list goes on. None of this was taking place with the previous administration. It is time for the current commissioner to put aside politics and the witch hunts they seem to be on all

the time and start fulfilling some of the promises they made two years ago to the people of Braceville. Or perhaps it is time for them to step down and be replaced with people who are more concerned about moving Braceville forward instead of backward.

## Addiction

**BRAIDWOOD**—Read opioid makers and suppliers have spent \$880 million in the past decade lobbying state and federal legislators to block new regulations on their addictive pain killers and make the drugs more easily available. That's eight times as much as gun makers spent on lobbying during that time. Now we have millions of drug addicts to deal with as a society problem.

## Time to leave

**WILMINGTON**—Every time we get our property tax bill I tell my wife it's time to leave Illinois. Can't justify spending this kind of money compared to our place in Missouri. High water rates here, high sewer rates here, even garbage pickup costs more. You have a school district that built a new school even though the student population declined, a forest preserve district that keeps taking up good property off the tax lists, a park district that doesn't do a darn thing for our parks, a library district we never go to and a fire district that's needing more money. Everybody has their claws into us and it looks like the Democrats in Springfield are pushing for a tax increase. You can't retire here anymore because it's too expensive. We're being driven out by taxing districts that are run by the same board members who live down the street. They don't do enough questioning of where and why there is so much spending going on by administrators and directors. Any board member who doesn't question spending isn't doing their job and is not serving the public. Instead they run so they can be friends with all the directors. Time to leave Illinois behind.

## Long overdue

**BRAIDWOOD**—Read about President Trump's tax plan. A steep cut to the United States corporate tax rate which currently is the highest in the world will open the floodgates to foreign investment. His proposal to double the standard deduction and simplify the personal tax code into three income brackets - 10, 25 and 35 percent - will provide tax relief for millions of lower and middle income families. Reforming our antiquated tax code is long overdue.

## It's all about control

**BRAIDWOOD**—Read child marriage is still very common in Mexico even though the practice was outlawed in 2014. More than 10 percent of Mexican girls are married before age 15, mostly to men at least a decade older. Tens of thousands more are cohabiting with older men intending to marry legally once they turn 18, according to Mexican authorities. These girls are more likely to experience domestic violence, early pregnancy and drop out of school. It's all about control. The younger the girl, the more you can control her, We really need to build that wall on our southern border

## A possible solution

**WILMINGTON**—The way to take all the illegals and make them legal is to enter them all into the armed forces for two years. Let all the National Guards come back from other foreign countries and let them guard the immigration borders. After two years their families will stay here and they will be supported by their pay and then become legal. It will only take two years of their time and it would show that they want to fight for this country and be Americans. That would take care of them and their families.

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# FAMILY

## Bergmans celebrate 50th anniversary



Gene and Heraldine Bergman

Gene and Heraldine Bergman of Queen City, MO, formerly of Wilmington, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 12, 2017.

The Bergmans were married on May 12, 1967 in Fox Street Baptist Church, Joliet, IL.

Gene is retired from Caterpillar Inc. and Heraldine is retired from Aldis.

They have two children, Connie (Stanley) Brown of Queen City, MO and Mike (Sherry) Bergman of Wilmington, IL; five grandchildren, Amanda, Stanley Jr., Ashley, Megan and Zach; and two great-grandchildren, Alex and Matt.

Shower them with well wishes by sending a card to P.O. Box 411, Queen City, MO 63561.

## Braidwood TOPS become Super Heroes

On May 2, Sandy Hundley and Joan Benson were declared best losers for April and received the fruits and vegetables for the month.

This week best weekly loser was Paula Smith. She is our newest member. No charms have been awarded for the past three weeks. Verna Clark won the April menu gift. Lori Jackson has the wallet challenge. Kathy Voight won the cry can cash.

The fall rally scheduled for Oct. 21, theme is Super Heroes. The thirteen weeks of summer competitions began with May 2 weigh in. The chapter is beginning a contest with the identical theme.

Journaling is always encouraged. Composition books were given to members. Each one was to decorate their covers as they choose.

The area Spring Workshop has been canceled. The May TOPS walk is Sat., May 27 at the River Oaks Mall. The chapter will hold an open house on June 20.

TOPS IL 2264 Braidwood chapter meets weekly on Tuesday evenings in the Baptist Church auxiliary building, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood. The meeting begins at 5:45 p.m. and a half hour weigh-in precedes this. The chapter welcomes all visitors who are interested in Taking Off Pounds Sensibly.

## Spangler to celebrate 90th birthday



21, 1927. Spangler has been married to Mary (Pat) for 64 years. They have four children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He is a United States Navy veteran and fought during World War II. Spangler has been actively farming his entire life.

His hobbies are boating, spending time in Florida and until recently riding his Harley. He has been to Disney World every year since it opened except for three years due to health reasons.

Richard will celebrate his birthday with family and friends at his home.

Richard J. Spangler

Richard J. Spangler, a lifelong resident of Wilmington, will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, May 21. He was born on May

## Breakfast in Essex

The Essex Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 28, from 7 a.m. to noon at 217 Parls Street, Essex.

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

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

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# FAITH

## Trinity Services to continue Lamb's Fold's mission

Trinity Services, Inc. of New Lenox recently announced that on July 1 it will continue the mission of Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children of Joliet, helping homeless or abused women and children work toward self-sufficiency.

Since 1985, Lamb's Fold has provided supportive housing and personalized recovery services to help countless women and children gain independence. Trinity Services has worked with Lamb's Fold since 2003, providing case management services to the organization's clients.

Gaps in funding because of Illinois legislators' inability to pass a full operating budget since July 2015 have left Lamb's Fold on uncertain financial footing.

"Trinity will ensure the future of our

mission, and we are excited for the possibilities for progress," said Lamb's Fold Executive Director Rhonda Sykes. "This will give more security to the women and children we served and make sure our mission continues."

Trinity Services, Inc. is a 67-year-old, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental illness flourish and live full and abundant lives.

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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.

## Spaghetti dinner at St. Rose School

The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti supper on Saturday, May 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Rose School gymnasium.

Dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, deserts and beverages.

The cost of the meal will be a free will offering.

The school is located at 626 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington.

## Memorial Day Mass at Mt. Olivet Cemetery

A Memorial Day Mass will be held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Braidwood on Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m., weather permitting.

Coffee and rolls will be served in Fr. White Hall following Mass.

If rain is threatening, Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, Braidwood.

Many gravesites are available for purchase. For more information call Kathy Dillon at 815-458-2566.

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• Bible study will be held at 1 p.m., on Monday, May 22.

• There will be a Session meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17.  
• Newsletter articles are due at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 26.

• Committee Night will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7.  
• 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](mailto:cathymilne@gmail.com).  
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• 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.

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815-448-5514  
Pastor Tyler Carrell  
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Sun.: 9 a.m., worship; 10:30 a.m., Sunday school  
Wed.: 6 p.m., Bible study

### 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

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

195 S. Kankakee St. •  
Coal City, IL  
815-634-4171  
Reverend Robert Noesen  
stmmaryassumptionparish.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.

### BRACEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

106 W. Gould Street • P.O. Box 46  
Braceville, IL  
Pastor Bennett A. Woods  
815-237-8512  
bumlighthouse@yahoo.com  
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.  
• Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are on Friday at 8 p.m.  
• A salad luncheon and silent auction will be held on Wednesday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be free. Love offerings will be accepted.  
• Vacation Bible School - Jungle Safari is set for Monday through Friday, June 19-23, from 9 a.m. to noon. The closing celebration will be at 6 p.m., Friday, June 23. The event will be free for all.  
• 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.

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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, Seders, folk dancing, bagel and lox brunches, book clubs, adult education classes and other special events.

### SOUTH WILMINGTON 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.

### RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS

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

### COAL CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6805 E. McArdle Rd.  
815-634-8670  
The Reverend Bradley D. Shumaker  
www.coalcityum.org  
Wed.: 9 a.m., women's Bible study; 10:30 a.m., Alcoholics Anonymous in the community building  
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Morris, IL  
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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  
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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  
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### NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

80 N. Garfield St.  
Coal City, IL  
815-634-8332  
newhopepresbyterian@gmail.com  
The Rev. Mark Hughey  
Sun.: 9 to 10:15 a.m., last day of Sunday school until fall; 10:30 a.m., worship service  
Mon.: 10:45 a.m., Meals on Wheels; 1 p.m., Bible study  
• Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
• Bible study will be held at 1 p.m., on Monday, May 22.

• There will be a Session meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17.  
• Newsletter articles are due at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 26.

• Committee Night will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7.  
• 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](mailto:cathymilne@gmail.com).  
• Sign-up for the food pantry and Meals on Wheels at least a week in advance on the tri-fold.

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# OBITUARIES

## Warren C. Brainard



COAL CITY—Warren C. Brainard, 87, of Coal City, IL, passed away Friday, May 12, 2017 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

Warren was born Dec. 31, 1929 in Postville, IA to Ralph and Vernie (Vickery) Brainard. He served in the United States Navy, earning the rank of EM3, aboard multiple submarines. He married Frances L. Neve on May 24, 1953 in Avoca, IA. They were married for 56 years until the time of her death in 2010. He retired after 26 years as an electrician with Commonwealth Edison. He ran his own company, Brainard Electric. Warren owned the Off Broadway Lanes Bowling Center in Coal City and later Diamond Liquors Bar and Banquet Hall. He was a handyman at Apache Wells R.V. Park in Mesa, AZ, where he spent his winters.

The man who didn't have time for golf became an avid golfer. He also bowled for many years.

Warren is survived by his three daughters: LaDonna Wharrie of Coal City, Patricia (Jennifer Dickey) Brainard of Colorado and Lorraine (Robert) Brainard of Coal City; son, Calvin (Mary) Brainard of Pontiac; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchild-



ren; sister, Janet (Ed) Thornley of Joliet; brother, Dean (Bev) Brainard of Braidwood; daughter-in-law, Shannon Brainard of Chapin, SC and Carol Brainard of Coal City. Also surviving is his special friend, Donna Skulborstad, of South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Fran; son, Ralph Brainard; grandson, Michael Brainard; two sisters, Eloise Bouchard and Sally Forcillo and two brothers, Kenneth and Gary Brainard.

Memorial contributions may be made in Warren's name to Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the Ferrari Funeral Chapel, corner of Spring Road and Ferrari Drive in Coal City with Pastor Caleb Counterman officiating. Cremation rites were accorded following the funeral service. Inurnment with Military Honors will be held privately at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.ferrarifuneral.com](http://www.ferrarifuneral.com).

Ferrari Funeral Services in Coal City was in charge of arrangements.

## Butch Porterfield



WILMINGTON—Butch Porterfield, 72, of Wilmington, and formerly of Coal City, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2017 at his home.

Born Nov. 20, 1944 in Joliet, Richard Lynn was a son of Martin Allen and Agnes (Neal) Porterfield. He was raised and educated in Wilmington, and went on to honorably serve in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era. On Oct. 8, 1971, Butch married Sandra M. Hill in Wilmington. He was retired from, Commonwealth Edison after more than 20 years of service, and belonged to the New Lenox American Legion, where he served as past commander.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Sandra; two sons, Dan (Stephanie) Porterfield of Coal City and Todd Porterfield of Frankfort; five grandchildren: Nicole (Mike) Gershon of Arlington Heights, Danielle Porterfield and Taylor Porterfield, both of Coal City; Josh Porterfield of Indiana and Sydney Porterfield of Monee; four great-grandchildren: Hayden, Ryder, Ellie and Parker; one sister, Leslie (Chuck) Jackson of

Wilmington, and one brother, Doug (Reba) Porterfield of Braidwood, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jeannie Miller.

Per Butch's wishes cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will receive friends for a memorial visitation on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington. Inurnment with full military honors will immediately follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Butch's memory to The American Heart Association.

Family and friends may sign the guest book, upload photographs or share Butch's memorial page on social media, by logging onto [www.BaskervilleFuneral.com](http://www.BaskervilleFuneral.com).

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

## Jean Pickett

JOLIET—Jean Pickett, 73, of Joliet, passed away Monday, May 15, 2017 at her home.

Born May 18, 1943 in Attica, IN, Dorothy Jean was a daughter of Charles and Lucille (nee Brimbury) Redman. She was raised and educated in Attica, and on June 21, 1959, she married Joe Pickett. Jean and Joe would relocate to Joliet for work, and it is where they would raise their family. She was employed for Holiday Inn in Joliet as a hostess, and she enjoyed her bowling league at the Stone City VFW Hall and her bingo scratch-off lottery tickets.

Survivors include her four children: Cindy (Dave) Parks of Bradenburg, KY; Donna Pickett of Jacksonville, FL; Chuck (Cori) Pickett of Joliet and Jeff (Kristi) Pickett of Channahon; 9 grandchildren: Gary, Matthew, Kelly, Karissa, Krystal, Nichole, April, Dylan and Dalton; numerous great-grandchildren, three sisters: Judy Wells, Patty Cole and Nancy Redman, all of



Indiana; two brothers-in-law, Harold (Sherry) Minnick of Indiana and Melvin (Sue) Pickett of Colorado, and several nieces and nephews.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Joe Pickett on January 7, 2013; her mother and father-in-law, one grandson, Casey Koelsing; one brother, Sonny (Mary) Redman; one sister, Carrie (Gayle) Webb and brothers-in-law, Malcom Wells and Bill Cole.

Per Jean's wishes, cremation rites are being accorded, and a private family memorial is being planned at a later date.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs, or share Jean's memorial page by logging onto [www.BaskervilleFuneral.com](http://www.BaskervilleFuneral.com).

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

# Discussion begins about raising Illinois' gas tax

BY GREG BISHOP  
ILLINOIS NEWS NETWORK

Despite there being no formal proposal to increase the state's motor fuel tax, discussions at the state-house are under way.

Joe Sweeney with the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting said Illinois' infrastructure is woefully inadequate because the state hasn't increased its 19 cent per gallon state gas tax since 1993. He proposed tying the gas tax to inflation.

"If the motor fuel tax had kept up with inflation in 2015, we would have been at 31 cents per gallon and the diesel tax would have been at 35 cents per gallon," Sweeney said.

But Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association and Association of Convenience

Stores Executive Vice President Bill Fleischli said increasing the state's gas tax isn't the solution.

"The last time the motor fuel tax was raised, volumes decreased by 7 percent. If you allow us to compete and not raise taxes," Fleischli told the committee, "gallage and revenue will increase."

Fleischli said increasing the gas tax puts the state at a competitive disadvantage with neighboring states. It's not just Illinois' gas tax that consumers are avoiding by crossing state lines, one border town convenience store owner says it's all the other things that costs more in Illinois driving consumers elsewhere.

Curt Adams, who owns convenient stores near the Illinois-Missouri border, opposes an increase to the state's gas tax. He said he's

witnessed Illinoisans walking out of stores in other states carrying cartons of cigarettes like logs because they're cheaper. But there are many things he says hurts Illinois competitiveness with neighboring Missouri.

"From labor costs, [Missouri] is at the federal minimum wage. Cigarette tax, sales tax, gasoline tax are completely disadvantaged," Adams said. "Property tax are completely disadvantaged."

Adams said not raising the motor fuel tax will allow border town convenience stores like his to compete a little better with lower-cost states.

## Visit a site that is mysterious

Voices from the Prairie will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, at the Forest Preserve District of Will County's Vermont Cemetery, located on Normantown Road, south of Wolfs Crossing Road.

Participants will get a rare glimpse of a mysterious site and learn about burial customs from the 1800s, the growth of the prairie and modern preservation efforts.

The free program is for ages 10 and older. Registration is required by Thursday, May 18. Call 815-886-1467.

## Helping your child reach a healthy weight

### Counseling Corner

The percentage of children who are overweight, or even obese, is still very high. And while most parents are anxious to try and help their children get to a healthier weight, it can be a difficult task to accomplish.

However, it's a goal worth striving for. Overweight children often have self-esteem issues, face teasing or bullying and are at increased risk for a variety of health issues.

One starting point in helping is to realize that reminding the child of his or her weight often makes the problem worse. An overweight child is well aware of the issue, and constant reminders of it, especially from a parent, can leave him or her feeling ugly, hopeless and unloved. Such negative emotions often lead to emotional eating as a means to temporarily minimize those feelings.

Often, what seems like help, such as simply reminding your child to eat healthier, can feel like nagging.

Other actions, like pushing a child to be more active in sports, or playing "food police" by controlling or restricting what can or can't be eaten, can also produce negative reactions.

So how can a parent really help? Start with a frank, non-judgmental discussion with your child about his or her feelings.

Let the child identify negative messages you may have been sending (usually unintentionally). Try to respond to any negative feelings the child may have with positive, sincere messages.

It's also important to set an example. If you're eating healthier yourself, it will be easier for your child to do the same. You may also want to encourage more exercise by again setting the example yourself. Encourage your child to be more active by

doing things together. Take after-dinner walks or bike rides together. Have a game of catch with a baseball or kick a soccer ball around the yard together. There are many easy ways to spend time with your child while also burning a few calories.

Most importantly, provide your child with healthy food choices. Kids often have different eating patterns than their parents.

That after-school snack can be important. If a bowl of fruit is available, you're giving your child a better choice than providing a box of cookies or a bag of chips.

Weight loss is never easy. Compliment your child on even small moves in the right direction. Most importantly, be sure to offer love and support, not criticism.

*Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Send comments and questions to [ACACorner@counseling.org](mailto:ACACorner@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).*

## Commentary

# The truth about your property tax bill

BY AUSTIN BERG

Illinoisans are struggling to pay the highest property taxes in the nation, and that's largely due to unfair overspending in local governments.

But you wouldn't know it by asking your local elected officials. Especially not now.

"Free money" that local governments get from the state could be on the chopping block, and that means bureaucrats within Illinois' nearly 7,000 taxing bodies would finally be held accountable for their spending choices.

Take Quincy, where Mayor Kyle Moore said that a property tax freeze and cuts to giveaways of state income tax dollars would necessitate cutting city services.

That's a common chorus among local leaders. It's a convenient excuse. And it's an insult to families fighting to make ends meet. After all, Illinois is home to the second-worst income growth in the nation and a sluggish jobs market to boot.

But you wouldn't know it by looking at local government payrolls.

Forty percent of Quincy's 330 full-time government employees cost taxpayers more than \$100,000 a year in salary, health care and pension costs, according to the city's total compensation report.

The city's police and fire salaries have grown at twice the rate of household incomes over the past five years. Those salaries are now an astonishing 60 percent higher than the median household income in Quincy.

But it's not just Quincy. Look in your backyard and you're bound to find unfair spending.

Maybe your property taxes pay for Algonquin Township Highway Commissioner Bob Miller, who makes \$117,000 a year to manage 55 miles of highway while employing three family members with salaries of more than \$90,000 each. Thankfully, frustrated voters took to the ballot box and narrowly elected Miller's primary opponent.

Maybe your property taxes pay for Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School District 233 Superintendent Von Mansfield, who took home nearly \$350,000 in total compensation in 2015 as the head of a school district that serves just one school. (Note: Over 80 percent of Illinois superintendents currently receive six-figure compensation packages.)

Maybe your property taxes pay for the inflated cost of public projects in Sangamon County, where the average annualized compensation package for workers who receive prevailing wages is over \$110,000.

For each lavish salary funded by property tax dollars, keep in mind an Illinois family that is seriously underwater on their mortgage. Nearly 1 in 5 Illinois homeowners find themselves in this hellish position, according to realty-trac.com. That's the second-highest share in the nation. Real property tax relief could mean the difference between keeping one's home and losing it.

Of course, a majority of

your property tax bill goes to your school district. Tax hike proponents say property taxes are so high because the state isn't paying its fair share toward schools. But a look at the full spending picture shows something's fishy.

In fact, when state and local spending are taken together, Illinois outranks all its neighbors and the entire Midwest in education spending per student. Taxpayers put in \$13,000 per student in 2014. That's 17 percent more than the next highest neighboring state, Wisconsin.

The real problem is that these dollars aren't reaching the classroom. Instead, they go to exploding pension costs. And they go to an excessive number of school districts, each with costly administrators.

It's not fair to kids. And it's not fair to parents.

The reality is that Illinois' local governments can save money by reining in local costs, which are being propped up by taxpayer money from Springfield.

Major reform is the only fair path forward. Taxpayers shouldn't be on the hook for such costly promises as they struggle to find opportunities of their own.

*Austin Berg is a writer for the Illinois Policy Institute. He wrote this column for the Illinois News Network, a project of the Institute. Austin can be reached at [aberg@illinois-policy.org](mailto:aberg@illinois-policy.org).*

## Plans to reintroduce Alligator Gar in Illinois waters

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Fisheries has published its Fish Species Management Plan for Alligator Gar in Illinois, which details IDNR's effort to reintroduce alligator gar to Illinois waters.

A fish native to Illinois, the alligator gar was determined to be extirpated, or extinct from Illinois waters. The last known catch of the fish, prior to the start of the reintroduction effort, was in the Cache River basin in southern Illinois in 1966.

"The plan details our efforts and activities as we attempt to reestablish and manage alligator gar populations in Illinois," said IDNR Fisheries Chief Dan Stephenson.

"They are a large, unique species that we would like to see thriving in Illinois waters again. There has been a lot of interest in our reintroduction efforts already, and we encourage anyone interested in sport fishing and this project to look at the plan."

The alligator gar is the largest of the gar species and second largest freshwater fish in North America, next to the white sturgeon.

The current all-tackle record alligator gar, caught in 1953 in Texas, weighed

302 pounds and measured seven foot, six inches in length.

Researchers determined that prior to extirpation, Illinois produced some individual gar measured at more than eight feet in length, with the heaviest weighing 176 pounds.

IDNR Fisheries personnel last fall stocked approximately 1,600 alligator gar as part of the reintroduction program at Powerton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Tazewell Co.), Sanganois State Fish and Wildlife Area

(Cass Co.), Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co.), and Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co.).

Tiny electronic tracking tags were attached to those fish for biologists to monitor their progress.

The success of the plan will be documented through annual progress and achievement reports for each management objective, and the plan will be updated as needed.

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# Pastor retiring after 41 years with church

BY PAM MONSON  
EDITOR

The dulcet tone of Rodney Chappell's voice floating from the pulpit of the Phelan Acres Bible Church is all that some members of the congregation have ever known to fill a Sunday meeting. After 41 years of leading his congregation, Chappell is retiring, and Sunday services will have a new voice.

The church is an independent Bible church. It's not a part of any larger organization, which is good and bad. Its members have nobody telling them what to do or believe, but on the other hand, they don't have the resources of a larger church to draw on. Pastor Chappell said if it was put in a category, Phelan Acres Bible Church would be Baptist. However, as an independent, it is a little different from Baptist churches in some policy, but the same in

most beliefs, such as baptism by immersion. It is governed by a board of deacons.

The church helps missions in several parts of the world, including the Pregnancy Resource Center of Coal City and Shepherds Home in Wisconsin. One of the congregation's favorite things is the vacation Bible school, which grows every year.

The congregation currently numbers about 40, but has been as big as 120.

"It's lots of big families, we really have a close-knit group. If something happens to one, it happens to everybody," Chappell said.

Back in the 1970s, Chappell was an assistant pastor in Macon, GA, and wanted a full-time ministry someplace that was more rural than urban. He contacted the organization he was ordained under, the Evangelical Church Alliance, and waited for reassignment.

Chappell was a good friend of Tom Horshler, who was the teen Sunday school teacher at Faith Bible Church in Joliet and was asked to come to Phelan Acres to start a Sunday school. The school started in a garage, but within a couple years there was enough of a following to build a church. The first meeting was held in the new building in May 1972.

Almost one year later, Horshler called Chappell and asked him to speak at the little mission church that served just a few adults and several children.

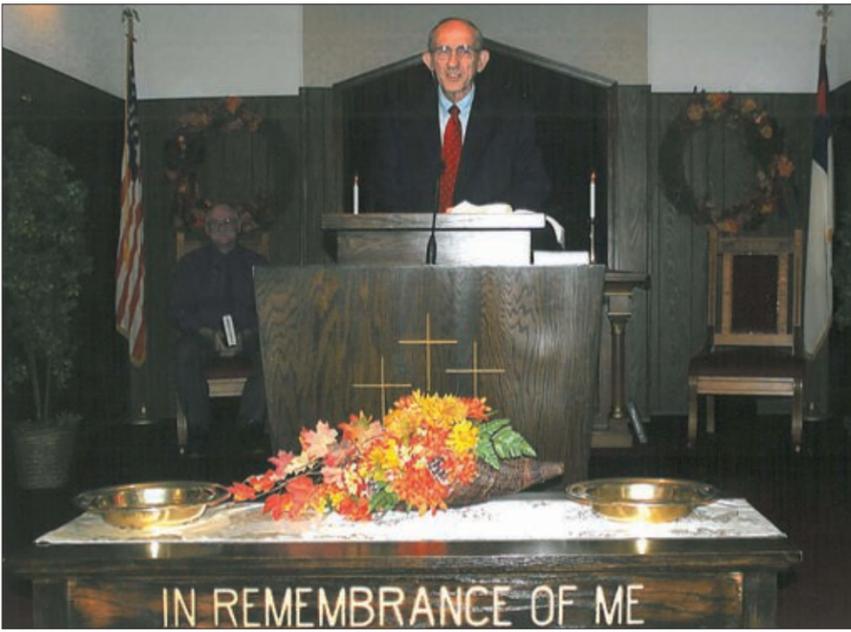
"I preached there and didn't think I'd be back, but then the Lord spoke to my heart, and I came back, and it's been 41 years at the same place," Pastor Chappell said.

Over the years the little mission Sunday school changed to a church that's gone on to see lots of people come and go and serve in different parts of the world. One couple went to work at a mission in San Diego to work with Cambodian-speaking people. The last time Pastor Chappell visited them, they were leading a morning service for 700.

He didn't have a design for how the church should grow, rather grew with it and adapted to its character and needs.

"We wanted it to become a functioning church, where it would have a regular worship service that would glorify God, and we wanted to grow to have missionaries ... but get our own people out to serve God at the same time," the pastor said. "We developed as it developed."

Chappell, his wife Colleen, and two children, Beth and John, enjoyed living in Phelan Acres. Chappell said it was a wonderful place to raise children. Their house was the one with the big front yard that was used as a ball diamond by all of the neighborhood kids. Wiffle ball ruled the field. The Chappells never tired of having all those kids in their front yard,



PASTOR RODNEY CHAPPELL, who has led the congregation of the Phelan Acres Bible Church for 41 years, will retire at the end of the month.

the always knew where their kids were.

Jeff Whittum, the son of a former deacon, will become the new pastor on June 1.

"I won't have any trouble saying, when somebody comes to me, 'wait a minute, you can go to Jeff and get that.' I'm going to eat that up," he said.

Chappell will become the minister of visitation and see to the spiritual needs of the congregations senior members, and will also be available if Whittum needs assistance. Chappell likes to work around the building and maintain the grounds, and will probably continue

to help out with those tasks.

Pastor Chappell's last service as senior pastor will be on May 28, at 11 a.m., at the church, 26009 Willow Lane, Wilmington, followed by lunch. An open house will be held from 2 to 5 p.m., and the public is invited to attend the service and stay for the open house or just attend the open house. (The County Line Road bridge over the Kankakee River is closed, so you must use River Road)

Cards and letters can be sent to Pastor Chappell in care of Beth Chappell at 177 Smallmouth Lane, Wilmington, IL 60481. for more information call 815-

685-9111 or email wild-wave27@hotmail.com.

"I'm very appreciative that the Lord in his goodness, and my wife and kids being faithful to stay beside me and encourage and help me all these years," Chappell concluded. "It's nice to have them supporting me. ... They've given a good bit of their lives over this time too. Without them, it wouldn't have been possible."

Those interested in the church can hear a podcast of Sunday services at [www.phelanacres-biblechurch.com](http://www.phelanacres-biblechurch.com), and see what's happening on the church Facebook page.

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*Dear Savvy Senior, I've recently read that all baby boomers should get tested for Hepatitis C. Is this really necessary, and if so, what are the testing and treatment procedures?*

Healthy Boomer

Dear Healthy,  
It's true. Both the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that all baby boomers - people born from 1945 through 1965 - get a Hepatitis C test.

The reason is because baby boomers account for 75 percent of the three million or so Hepatitis C cases in the U.S. Those that are infected are at very high risk of eventually developing liver cancer, cirrhosis or other fatal liver diseases.

Most Hepatitis C infections occurred in the 1970s and 1980s, before there were tests to detect them and before the nation's blood supply was routinely screened for the virus.

Hepatitis C is transmitted only through blood, so anyone who received either a blood transfusion or an organ transplant prior to 1992 is at increased risk too.

So are health-care workers exposed to blood, and

**SAVVY SENIOR**  
Jim Miller

people who injected drugs through shared needles.

The virus can also be spread through microscopic amounts of infected blood that could occur during sex, from sharing a razor or toothbrush, or getting a tattoo or body piercing at an unsterile shop.

Most people that have Hepatitis C don't know they're infected because there are no symptoms until their liver becomes severely damaged.

It can actually take 30 years for people to show any signs of the virus, but by then, it may be too late to treat.

But if it's detected in time, new treatments are now available that can cure it.

## Testing and treatment

If you're between ages 52 to 72, or fall into one of the previously listed high risk categories, you should see your primary care doctor for a basic blood test to determine whether you have ever been infected with Hepatitis C.

This is a relatively inexpensive test and typically covered by health insurance under routine medical care.

If the test is negative, no further tests are needed. But, if the test is positive, you'll need another test called HCV RNA, which will show whether the virus is still active.

If you test positive, you have chronic Hepatitis C and will need to talk to your doctor about treatment options. If you're infected, but have no liver damage, your doctor should monitor your liver at your annual physical.

The main treatments for chronic Hepatitis C today are several new FDA approved antiviral medications that have a 95 percent cure rate. Compared to older treatments, these new medications have minimal side effects.

Unfortunately, all the new drugs are very expensive - a 12-week treatment course can cost anywhere from \$50,000 to \$90,000.

Not all health insurance plans, including Medicare Part D plans, cover all prescribed medications for Hepatitis C.

And due to the expensive nature of these medications, most insurance plans require that you meet several requirements in order to get coverage.

If your insurance provider doesn't cover the antiviral therapy your doctor recommends, there are financial assistance options available.

To look for help, visit [HEPC.liverfoundation.org](http://HEPC.liverfoundation.org) and put your cursor on "Resources" and click on "What if I need Financial Assistance to Pay for Treatment?"

And for more hepatitis C information, along with a quick online quiz you can take to determine your risks, see [CDC.gov/knowmore-hepatitis](http://CDC.gov/knowmore-hepatitis).

You can also get information over the phone by calling the national toll-free HELP-4-HEP helpline at 877-435-7443.

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

# Spay Illinois to host low cost pet clinic in Wilmington

Tails N Whiskers, located at 960 S. Water Street in Wilmington will host a low cost pet clinic on Wednesday, June 28. Spay Illinois is offering wellness appointments for cats and dogs between the hours of 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Here pets can receive important preventative care services at a low cost. We offer core vaccinations, like our 1-YR dog wellness package for only \$69 and our 1-YR cat wellness package for only \$30. These packages include the state required, 1-YR Rabies vaccination.

Additional services include microchipping, Heartworm testing, and more. To book your appointment or simply learn more about our pricing and services, call (630) 961-8000.

There is also a special program to provide discounts to pet owners receiving LINK or SSDI benefits through the state. If you qualify, be sure to ask about these special discounts when scheduling your appointment.

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tered 501c3 non-profit organization. Every time you visit, you're supporting programs that assist pet owners in need and the homeless pets in our community. We

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# Hundreds of visitors kick off spring at Midewin

Hundreds of conservation and outdoors enthusiasts kicked off spring together at the USDA / U.S. Forest Service's Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie on Saturday, May 6.

Midewin provided a full day of festivities to welcome spring and new life including some newborn bison calves.

The Midewin bison herd looked on during a very special commemorative seed broadcast that closed out the day at 4 p.m. in the Iron Bridge Prairie.

Dozens of Midewin visitors came together and cast handfuls of little bluestem seeds onto newly cultivated soil. The community-wide planting activity marked a new season and celebrated life - past, present and future - along this section of old historic Illinois Route 66.

The seed broadcast allowed visitors the opportunity to join in on some of the work that volunteers, partners and staff are doing, every day at Midewin, to re-introduce 275 different species of native Illinois prairie plants.

"As we welcomed spring and celebrated life, past present and future, it really was just incredible to be with so

many people who care so deeply about the land," said Midewin Prairie Supervisor Wade Spang.

"People from nearby and far away came together and we all planted grass seed together - from a single bucket of seeds. This community-strong effort was the perfect way to kick off the 2017 season, and it was a day I will remember for a long, long time."

The little bluestem seed broadcast brought people together to plant alongside Spang, Midewin Ecologist Bill Glass, Midewin Archaeologist Joe Wheeler and Midewin Heritage Association President and Midewin volunteer Lorin Schab.

Just before the broadcast, Glass quoted from diary of Eliza Steele, a young pioneer woman who traveled through the Joliet area on a stagecoach on her way out West in the 1800s.

In 1840, Steele's reactions to seeing a prairie for the first time were published in a book, "Summer Journey in the West." A special copy of the book is on display for viewing in

the Midewin Welcome Center.

Steele wrote, "A world of grass and flowers stretched around me, rising and falling in gentle undulations. We passed whole acres of blossoms all bearing one hue, as purple perhaps, or masses of yellow or rose; and then again a carpet of every color intermixed, or narrow bands, as if a rainbow had fallen upon the verdant slopes."

Schab led three guided history walks throughout the day. He showed guests around the historic land and talked about what life was like along Route 66 during its heyday. He talked about the early settlers who lived along the road that became Route 66.

Midewin volunteer Janine Catchpole led nature walks. She showed visitors native Illinois spring blooms. They saw golden alexanders, bluebells prairie trilliums, shooting stars and more.

Over 20 Midewin stakeholders, federal partners and neighbors came together in an Open House program that was held under an open-air tent near the Iron Bridge Prairie. They talked with guests, and each other, alongside informational displays.

Guests were able to get up close with live peregrine falcons and they saw demonstrations by a wildlife painter and a spinner who makes hats, mittens and other items using bison hair. Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl posed for photos.

Programs, events and tours continue throughout the season at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Events are listed online in the 2017 Midewin Program Guide at [www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd535052.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd535052.pdf).

Ranger Hikes leave from the Iron Bridge Trailhead every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. The hikes last approximately 30 minutes.

For more information go to [www.fs.usda.gov/main/midewin/home](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/midewin/home).

# Car show in Odell on May 27

## In memory of Lenore

In 1996, a rag tag handful of dreamers had what was then a unique idea. They felt that an old building, that used to be a Standard Oil gas station and was not historically significant, should be saved.

They felt that others traveling Route 66 in the future would be able to visit it in order to relive and experience a piece of the past.

The little station was crying out for help. It was propped up on one side and was on the verge of collapsing. This group envisioned themselves as the cavalry riding in to save the damsel in distress.

None had any real background in construction. As it turns out that probably was good, for if they knew what lay ahead they might have never begun.

The locals labeled them

as fools who didn't know what they were doing. That much was very true.

They did not except the fact that it could not be done; dreamers just believe that the impossible simply takes a little longer. So it began, the extremely successful restoration of the Standard Oil gas station in Odell, IL.

Since those early days hundreds of thousands of folks from around the world have visited the little station. The Route 66 Preservation committee has vowed to maintain the station and its history.

Every year a large group of volunteers gather in April to spruce up the station for the thousands of visitors that are expected.

Lenore Weiss, from rural Wilmington, was one of the original fools who saw the magic at this minor piece of history. Sadly in 2010 she lost her battle with cancer.

In 2012 Craig Parrish from Michigan, who has been an admirer of the station and what it stands for, proposed an idea to honor the station and Weiss.

He envisioned a car show at the Odell station where 100 percent of all proceeds would go to a cancer organization in the name of Lenore. There couldn't be a more fitting location for this event.

With the help of the Village of Odell and many volunteers the car event has grown every year. No money is spent on preparations, everything is donated.

There aren't any big trophies or awards presented at this car show. That's not what it is about.

Numerous door prizes are given out thanks to the generosity of many individuals and merchants.

This is a feel good car show supported by fantastic car owners at a little gas sta-

tion in the town of Odell. Folks, that's as All American and as good as it gets!

When Weiss was fighting cancer she learned of an organization named the Cancer Support Center. They have facilities in Mokena and Homewood, IL. Every service they provide is free to all who need them.

"Lenore was treated with dignity and compassion, and now it is our honor to give back to them. We are sure that she is looking down on all of us with a very big smile," commented her husband John Weiss.

The car show will be held on Saturday May 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

For more information visit [www.route66carshow.com](http://www.route66carshow.com) or call John Weiss at 815-458-6616.

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Get pre-sale access to the plant sale at a pre-sale event from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 19. Or choose to attend the main event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

More than 100 species of perennials, shrubs and trees grown by Possibility Place Nursery in Monee will be available for purchase both days. The plant sale will be held at the Forest Preserve District of Will County's Sugar Creek Administration Center, 17540 W. Laraway Rd., Joliet.

Friday pre-sale, which gives attendees first crack at a luscious array of plants, will cost \$20 per person and include music, beer, wine and artisanal cheeses and gourmet desserts. To order pre-sale tickets, visit [friendsofwillcountyforests.org](http://friendsofwillcountyforests.org).

During Saturday's event, which does not require a fee to attend, experts will answer questions and help visitors select the right plants for their specific landscapes.

The event will be held rain or shine and will feature



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**PARTICIPANTS PERUSE and purchase plants during the 2016 "Bringing Nature Home Native Plant Sale" at the Forest Preserve District of Will County's Sugar Creek Administration Center in Joliet. This year's event, organized by the District's foundation, Friends of the Forest Preserve District of Will County, is set for Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20.**

The Conservation Foundation, the Garden Clubs of Illinois, master gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Native Plant Society, Illinois

Natural History Survey and the Will County chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted for plant purchases. No refunds

will be given. Friends of the Forest Preserve is the non-profit, fundraising foundation for the Forest Preserve District.

# The road ahead may be bumpy for gas prices

Average retail gasoline prices in Illinois have fallen 5.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.30 per gallon on Sunday, May 14, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,378 gas outlets in Illinois.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 0.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.33 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 5.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 19.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 8.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 10.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average gas price has again declined in the last week, but the road ahead may be a bit bumpier, said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com.

"While the national average fell, several states in the Great Lakes saw average prices rise thanks to a mid-week rally in oil markets that saw oil prices sneak in a net gain for the first week in several, and that may impact prices in the week ahead.

"Thank Wednesday's weekly report from the Energy Information Administration for the rally as government data showed a larger than expected decline in oil inventories and gasoline inventories, weighing on markets at the precise time that OPEC chats about extending its crude oil production cuts. Watch both

of these factors this week to get a taste for where prices will go to start the summer driving season."

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# The Macuá- the official cocktail of Nicaragua

Nicaragua has been home to some of the finest rum producers in the world for more than a century, but the country was without an official cocktail until 2006. The folks at the Nicaragua-based Flor de Cana rum distillery recognized that among the international spirits community Nicaragua was not as highly regarded as other rum pro-

ducing nations. To remedy the lack of notoriety, the distillery sponsored a cocktail contest to name an "official" cocktail of Nicaragua. The winner of the contest was the Macuá, a delightfully different cocktail using Nicaraguan rum and juice from the native guava fruit.



Over 20 cocktails were presented to the panel of judges which included the French ambassador and cocktail connoisseurs from around the globe. I would be shocked if your local bar serves the Macuá. You will have to make this one on your own, and to do that you are going to need to get ahold of some guava juice.



Nicaraguan rum is similar in character to Puerto Rican and Cuban rums and can be substituted for either in a recipe. I am a huge fan of Flor de Cana Nicaraguan rum and believe it to be one of the finest rums in the world. Don't take my word for it, Flor de Cana has won more than 150 international awards since 2000 making it the most award-winning rum of the era.

The Flor de Cana line of rum includes everything from quality mixers all the way up to some of the highest-rated aged rums on the market. Over the last decade the company has secured excellent United States distribution making the brand widely available stateside.

For the Macuá, and pretty much any other cocktail that calls for light rum, I recommend the Flor de Cana four-year-old rum. It is labeled "extra seco", or extra dry, and is one of the only light rums on the market that is aged four years.

It is incredibly smooth and is right at home in a Daiquiri, Mojito or Pina Colada. Their four-year offering is inexpensive as well, making it one of the best values in the spirits world.

Put it side by side with whatever light rum that you happen to have in your bar. You won't be disappointed.

In the quest to name the official cocktail of Nicaragua, the organizers mandated that the drink feature ingredients native to Nicaragua. Entries included cocktails made from pineapple, tamarind, mamoncillo and coffee beans, but in the end it was the guava-based Macuá that took the title.

What is guava? It is a tropical fruit native to Mexico, Central America and South America. There are several types of guava, the most commonly consumed is the apple guava. The apple guava looks similar to an apple on the exterior but with a bright pink interior.

If you have access to fresh guava, simply squeeze and strain the juice into your cocktail. If not, you are going to have to settle for bottled juice.

Guava juice will work better than guava nectar in cocktails, provided that the juice is 100 percent juice and not a blend of tropical fruit juices.

If you are fortunate enough to have access to a Latin-American or Mexican import grocery store you will have several options. Check the international section of your local store for guava juice, the most common brands in the United States are Fast Fruit, Sun Berry Farms and Goya.

Bear in mind that this cocktail is going to be on the sweet side. Rum is sugar-based, fruit juices contain natural sugars and simple syrup is literally liquid sugar.

If after some experimentation you find the drink to be too sweet, you can back off the simple syrup a bit and increase the lemon by the same amount.

This sweet/sour adjustment can be used in any rum cocktail containing a simple syrup and a sour citrus to achieve the proper balance. The proper balance, by the way, is the one that works for you.

Simple syrup is always best when made from

scratch. Never buy pre-made simple syrup. I prefer a 1:1 sugar to water ratio, though some recipes call for 2:1 sugar to water.

Whichever ratio you decide to use, use heated, filtered water. Bring the water to a boil and allow to slightly cool, dissolving the sugar into the water while the water is warm to hot.

Do not add the sugar while the water is boiling. Mix a cup or two if you are expecting company. It will keep for a week in the refrigerator.

Summer is right around the corner and you are going to be thirsty. Pick up a bottle of the Flor de Cana four-year-old and give this one a shot. I'll bet you and/or the rum fan in your crowd will take a liking to it.

The Macuá is built in a shaker and served in a highball glass.

Fill shaker with ice.

Add 1 1/2 oz Flor de Cana four-year-old rum.

Add 1 oz guava juice.

Add 1 oz orange juice.

Add 1/2 oz fresh lemon juice.

Add 1/3 oz simple syrup.

Shake and strain over fresh ice into highball glass.

Garnish with slice of orange.

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Thu 18	10:05 a.m.	Education Day
Fri 19	7:05 p.m.	Super Heroes, "Fireworks"
Sat 20	8:05 p.m.	Strike Assessment Night
Sun 21	1:05 p.m.	TBC
Tue 23	7:05 p.m.	Alumni Night
Wed 24	10:05 a.m.	Education Day
Thu 25	7:05 p.m.	Wks Night, "Tasty Thursday"
Fri 26	7:05 p.m.	Teachers Appreciation Night
Wed 31	7:05 p.m.	TBC

JUNE		
Thu 1	7:05 p.m.	Rock Night
Fri 2	7:05 p.m.	Princess Night, "Fireworks"
Sat 3	8:05 p.m.	-Pres. By Magic, Music & More Hoopas Heritage, "Fireworks"
Sun 4	1:05 p.m.	-Pres. By Country Financial Bark in the Park Day
Thu 8	7:05 p.m.	Big Band, "Tasty Thursday"
Tue 13	7:05 p.m.	Green Night, 12 Twinkies
Wed 14	7:05 p.m.	TBC
Fri 16	7:05 p.m.	Risky Night, "Fireworks"
Sat 17	8:05 p.m.	Parents' Council Assessment By Sound Sleepers
Sun 18	1:05 p.m.	TBC
Tue 20	7:05 p.m.	Medical Night, 12 Twinkies
Wed 21	10:05 a.m.	Day Camp Day
Thu 22	7:05 p.m.	Industry Night, "Tasty Thursday"

JULY		
Mon 3	7:05 p.m.	Independence Day, "Fireworks"
Tue 4	7:05 p.m.	4th of July Party, "Fireworks"
Wed 5	7:05 p.m.	Military Appreciation Night
Thu 6	7:05 p.m.	Pat Day at the Park
Wed 12	10:05 a.m.	Day Camp Day
Thu 13	7:05 p.m.	Singles Night, "Tasty Thursday"
Fri 14	7:05 p.m.	County Night, "Fireworks"
Sat 15	8:05 p.m.	-Pres. By Soccer's Foundation Royalty Night, "Fireworks"
Sun 16	1:05 p.m.	-Pres. By Magic, Music & More TBC
Thu 20	7:05 p.m.	Red Carpet Night, "Fireworks"
Fri 21	7:05 p.m.	Game 10 Home Pre-game (2pm) 10:05, Get Sound Sleepers Go Green

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Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 57 percent adequate and 43 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at one percent short, 60 percent adequate and 39 percent surplus.

Corn planted was at 75 percent, compared to the five-year average of 77 percent. Corn emerged was at 47 percent, compared

to 61 percent last year and the five-year average of 50 percent.

Corn condition was rated at three percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 35 percent good and seven percent excellent.

Soybeans planted was at 23 percent. Soybeans emerged was at six percent.

Winter wheat headed reached 86 percent. Winter wheat condition was rated seven percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 45 percent good and seven percent excellent.

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# Fundraising gala infected by partisan politics

The thin-skinned, strong-arm Statehouse partisanship of the past two and a half years reached out and infected the Illinois Conference of Women Legislators' annual fundraising gala last week.

COWL is a bipartisan organization which raises money every year to "assist mature women who wish to continue their undergraduate education," according to its website. "The goal of the scholarship is to focus on deserving, qualified women whose educations were interrupted due to family concerns and economic problems," the group says. Women who have shown "leadership promise through community service" are given preference.

Anyway, it's a good organization and it's one of two events that I never miss each year - the other one being the House vs. Senate softball game. Both events allow legislators to do things together without partisan or leadership barriers. They help build relationships and trust. Plus, they're both a lot of fun. And after two and a half years of watching politicians fight each other to a draw on a state budget and economic reforms, we all need the occasional good time.

Lately, COWL has also branched into professional comedians to set the mood. This year's comedian was Patti Vasquez, who has her own show on Chicago's WGN Radio and did an increasingly rare interview with House Speaker Michael Madigan last week.

The evening often has the feel of an old-time variety show staged by ama-

teurs. It's not supposed to be perfect, and that can sometimes make things



**CAPITOL FACTS**  
Rich Miller

funnier. A legislator singing way off key would be unlistenable in another context, but at the COWL event it can be hilarious.

Some legislators have lots of talent. Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, stunned the audience with his exquisite piano playing abilities. That he chose to cover a Tom Waits song and sang it in Waits' gravelly voiced style made his performance all that much better.

Rep. David Olsen, R-Downers Grove, is a cheery and bright young man who generally speaks softly and is of, shall we say, slight build. But he sang a full-throated, a capella version of "Illinois," our state song. Olsen mesmerized the audience.

Come to think of it, the men kind of stole the show last week.

COWL always stages some sketches and songs that are drenched in political satire. Otherwise, what's the point?

Rep. Rob Martwick, D-Chicago, plays guitar and sings and wrote a parody of Otis Redding's universally famous "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay."

"I'm sittin' here on the House Floor / Waitin' for a budget deal that I can vote for / I'm sittin' here on the House Floor / Wastin' time."

Martwick wrote several strong lyrics: "Sittin' here resting my bones / 'Cuz the lobbyists won't leave me alone / 200 miles I've roamed / Just to make this seat my own."

But I particularly enjoyed the break: "Looks like nothin's gonna change / Everyone keeps on passin' the blame / I can't do what the Governor tells me to do / This state's going down the drain."

He got a big howl of approval for that one.

COWL also produced a dance routine this year to a song by R&B singer Cupid called "Cupid Shuffle."

Legislators on stage were dressed in checkered, western-style shirts just like Gov. Bruce Rauner wears in his latest TV ads featuring him in a pristine work shop and talking about the Democrats' "duct tape solutions."

Some members held up large signs with "Do your job" written on them, which is a constant refrain of Rauner's critics. Some also carried signs featuring a large, menacing cartoon image of House Speaker Michael Madigan that was devised by the Madigan-hating Illinois Policy Institute.

Duct tape was supposed to be part of the routine, but the gimmick was scrapped at the last minute because the players didn't have enough time to remove the tape and change between songs. So, they wound up with extra boxes of the stuff.

But a freshman

Republican House member reportedly took a video of the skit during rehearsal last week and sent it to a member of her leadership team. Republican legisla-

tors told me later they were then yanked out of the dance and by showtime last week only Democrats performed during the routine.

Unreal. Some people just don't know how to laugh at themselves. Let's hope the softball game survives intact.

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234 Harbor Landing  
Thurs., May 18, 9  
am to 4 pm. Moving  
sale household  
items, crafts, tools,  
more! Everything  
must go! cc20ab

248 E. Cermak Rd.,  
Fri., May 19 and Sat.  
May 20., 8am-4pm.  
**KIDS ARE GROWN.**  
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Household, garage,  
serious airsoft &  
paintball guns/equip-  
ment, 5 gallon buck-  
ets and water jugs,  
home decor, kitchen  
island, bread maker,  
lamps, rugs, clothes,  
Christmas, 10 speed,  
ZOTE laundry bars,  
etc. 20a-b

510 N. School St.,  
Thurs., May 18 & Fri.,  
May 19, 8:30am-3pm.  
Computer desk &  
chair, sofa, carpet  
cleaner, housewares,  
kids clothes, girls 4-5,  
boys 6-7, toys, games,  
misc. ca 20a-b

590 Wildwood Ct.,  
Thur-Sat, May  
18-20, 9am-5pm.  
Power tools, hand  
tools, snow blower,  
camping supplies,  
new 94,000 BTU gas  
boiler & supplies.  
cc20a-21b

979 Jordan Avenue,  
**MOVING/GARAGE**  
SALE, Fri.-Sun, May  
19-21, 9am-3pm,  
Home décor,  
men/women clothes,  
linens, garden items,  
newer kitchen table,  
Cuisinart blender,  
MORE! Rain or  
shine. cc20a-b

Braidwood Garage  
Sale Days, Fri. &  
Sat., June 9 & 10,  
8am-3pm. Look for  
black and white  
checked penants all  
over town. Maps at  
First Presbyterian  
Church, 106 S. Lin-  
coln. cc20a-23b

### COAL CITY

1035 S. Broadway,  
4-family annual sale.  
Wed., May 17, 3-6pm;  
Thurs., May 18,  
9am-3pm; Fri., May  
19, 9am-noon. Crib,  
changing table,  
stroller, chair, foot  
stool, glassware,  
blender, slab wax & 2  
molds, weed whip,  
jewelry (Black Hills,  
Marcasite, some old),  
books & much misc.  
ca 20a-b

2870 Geri Ln. Thurs.,  
May 18 & Fri., May 19,  
8am-4pm; Sat., May  
20, 8am-1pm.  
Women's & Jrs. sz.  
sm. to med. or sz.  
6-10; boys 1 yr. up to  
sz. 14, youth baseball  
catcher's gear w/bag,  
kitchen supplies & mi-  
crowave, outside  
lights, swing set fort  
combo, lots of Thomas  
Tank Engine & Geo  
tracks, toys, books,  
luggage set, bedding,  
hamster cage, sea-  
sonal decorations &  
much more. Go east  
on North Street, north  
on Dresden, turn right  
on Duck Pond Rd. &  
left on Geri Lane. ca  
20a-b

675 Circle Dr., huge  
multi-family sale.  
Thurs., May 18 & Fri.,  
May 19, 7am-7pm &  
Sat., May 20,  
8am-2pm. tools, jew-  
elry, toys, Step 2 out-  
door items, household  
items, clothing tot to  
adult, tall washer/dryer  
pedestals w/drawers.  
New items daily. ca  
20a-b

812 Quail Run, 4-fam-  
ily sale. Thurs., May  
18 & Fri., May 19,  
8am-3pm. Boys NB-3  
mo., 2T, 3T, 8-14; girls  
NB-3T, maternity  
XS-XL, all seasons;  
juniors S-Lg., women's  
4-1X, toys, household  
items, much misc. ca  
20a-b

### COAL CITY

Giant Tool Sale  
74 E. Spring Rd., Sat.,  
May 20, 8:30am-5pm  
& Sun., May 21,  
9am-4pm. Table saw,  
band saw, drum  
sander, disk sander,  
Stihl 170 chain saw &  
much more. Cash  
only. ca 20b

### RITCHEY

Izaak Walton Sale,  
21015 Walton Rd.,  
Ritchie off 102,  
Thurs., May 18, from  
8am-5pm, Fri., May  
19, 8am-6pm and  
Sat., May 20, from  
8am-3pm. Big-big  
sale! Watch for  
signs, 1/2 off Sat.  
Rain or shine. cc  
20a-b

### REDDICK

102 Main St., Sat.,  
May 20, 8am-4pm  
Furniture, glassware,  
cookware, antiques,  
collectibles, lawn  
mower, garage  
items, and much  
more. cc20ab

### WILMINGTON

20161 W. S. Arsenal  
Rd., Fri., May 19th,  
8am-4pm; Sat., May  
20th, 8am-2pm.  
Household, farm,  
clothes, misc.  
cc20a-b

32801 Deer Ridge  
Dr. (off of Rte. 129 &  
Coal City Rd.). Fri. &  
Sat., May 19 & 20,  
9am-2pm. Large gar-  
age sale. Lots of  
clothes, toys, furni-  
ture, glassware, and  
more. NO EARLY  
BIRDS PLEASE.  
20a-b

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816 S. Buchanan St.,  
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18-20, 8am-4pm,  
large sale, boys  
clothes and toys  
ages 8-13, bedroom  
set, lots of stuff. cc  
20b

827 Ridge St. Thurs.  
& Fri., May 18 & 19,  
9am-4pm; Sat., May  
20, 9am-noon. 4  
Family Sale! Fish-  
ing, antiques, old  
bottles, PS3 and Wii  
games, furniture,  
canna bulbs, house-  
hold, too much to list.  
ca20a-b

West County Road  
Sales off the curve on  
Rt. 53. 21400 & 21241  
W. County Rd. Fri. &  
Sat., May 19 & 20,  
8am-5pm. Household  
& kitchen items, tools,  
lawn & garden, some  
tupperware, TV stand,  
much misc. cc20ab

34232 Wildwood St.,  
Thurs. and Fri., May  
18 & 19, 8am-4pm  
and Sat., May 20,  
8am-noon, moving  
sale, rain or shine,  
furniture, tools, neon  
beer signs and tin  
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20a-b

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17a-20b

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815-592-5542. ca  
18b-21a

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burgundy, great condi-  
tion. Jerry Elwell's  
truck. Asking \$4,900.  
Call  
Betty  
815-458-0376. ck20a-  
21b.

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163,000 miles, good  
maintenance, runs  
great, \$1,800 OBO.  
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21b.

1980 Cadillac Eldo-  
rado diesel, tan  
leather seats, air ride  
suspension, climate  
control, 156,000 miles,  
\$2,500 OBO, call or  
text (815) 600-1074.  
ca45a-tfn

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18a-21b

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20b-22a

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## LARGE PUBLIC AUCTION Tools - Car - Jeep - Boat Antiques - Household Sunday, May 21, 2017 @ 10:00

**30561 Peacock Lane, Wilmington IL 60481**  
Directions: Lorenzo Rd Exit 240 is 9 miles South of I-80  
on I-55. From I-55/Lorenzo Rd (Exit 240), head West  
towards the Truck Stop and take the Frontage Rd South 1.5  
miles to the first right (Murphy Rd), then West on Murphy  
Rd 3/4 mile to Ragain Ln, then North to auction. There will  
be trailer parking on the corner of Murphy & Ragain Ln.  
**Vehicles-Truck-Boats:** 2007 Hyundai Azera Limited  
4 dr sedan, V6, leather int, 130K mi; 2000 Jeep  
Cherokee Sport 4x4, 4 dr V6, 179K mi(6K on new eng);  
1984 Ford F-150 XLT, 4x4, V8, dual tanks;  
Aluma Craft 14' V-hull, Johnson 20 hp outbd,  
trolling motor, trlr, title; 12' alum canoe; 18' tandem  
axle trlr; truck tool box; alum sheeting;  
**Tractor:** Farmall 656 w/1701 IH ldr, nf, gas, 3 pt,  
exc tires, 8' 3pt blade; **Mowers & Yard:** Toro  
Groundmaster 72 zero-turn, gas, 2825 hrs; z/f 261 3  
pt grooming mower; Craftsman (for parts); wheelbar-  
row; lawn roller; Lg asst yard tools; **Shop:** Most  
Tools LIKE NEW - New Comm Items- lighting fix-  
tures; faucets; air filters, sump pumps, heaters,  
plumbing; Asst tools chests & cabinets; bolt bins;  
welding rods; lg chains; asst lumber; elec wire; bat-  
tery chrg; pipe/conduit/copper; Scroll saw; Craft-  
man radial arm saw; Pressure washer; tbl saw; floor  
jack; engine stand; vacuum pump; 3/4 hp deep well  
pump, new; various water pumps; pvc tubing; elec  
heaters; woodwork benches; alum ladders; 24' ext  
ladder; **Antiques/Primitives:** Asst primitives;  
"Guess your Weight" Penny Scale; #15 crock; A-  
metal bed; A-marble top dresser w/mirror; Oak tbl/  
chrs; milk can; nail keg; trunk; copper kettles; tractor  
seats; 1950's bike; Many vintage dolls; **Misc:** patio  
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1920's player piano; rare walnut wood, nice!; refrig;  
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**(Rain Date: Sunday, May 21)**  
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# CLASSIFIEDS

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Wilmington area, 3BR, 1BA, w/stove, fridge and washer, partial basement, spacious lot, tenant pays utilities and is responsible for lot maintenance, no pets, no smoking, references, credit check and security required, \$1,200 mo., call 815-474-5547. cc 19b-22a

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. cc20a-23b

## HOMES FOR SALE

Essex - Reed Custer schools. 3 BR, 2 bath. 1600 sq. ft. ranch. 1/2 acre lot, fenced, custom deck, wood burning stove, 2.5 car garage. \$177,700. Call 815-365-2031. ca20a-21b

## 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/tn

Lost - Perscription sunglasses in a hard black case, Reward, in the Wilmington area, call 708-712-6650. cc 20b-22a

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Coal City, south DeWitt St., 72' x 285', call 815-954-8494. cc 17a-20b

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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4 Drawer dresser & nightstand, \$60 OBO. 40" glass top patio table & 4 chairs, \$60. Diamond, call 352-250-9219. cc19b-23a

Dining room set, table with 6 chairs and 2 leaves, end tables, couches, fur coats, all like brand new, call 815-634-4946 for more info. ca 19a-20b

Essex Lions Club Community Building for rent, seats 275 people, kitchen and bar available, call Phil at 815-405-5020 or Nancy at 815-365-2823. cc

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Light duty foldable utility trailer, has title, \$75 OBO, call 815-258-9347. ca 20a-21b

Oak Bedroom Set: 9 Drawer solid oak dresser, chest, and night stand. Queen size bed with headboard & footboard. 815-514-5118. cc18a-21b

Utility trailer with title, 14' x 7'3", redecked with 1" x 6" treated wood. \$750, 815-791-2501. cc 19b-21a

Used riding lawn mowers & \$60 push mowers. Call Rodney 815-214-8003. cc13a-28b

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Passport/Foid Photos

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR QUEEN'S PARK OVAL ASSET HOLDING TRUST Plaintiff, v.- GARY D. BUDACH, JR, MELISSA A. BUDACH, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 12 CH 185 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 24, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on June 15, 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 1865 NAOMI DRIVE, Morris, IL 60450 Property Index No. 05-17-302-007. The real estate is improved with a single unit dwelling. The judgment amount was \$165,369.33. 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 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 with

out 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 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 Plaintiffs attorney: WEISS MCCLELLAND LLC, 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 605-3500 Please refer to file number 12-0931. 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. WEISS MCCLELLAND LLC 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 605-3500 EMail: intake@wmlegal.com Attorney File No. 12-0931 Case Number: 12 CH 185 TJSC#: 37-4458 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Published in the Free Press Newspapers on May 17, 24 & 31, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST III Plaintiff, v.- EDWIN CARDONA, DAWN M. CARDONA, AMBERLEIGH ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, EDWIN CARDONA AND DAWN M. CARDONA Defendant 12 CH 191 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 23, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on June 2, 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 27000 W. CYPRESS ROAD, Channahon, IL 60410 Property Index No. 03-24-181-002. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$317,335.65. 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 in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the

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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 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 Plaintiffs attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 12-2336. 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. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 E-Mail: jlpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 12-2336 Case Number: 12 CH 191 TJSC#: 37-3906 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Published in the Free Press Newspapers on May 3, 10 & 17, 2017

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## Alternatives to unsightly rooftop solar panels

Dear EarthTalk: Why do rooftop solar panels have to be so big and unsightly? Are there any better-looking alternatives out there?  
Maise Lipscomb  
Helena, MT

If aesthetics is the reason you've been holding off on converting your home to solar power, 2017 just might be the year for you to take the renewables leap.

For starters, several panel makers now sell frameless or seamless designs whereby photovoltaic panels appear to float on the roof surface, with sightlines unencumbered by big black metal framework apparatus. But getting rid of



the frames hardly constitutes an aesthetic revolution.

For that, we turn to electric-car pioneer Tesla, which made a big splash recently with the launch of its new Solar Roof system, which uses attractive, integrated solar tiles made out of tempered quartz glass to replace conventional roof tiles and shingles.

The Solar Roof tiles can withstand upwards of three times the storm force of other traditional roof tiles—and as such come with a warranty lasting the lifetime of the home or infinity, whichever comes first.

While the Solar Roof system still costs about a third more than a traditional photovoltaic rooftop set-up, its visual appeal could make the transition much more palatable to many potential rooftop solar wannabes.

Photovoltaic installer SolarCity, co-founded by Elon Musk and then acquired by Tesla in late 2016, will roll out the new system, available for outright purchase or through a lease, in California beginning in June and plans to expand to other parts of the United States soon thereafter.

But Tesla's new Solar Roof isn't the only option when it comes to more attractive rooftop solar installations. Italian start-up Dyaqua, inspired to bring the historic retrofit industry into the 21st century, has ramped up manufacturing on its so-called "Invisible Solar" photovoltaic roof tiles that are indistinguishable



Credit: Sistine Solar

**A BOSTON-BASED start-up is developing a "solar skin" photovoltaic panels that match the underlying rooftop. While these "camouflaged" solar panels cost about 10 percent more than typical photovoltaics, some homeowners would gladly pay an aesthetics premium so their houses don't stick out like sore thumbs in the neighborhood.**

from traditional terra cotta, wood or stone roofing.

This replacement roofing looks opaque but is translucent to the sun's rays so light can enter and stoke the silicon solar cells inside.

Meanwhile, Boston-based Sistine Solar is developing a "solar skin" product that matches the underlying rooftop. These newfangled MIT-designed panels reflect back an image of the roof below while still letting light through to the photovoltaic cells within.

Sistine's camouflaged solar panels cost about 10 percent more than typical photovoltaics, but the start-up is banking on homeowner willingness to spend a little more so unsightly roof panels don't stick out like sore thumbs in the neighborhood.

For that matter, the rooftop isn't the only option any more. Maryland-based Solar Window Technologies is developing invisible window coatings that house ultra-small solar cells designed to convert light from both the sun and artificial sources into electricity.

And California-based

Sunflare is pioneering a new generation of thin-film photovoltaics that are only a few micrometers thick and can be affixed to just about any surface with some double-sided tape.

Given that we could power all of humanity's electrical and industrial activities for a year with the amount of sunlight that hits the Earth's surface in just an hour, it's a shame that solar power still accounts for less than one percent of global energy production.

But with the costs of solar panels coming down, maybe improving their look is just what we need to kick-start the transition away from fossil fuel home power.

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## JJC votes to raise tuition due to lack of state funding

The Joliet Junior College Board of Trustees voted to raise tuition \$19 per credit hour.

The increase will take effect in the fall 2017 semester, bringing the total for

tuition and fees from \$125 per credit hour to \$144.

In addition, differential tuition rates will be applied to new students entering 100 level courses in four career and technical programs in fall 2017: automotive technology, electrical/electronic automated systems, culinary arts and welding.

In the following academic year, the differential tuition rate would apply to 100 and 200 level courses in those programs.

The tuition increase is the direct result of the lack of a state budget for the past two years, which has resulted in the loss of millions of dollars of state funding JJC would normally receive.

In fact, the funding JJC receives from the state has steadily declined since 1999. Currently, state funding accounts for five percent of JJC's operating fund revenue, with tuition accounting for 34 percent and property taxes providing 58 percent.

In FY17, the college had budgeted to receive 10 percent of its operating funds from the state.

At the current tuition rate, JJC ranks 27 out of 38 in terms of per credit hour cost in a ranking of Illinois community colleges.

Prior to the board's vote, President Mitchell worked extensively to communicate with students and gather feedback, holding a town hall meeting in February with students in addition to meeting with student government members.

"This is a very difficult time for JJC, as it is for all Illinois colleges and univer-

sities that rely on funding from the state," said President Judy Mitchell. "Sixteen of the 19 dollars per credit hour are a direct result of the ongoing state budget impasse.

"The college has already taken considerable measures to cut costs over the past several years, which have totaled over \$3.5 million. We acknowledge the challenge a tuition increase presents to our students, and are committed to ensuring that students are educated about the financial aid and scholarship resources available to them."

At the board meeting, Student Trustee Kathleen Duong stated that she had spoken with other students and worked with student government to ensure they had the right information about the potential increase and a chance to express their opinions.

"We have great faculty and resources here at JJC, and while we don't like this situation, we do support the increase," she said.

The last time JJC raised tuition was \$10 per credit hour for the fall 2016 semester.

Additionally, between fiscal years 2010-2016, the college reduced operating costs by more than \$3 million, with ongoing savings of \$1.3 million per year.

Last year, JJC students were awarded \$848,000 in scholarships from the JJC Foundation, and in fiscal year 2015-2016, the financial aid office disbursed nearly \$18 million in grants and loans to students.

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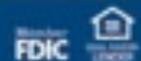


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## Job fair to be May 18 at Workforce Center

Area job seekers are invited to attend a weekly job fair hosted by the Workforce Services Division (WSD) of Will County and the Illinois Department of Employment Security from 9 to 11 a.m., Thursday, May 18, at the Workforce Center of Will County.

Among the positions employers will be looking to fill are distribution center associates, forklift operator, general clerical/administrative assistant, general laborer, hotel restaurant busser, independent living coach, lead banquet cook, machine operators, maintenance technicians, packers, picking/packing associate, production line workers, securi-

ty officers, bus drivers and warehouse associates.

WSD Administrative Manager Susan Flessner said the events allow job seekers to meet with several employers at once.

"Additionally, job seekers only have to make one trip per week to the Workforce Center to talk with multiple businesses about multiple jobs," Flessner said.

The weekly events are held at the Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood Ave., Suite 100. The day and times vary.