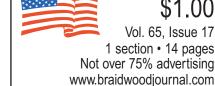


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## Braidwood backs Headrick during Majors debut

BY ERIC FISHER PUBLISHER

Reed-Custer pitcher Brent Headrick made ĥis Major League debut a week

Minnesota Twins. Headrick, the Twins' No. 25 prospect per MLB Pipeline, allowed one run on one hit as he threw three innings to close out the Twins' 10-4 victory over the Red Sox on Wednesday. He became one of only three pitchers in Twins history to

ago at Fenway Park in Boston,

recording a Save for the

earn a save in his MLB debut. Headrick, a 2019 draftee, was called up three days earlier putting family and friends into

An hour after being told, his parents Michelle and Wade, sister Ashley Mitchell and her husband Caleb, fiancé Hannah, and uncle were driving to New York with hopes he would pitch against the

It didn't happen.

So they followed him to Boston where he played in the second game there on April 19. swinging strikes while fanning "It was emotionally very star third baseman Rafael exciting," said Michelle, his mom. "We didn't know for real

when he would get to play and then to see him exit the bullpen onto the field it seemed so surreal. It still does. I think we're all still trying to grasp it," she said.

moment certainly never dawned on Headrick at any point while he was on the mound at Fenway Park—and time to get to this point.
the pressure of the moment "Definitely, it has been never really hit him, either.

"I thought I was going to be nervous, and I wasn't," Headrick said in an interview afterwards. "When I got out there, I was wondering why I wasn't nervous when I was out there. But I was like, 'Whatever,

Enmanuel Valdez in the seventh, then went through an impressive sequence in the eighth, when he dispatched fastballs and got three more to his parents?

And even after loading the bases with none out in the ninth, it took him only 10 more pitches to clean it all up and finish the game, reported the Twins newsletter.

His debut included three The historicity of the strikeouts, two walks, one run and one hit over three innings. Not a bad start for a rookie.

He certainly has put in his

very, very, very hard to get to the Majors." Michelle said. "He's always been very dedicated to pitching. He's never lost his focus with that," she commented.

Even during the whole COVID thing he never gave up. In fact he was just as busy dur-He got two popouts and a ing COVID as he was any other strikeout of Red Sox rookie time because he was working time because he was working out on his own and staying in shape," his mother pointed

Was there ever a time Justin Turner on three straight when he expressed his doubts



FAMILY SUPPORT SHOWED up on Wednesday, April 19 at Fenway Park in Boston were Brent Headrick of Braidwood made his Major League debut for the Minnesota Twins. With Brent are (from left) his parents Wade and Michelle, fiance Hannah Gilson. Headrick, sister Ashley Mitchell and her husband Caleb, and his uncle Ron

"I don't think so. I think he always pursued it and just wanted it so bad that he was going to work no matter what to get there," Michelle said,

She and Wade appreciate the out-pouring of support shown by the community, and especially the Reed-Custer School Administration where they both are employed.

"We were actually thinking about coming home (from New York) before he played in Boston. But the superintendent of our school district called us and said don't come back until he pitches...stay there. This is a once in a lifetime

thing."

That was a relief for all three Headricks, including Ashley, who also works for the district. "That was three people out of their buildings and they were very good about it, Michelle points out. "The community has just been pouring out support. I mean, just backing him. It makes you appreciate living in a small communi-

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## Let the games begin!

### BBSA returns for the season in Braidwood

Photos by Marney Simon THROW IT HERE! The best part of opening day for some spectators is the parade, and the candy toss that comes with it! The teams of the Braidwood Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA) kicked off the 2023 season during a chilly Sunday morning on April 23, starting with a parade down Main Street to Lincoln leading to the ball fields at Old Smokey City Park for the official start of the season. See more photos from this year's parade on







### Stay safe when severe weather sirens sound

Braidwood's Emergency instance) or in my car? Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) issued a few alerts over the past few days, but rather than rain and storms, this time is was cold that had the agency looking out for the public, notifying residents of potential freeze conditions.

ESDA is charged with keeping the public informed during potentially dangerous situations, including inclement weather.

Coordinator Josh Bolatto for some tips and information on preparing for severe weather this spring. Here, the second part of our series on staying safe when Mother Nature turns a little bit wicked:

side and sirens go off, meaning completely exposed under-I am not necessarily close to home (walking the dog for

If possible, get inside a substantial building on the lowest floor, away from windows and doors. If an indoor shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, then, as a last resort, lie in a ditch or culvert. Use your arms to protect your head and neck. Beware of the potential for flash flooding.

If in a vehicle, do NOT park under a bridge or overpass! The embankment under an overpass is higher than the surrounding terrain, and the wind speed increases with height. Additionally, the overpass design may create a windtunnel effect under the span, further increasing the wind What do I do if I am out-speed. Many overpasses are

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### **Braidwood Coalition submits** application for DFC funding

BY MARNEY SIMON **EDITOR** 

The Braidwood **Healthy Community Coalition** (BAHCC) filled out all the paperwork and sent it in. Now, the organization is optimistically waiting to see if they've been awarded additional funds from the federal government for the next five years of the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant.

The BAHCC submitted the application earlier this month, just prior to the April 11 due date.

We were able to get it... two to three days early, so we're super proud of it," BAHCC Program Director Pete Dell'Aquila said. "Our

action plan and our project narrative, what they actually score the points on, I think is very strong. I've seen a few different action plans and narratives in my day, and I'm really proud of what we put together. So, we're hoping we can get funded for five more years to implement the Drug Free Communities grant, we will

wait and see. The coalition was first awarded the DFC grant in 2018, and is currently in the

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### Weather

neath, and most lack hanging girders or a crawlspace-like area to provide sufficient protection from debris, which can travel at high speeds even in weak tornadoes. People stopping underneath overpasses block the flow of traffic, putting others in danger. Immediately exit the vehicle in a safe manner and take shelter in a nearby building. Never try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. Heavy rain, hail and traffic may impede your movement. Tornadoes can change directions quickly and can easily lift up a vehicle and toss it through the air. As a last resort, if there isn't time to get indoors or if there is no secure shelter nearby, lie flat in a ditch, culvert or lowlying area away from vehicles. During a Severe Thunderstorm, if

outdoors, seek shelter immediately. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. If you find yourself in a position where there is no immediate shelter available, find a low spot away from trees and power poles. If you are in a boat when a thunderstorm threatens, you should attempt to reach shore as quickly as possible. Get off of golf courses, sports fields, and out of swimming pools. If you are driving, pull safely to the shoulder away from trees and power lines. Lightning can flash from trees or power poles and strike a vehicle. Rubber tires do NOT keep lightning from striking a vehicle. In the open, a hardtopped vehicle is normally a safe shelter from lightning. Avoid touching metal parts of the vehicle when lightning is

What do I do if power lines go down

So, this answer is a little broader on what to do after a tornado or severe thun-

Monitor local radio or TV or contact your local emergency management agency for special information about where to go to get assistance for housing, clothing and food. Programs are available to help you cope with the stress of the disaster. Use extreme care in areas with downed power lines or natural gas leaks. Wear adequate footwear to avoid cuts from broken glass or nails protruding from boards. Check for injured victims. Render first aid if necessary. Do not attempt to move severely injured victims unless absolutely necessary. Wait for emergency medical assistance to arrive. Check on neighbors or relatives who may require special assistance.

Exit damaged buildings. Re-enter only if absolutely necessary using great caution. Have the damaged building inspected by a structural engineer to make sure it is safe to occupy. If driving, be alert for hazards on the roadway. Do not make unnecessary telephone calls. Take photos or video of the damage to your home and property and report it to the local emergency management agency. If unaffected by the tornado, stay out of the damaged area until local officials allow entry. Your presence will hamper emergency operations.

Any information you want to add about severe weather preparedness and how people can stay safe?

There are always questions about the outdoor warning sirens and the criteria to activate them. So, in Braidwood, when can the sirens be activated?

1) If a tornado warning is issued from

the National Weather Service for the area which includes the Braidwood

2) If a funnel or tornado has been spotted near the Braidwood community and heading in the direction of the city (with or without an official warning issued by the NWS);

3) Sustained winds greater than 65mph (straight line winds, microbursts, downbursts). These can do a lot of damage to property or harm to individuals who are outdoors.

4) In the unlikely event of a nuclear accident at the Exelon Generation Braidwood Nuclear Power Station.

One of the biggest misconceptions is that sirens in our area are activated just for tornadoes, which is FALSE. They are actually called "Outdoor Warning Sirens' and NOT only for tornado purposes, like many assume. If there is any threat to life and/or property due to natural or a manmade disaster, the sirens can be activated. There is no difference in the tone or pitch of the siren based on the nature of the incident for which they have been

Many people complain they cannot hear the sirens while inside their home, a garage or a vehicle. That's because they are meant for those who are outdoors, hence the term "Outdoor Warning Sirens". Many factors come into play which make it difficult or impossible to hear the outdoor warning sirens while inside a structure, home or even a vehicle. Types of construction, soundproofing building or insulation materials, vehicle traffic, interior noises such as a TV, radio, air conditioning unit, furnace, fan, casual conversation, etc. are just some of those contributing factors. You should never expect to hear them while inside a build-

You should not wait for, or rely on, hearing the outdoor sirens before seeking shelter in a severe weather event. Also, just because the siren stops does not mean you are in the clear. During a severe weather incident, you should immediately go to a NOAA weather radio or other source to see what warning is actually occurring and for how long. The sirens are NOT re-activated to give an all clear.

Remember, sirens are for OUTDOOR warning purposes and are not meant to be heard indoors. If you hear a siren, head indoors immediately and seek additional information.

For the City of Braidwood and Will County, you can tune to one of the following radio stations for the latest information and possible emergency instruc-

> WCCQ 98.3 FM WRXQ 100.7 FM WSSR 96.7 FM WJOL 1340 AM

It does NOT mean the threat has ended when the sirens stop. Sirens are activated by the Will County Emergency Management Agency and The Public Service Answering Point (PSAP or 9-1-1 dispatch center) serving the Braidwood Community, not the National Weather Service. There is also no local controller within the City of Braidwood to activate

Will County conducts a monthly test of the Outdoor Warning Sirens in accordance with Illinois Law which requires tests to be conducted at 10:00 am on the first Tuesday of each month. In addition to the monthly activation test, each siren undergoes a weekly "growl test" in which a siren start signal is sent to the siren causing the head of the siren rotates and emit a very low noise which usually isn't even heard by those nearby. Each siren also undergoes a silent test every weekday, excluding holidays, to ensure communications between the receiver and the siren controller system. If a siren fails one of the above tests, a report is immediately sent to Constellation and Will County EMA. Each siren in our area also has a battery backup in the event of a power loss to the unit.

Should the Outdoor Warning Sirens activate at any time other than the monthly test, you can tune to one of local radio stations listed above

Outdoor warning sirens are starting to be considered more of an antiquated system which is subject to several factors (human error, computer/controller malfunctions, hardware failure, etc.) which can cause errors, malfunctions, false acti-

Outdoor warning siren locations in immediate area of the City of Braidwood These sirens are within the iurisdiction of Will County. There are additional sirens in the area which may fall under the jurisdiction of neighboring Grundy or Kankakee Counties.

1) West side of Greer Road, North of Frontage Road (alongside of I-55)

2) Braidwood Fire Station (SE Corner of Main and School Street)

3) East of I-55 at the Reed Road

4) East side of Essex Road, 3/4 mile south of RT 113 5) West side of Zilm Road, 1/2 mile

North of McGuire Rd

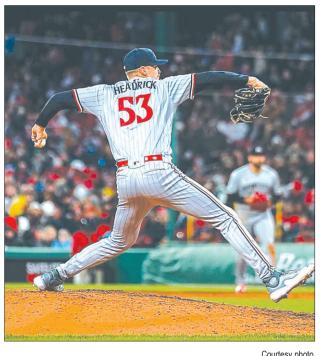
6) Darby Rd/County Line Road NE

Dondanville/Kankakee Rd

All outdoor warning sirens system in our area, which are part of the 10 Mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for either the Braidwood or Dresden Nuclear Power Plants, are owned and maintained 100% by Constellation who allows for access and use of the system by agreement with Will County and other counties within the EPZs. All sirens meet the auditable and decibel standards as set in the FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Manual which states that in population areas with density of 2,000 people per square miles a minimum of 70 dB. In less populated areas, it can be acceptable to be at 60 dB.

When it comes to the distance between sirens, the guidance does not specify a specific distance between sirens. Rather it looks at the overall sound level. For example, things like terrain and building density can impact sound disbursement. That is why they look at sound level rather than specific distances.

Some people ask if more outdoor warning sirens can be added to the system for a specific location. The answer to this is possibly, but no guarantees. Constellation spends a lot of money to engineer and maintain an outdoor siren system that complies with 44 CFR Part 350/NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1/FEMA REP Program Manual. Typically speaking, it would need to be demonstrated that an outdoor siren does not perform as designed at a specific spot inside of the EPZ. That is typically demonstrated with a volume test during the regular monthly siren tests using frequency detection equipment by Constellation's siren ven-



MAJOR LEAGUE DEBUT-Brent Headrick pitched three innings last Wednesday for the Minnesota Twins making him an official big league pitcher. Headrick, from Braidwood, was an All State pitcher for Reed-Custer when they won the 2A state championship in 2016 with a 29-5

### Headrick

The Headrick family is looking forward to more opportunities to watch Brent pitch. It's hard to predict when he will be taking the field.

"The Twins are so deep with starters that they're thinking he'll be more of a long reliever right now," Michelle said. "He's used to being a starter but we will see. He'll be sitting in the bullpen ready to go at all times. I don't know if I could take that kind of pressure. But all he cares about is being able to play."

Headrick becomes the third former Comet to play in the Majors. Others were Brian DuBois (Detroit Tigers) and Les Norman (Kansas City Royals). Headrick was an All State pitcher for the Comets, anchoring the 2016 team to a 2A state championship.

### Fossil Ridge Library News

**Adult Programs** 

April 28-LIHEAP, 1-3 p.m. This program is designed to assist households with low incomes to help, through financial aid, meet their ener-

May 2-Live Music: Brad Fetterer, 6-7:3 p.m. Join us for a night of live music and light refreshments as you listen to classic folk, folk rock, and country music from Front Porch Hero Brad Fetterer.

May 4-Well Read Book Club, 6-7 p.m. The Well-Read book club meets on the first Thursday of each month to discuss memoirs, biographies, true crime, or a book selected by one of the members.

May 10-Versiti Blood Drive, registration required. 10 week. They'll improve their a.m.-2 p.m. Versiti is coming to gross and fine motor skills, as Fossil Ridge Public Library for well as their social interaction a Blood Drive! Did you know that a single blood donation can save three lives? Start giving back by giving Fossil Ridge a call for more information.

**Teen Programs** 

May 3-DIY Light Up Constellatioon, 6-7:30 p.m. Bring the beauty of the night skies indoors with this DIY information call 815-458-2187

shop with all the supplies pro-

May 9-Teen Anime Club, 6-7 p.m. Anime Club is an opportunity for teens to socialize with their friends after school while enjoying Japanese anime and manga. **Child Programs** 

April 29-STEM Saturday-Laser puzzle challenge 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. These laser puzzle boxes will require kids to think logically about angles and build a precise setup while getting to play with lasers.

May 4-Toddler Time, 10-11 a.m.: Bring your toddlers and explore with various toys and sensory materials each and language skills.

May 8 and 22-Kids Craft Corner, 6:30 p.m. Are you in first or second grade? Join us Monday evenings for silly stories and easy crafts.

Registration is required for all programs. For more Light Up Constellation work- or e-mail help@fossilridge.org.

### BAHUU

last of the five years of fund-

The DFC Support Program provides grants up to \$125,000 per year for five years to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use. After five years, community coalitions may re-compete for another five-year cycle.

The DFC year six through 10 grant has two main goals: Strengthen collaborations through the community, and reduce substance use.

Fund matching requirements will increase for years six through 10, which means the coalition, if awarded the grant, will have to match 125% to 150% of funding throughout the five years of the grant extension, which is done by securing additional grant funding from other sources, as well as through in-kind dona-

Dell'Aquila said there are 100 awards available for the next six years.

application detailed how the BAHCC evaluates its own performance and effectiveness, as well as the organization's capacity to implement its programming to benefit the community by identifying personnel and roles, and recruitment and retention of members, especially youth.

The application also highlights how the BAHCC and its members work with representatives across 12 sectors of the community to reach its goals, including local governments, law enforcement, schools, youth, media and civic/fraternal groups.

Also included are details on how the BAHCC addresses multiple issues, focusing on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drug use, as well as individual and environmental strategies that are most effective for long term, community level change that impacts and benefits the most

Dell'Aquila said the application process took a lot of work, but was worth it.

"If you are wondering what it takes to apply for a fedgrant, it's a lot," Dell'Aquila said. "A lot goes on

The 95-page DFC grant behind the scenes, not just on increasing youth involvement that 20-page project narrative, but all that other paperwork that you need to support... We're looking to continue some of the work that we're doing, and at our next meeting we'll be sharing some of the outcomes of the Drug Free Communities grant at our annual stakeholders meeting." The

Drug-Free Communities Support Program, created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, is the Nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. Directed by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), the DFC Program provides grants to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use.

The goal of the grant funding program is to establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among

In addition to applying for the DFC grant, the BAHCC has also sought out funding via a United Way of Will County community grant and the Will County Comeback program, which will utilize dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act, among other applications that are filed throughout the year.

The organization also partners with Will County Substance Abuse Initiatives, which helps train and provide recovery coaches and helps reach the goal of a continuum of care for those dealing with substance use disorder.

The BAHCC operates on grant funding, donations and volunteer work to achieve the coalition's objectives of recruitment. retention.

sustainability plans, and increasing local resources for substance use prevention. In addition to providing

community resources, the

BAHCC also hosts a community garden outside its center on Reed Street, sponsors students who attend the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute, and holds workshops on mental health with community partners including 515 Fitness from Coal City. The coalition also works

with the Will County Rapid Response Team to distribute Narcan to local communities, supports the Text-A-Tip line in partnership Wilmington Coalition, and hosts the bi-annual drug take back event, among other community activities.

The BAHCC's next meeting is Monday, May 8.

Details on the coalition and its activities can be found on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/braidwoodareahealthycommunity-

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### Ascending to the heavens, mankind's dream

I am sure that some psychologist somewhere can tell us why man has always wanted to ascend to the heavens like a bird: but it's true. Today we look at attempted it. Even before

the Civil War aerowere showing off their skills. We read on August 12, 1856 in the Joliet Signal, "Balloon ascension - By advertisement

it will be seen that Prof. Brooks makes one of his grand balloon ascensions from this city (Joliet), on Saturday next. He is the greatest aeronaut living and has made more successful voyages through the heavens than any other man. Of course, he will have a great crowd to witness his daring

Prof. Silas Brooks was a show man, no doubt. He originally worked for P. T. Barnum setting up rigging and inventing new acts. Barnum himself was intrigued with balloon flight. In 1875 he staged an event where Prof. Donaldson (don't know why they are all called Professor) would fly over Lake Michigan. It ended in

Barnum is quoted as saying, "The balloon was strong and nearly new, and was chosen by Prof. Donaldson from several new ones, which were kept on hand.

The fatal termination of the trip was entirely due to the sudden and terrific gale, and the turbulent state of the lake,

useless the life preservers, with which Donaldson and his companion were provid-

My agers and myself deeply deplore the of Prof. Donaldson, but we have the satis-

nauts, as they were then called, faction of knowing that nothing was spared to render all his ascensions safe and agreeable. Just as in the Wizard of Oz,

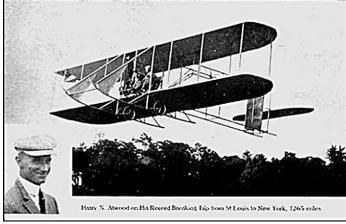
balloon ascension became part of every county fair, Fourth of July celebration and race track grand opening. At the turn of the century the early forms of the modern

airplane were being invented, but the military still thought that balloons had merit. In 1908 balloon races were held in

The United States entered three balloons, two of them crashed. The third exemplifies the downside of balloons - they are at the mercy of the winds.

We read Capt. J. C. McCoy, the commander of the third American balloon America II, which landed in Berlin at night. "We flew 150 miles," he said, "and then we were becalmed for four hours. The wind shifted and we returned in the direction of Berlin. We then traveled northward in a thick fog and were unable to read the maps.

Suddenly we discovered that we were over water and decided to descend. This was accomplished with some difficulty, and we landed in a tree top near Wismar, on the shores



A PHOTO OF Harry Atwood and the plane he used to fly over Braidwood and wilmington.

of the steep cliffs, but we climbed out of our dangerous position with the assistance of fishermen. We were obliged to cut down the trees in order to save the balloon."

By 1909 the Wright

Brothers were racing around New York City in their airplanes, but the balloon was still an attraction. In 1911 we read of a local tragedy, in the Wilmington Advocate. 'The funeral of Harry

Darnell, the aeronaut who fell from his balloon Wednesday evening of last week at Electric Plainfield, and was dashed to death, was held Friday last with burial in the Plainfield cemetery. young man was penniless and without relatives. Plainfield citizens subscribed funds and saved the young man from a potter's field burial."

None the less we read the following week of an event in Wilmington, "Races, balloon

ascension and We were within ten yards drops, baseball and other sports Merchants' day August 24th at Ryan Bros. Race track."

In the same issue we read of modern technology in the skies, "Business was nearly at a standstill in this (Wilmington) Monday afternoon in anticipation of the arrival of Harry N. Atwood in his aeroplane flight overOne hundre our city enroute from St. Louis to Boston.

"For several hours before he was scheduled to pass over Wilmington, people were standing around in groups watching for him. At 5:15 he sailed over Braidwood and five minutes later he passed over this city at a height of about 300 feet. Atwood is the first aviator to fly over Wilmington and he was greeted with a large crowd of upturned faces."

One hundred and ten years later, when we hear an airplane, if we do at all, we do not even bother to look up.

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AN AD FOR THE Kankakee Fair that featured balloon ascensions from the late 1800s.

### RCMS inducts National Junior Honor Society

Reed-Custer Middle School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. They were selected based on their outstanding qualities of scholarship (GPA of 3.75 or greater), service to school and community, leadership, character and citizen-Students inducted were:

8th grade: Logan Bean and Gillian Byerley. 7th grade: Caedon Baumgartner, Carson Lowe, Madelynn Marschner, Brianna Morrissey, Reed Newbrough, Zachary Pruss, Colton Schultz, Kadance Van Duyne, Selah Walsh, Kamryn Wilkey and Cole Yeates. They were inducted dur-

ing a candle-lighting ceremony highlighting the five criteria and high standards of the organization. Following the ceremony, inductees and their families, along with current members, enjoyed a banquet in the Reed-Custer Middle School Commons

Junior Honor Society participate in various service projects and fund-raising activities for



REED-CUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL inducted 13 students in the National Junior Honor Society, students include (front, from left): Kadance Van Duyne, Selah Walsh, Kamryn Wilkey, Cole Yeates, Zachary Pruss, and Colton Schultz. Back Row: Brianna Morrissey, Madelynn Marschner, Reed Newbrough, Carson Lowe, Gillian Byerley, Logan Bean and Caedon Baumgartner.

different throughout the year.

hool Members of the National volunteered at the local food Children", and raised money pantry, organized a Reverse for Trick-or-Treat for the pedi- organizations/causes.

organizations atrics unit of St. Joseph Hospital, packed meals for the include fundraising for the Hospital, j ear, they hungry a

Foundation and hosting an Appreciation Tea for the RCMS cooks and custodians.

### License plate reader cameras help nab suspected car thieves

STAFF REPORT

The Braidwood Police Department gave an assist to County Sheriff's Deputies when one of the area's FLOCK Safety Cameras alerted to a stolen vehicle.

The incident happened in the early hours of April 23. The Grundy County Sheriff's Department reported that around 12:39 a.m., as Saturday night turned into Sunday morning, deputies were alerted by a FLOCK safety camera of a stolen vehicle out of Joliet, which was spotted by the camera in the area of Route 129 in

A Grundy County Deputy located the stolen vehicle and attempted to stop it, when the driver of that vehicle took off and entered I-55 heading northbound.

According to the report, a deputy set up stop sticks on I55 at mile post 233.

The stolen vehicle hit the stop sticks and stopped a short time later, and four subjects bailed from the vehicle. A Grundy County K-9 unit tracked and apprehended two suspects, Roxie A. Boling, 40, of Wilmington and Melissa M.

Ferguson, 34, of New Lenox. Also arrested at the scene was Ivan S. Davis, 42, of Joliet. One person remains at

Ferguson was transported to the Grundy County Jail and charged with Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance, Resisting arrest, and Criminal Trespass to a Stolen Motor Vehicle.

Boling was transported to a local hospital after advising a

Heroin. Boling is being held on warrant from the US Marshals Office for failure to Possession appear, Narcotics, a warrant out of Will County for failure to appear on Larceny charges. Boling faces additional charges in Grundy County for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Criminal Trespass to Stolen Motor Vehicle and Resisting Arrest.

Davis was transported to a local hospital after complaining of chest pains. Davis is on Parole from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Davis is charged with Criminal Trespass to a Stolen Motor Vehicle and Resisting Arrest.

Grundy County was assisted on the scene by the Illinois State Police, Braidwood Police, the Will County Sheriff's Department. and

Shepherd Trucking & Excavating files as new business

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Assumed Name** Publication Notice

Certificate 34809 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Will County on April 11, 2023 wherein the business firm of Shepherd Trucking & Excavating, located at 385 E Reed St. #1, Braidwood, IL 60408 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning, conducting or transacting the business, with their respective post office address, is

Owner Name: James S. Shepherd Owner Address: 385 E Reed St. #1, Braidwood, IL 60408

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at this 11th day of March, 2023. Lauren Stalev Ferry

Will County Clerk
Published in the Braidwood Journal on Wednesday, April 19, 26 and May 3,

Deputy she ingested 2 grams of Braidwood Fire Protection District.

> Braidwood Police Chief Todd Lyons noted that this is just the latest incident where FLOCK cameras proved to be a vital tool for law enforcement.

> We have six FLOCK cameras, we would like two more, so we have all our town's entrances covered," Lyons said. "We also have two that cover our schools. They have been very beneficial in solving crimes along with detouring criminal behavior, which obviously is hard to measure. We get information in real time when stolen cars hit our cameras. We also work with surrounding agencies and share our information with each

"Saturday night was a perfect example," Lyons continued. "Our officers were alerted of a stolen vehicle in Gardner so we were in the area when the suspects fled on foot near our community. Our officers were able to help locate the

suspects." FLOCK cameras can assist law enforcement in proactively preventing crime by sending real-time alerts when a stolen car or known suspect enters the jurisdiction. FLOCK cameras allow police to search by vehicle make, color, type and license plate, and can recognize unique vehicle details like roof racks, bumper stickers, and even vehicles without plates.

Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment

Per the Illinois Property Tax Code (Sec. 15-172): Beginning in taxable year 1994, a senior citizen's assessment freeze homestead exemption is granted for real property that is improved with a permanent structure that is occupied as a residence by an applicant who (1) is 65 years of age or older during the taxable year, (2) has a total household income of \$65,000 or less in taxable year, (3) is liable for paying property taxes on the property or has a legal or equitable interest in the property as evidenced by a written

The Chief County Assessment Officer is giving notice that the 2023 Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption (PTAX -340) is available upon request and the deadline to submit the completed applica ion is **July 1, 2023** 

Applications may be obtained at your local township assessor's office or the Chief County Assessment Office, 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, IL, 60432; or by calling (815) 740-4648 for further information. In addition, please visit our website at www.willcountysoa.com for senior assistance event scheduling. Dale D. Butalla, CIAO-M

Chief County Assessment Officer Will County Published in the Braidwood Journal on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

### First Presbyterian church to sell hanging flower baskets

The First Presbyterian Church of Braidwood will be selling Hanging Baskets of flowers for \$25. The sale will start Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, during the Red Carpet Corridor Event

They will have a stand set up across from Berkots so be sure to look for their banner. Some of the types they will be selling Fuchsia, baskets, Millonbells/Calibrachoa, Impatiens SunPatiens, Dragon Wing Pre-orders can be taken ahead of time by calling or texting

LuAnn Bolatto at 815-790-7134. The number of baskets and color choices will be needed when you contact her.

### Their current projects Braidwood Lions to hold annual broom sale

The Braidwood Lions Club will be holding a broom sale fundraiser on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 & 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., during the 16th Annual Rt. 66 Red Carpet Corridor Festival.

The club's booth will be set up in City of Braidwood's vendor area of the Rt. 66 park located on Rt. 53 across from club.org.

Polk-A-Dot Drive In.

House, heavy duty and whisk brooms will be for sale. Proceeds from the broom sales will benefit the club's sight and sound humanitarian services for the visually & hearing impaired.

For more details, please visit www.braidwoodlions

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Custer Township to hold hearing on Road District budget

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CUSTER

WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Custer, Will County, Illinois, to consider the tentative

2023/2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Road District of Custer, Will County, Illinois.
Said hearing will be held at Custer Township Hall, Grant Street, Custer Park, Illinois, at the hour of 6:30 P.M. on June 20th, 2023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of Trustees, at the public hearing, shall adopt the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, or any part thereof, as such Board of Trustees deems

necessary.

All citizens of the Road District present at the hearing and desiring to be heard concerning the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be given an

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be filed and made conveniently available for public inspection in the office of the Road District Clerk, 23125 McGuire Rd, Wilmington, Illinois, during the regular business hours, from and after 8:00 A.M. on May 1st. 2023. Dated: April 26, 2023

Christine D. Olson Clerk, Road District of Custer, Will County, Illinois Published in the Braidwood Journal Custer Township to hold hearing on township budget

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### New hope

BRAIDWOOD—Braidwood is becoming a ugly town; no bank, now no laundromat; very few restaurants. Why do they need another gaming place? Let's see what this new mayor

#### Works both ways

WILMINGTON— If women can't have Mifepristone, men shouldn't be able to have Viagra, or Cialis or any other medication to give them an erection. Erectile disfunction is God's way of telling old men they are done with sex plus if they can't impregnate women that means less abortions. It's a win-win. Penny

#### Just making sure

WILMINGTON—OK Margo, let me get this straight. All of these mass killers and school shooters are agents of God and acting in his name? I'm just making sure I got your point.

#### Only your God

WILMINGTON—Dear Sharon, you are free to believe anything you want. You can read your Bible, pray and go to any church you choose. Your kids can carry a Bible and wear a cross but teachers and coaches aren't allowed to proselytize on school time. I don't know why everyone has to be exposed to the Ten Commandments when various Christian and Jewish faiths have different versions. But the point is still, you can practice any belief you choose and yet you still feel compelled to force your way into the public's square and demand that everyone kneel to your God and only your God. I don't need a weather vane to tell me which way the wind blows and I don't need to see a nativity to know it's Christmas. By the way don't have a problem with Jesus, in fact to quote the Doobie Brothers "Jesus is just all right with me." I just don't like his fans.

#### Computer chaos

COAL CITY—Recently the computer system at a local medical facility wasn't working correctly and quite a few people could not get their prescriptions refilled and the pharmacies refused to refill any doctors' prescription refill orders by telephone. Then the facility stated that only computer authorizations are allowed by law to refill prescriptions. But our leaders were warned years ago, look what happened. But they didn't care because they receive everything they need under priority status along with medical personal. After arguing about my prescriptions with the hospital, pharmacy and doctor's office, all three basically stated that there is nothing they can do to help me get my medication because my life is being controlled by a machine. How do you like knowing that a computer determines if you are allowed your medication for survival? It's damaging my life. If the truth doesn't rattle your brain then watch the movie "The Net" with Sandra Bullock and that movie might shake every apple from your tree. Computers aren't the truest form of man to man pushed into usage by our Congress with no thought about human life. There is no appreciation for being treated like scum by the medical profession and the public servants.

### Crook helping crooks

ple in Congress want to pass to stop transgender males from competing in woman's sports

DIAMOND—There is a law that some peo-

because of the disadvantage that women have physically in competition with men. But our president has already stated that he will not sign any bill into law that will stop a transgender man from women's sports or being allowed in women's locker rooms or women's restrooms. There's a phrase that says one crook will always help another crook. So does that mean one pedophile will always help another pedophile? If the shoe fits, you wear it.

### Gone too progressive

SHADOW LAKES—The GOP house voted to ban biological man from playing in girls sports. Not one Democrat voted for it and Biden said if it passed he would veto it. This is not your father's Democratic party. Think about this if you have a daughter in sports.

#### **Inconsistent**

WILMINGTON—Have you noticed that the trans phobic Republicans only care about trans girls in sports. What about the trans boys in sports? It seems inconsistent. So what's up

#### Lost touch

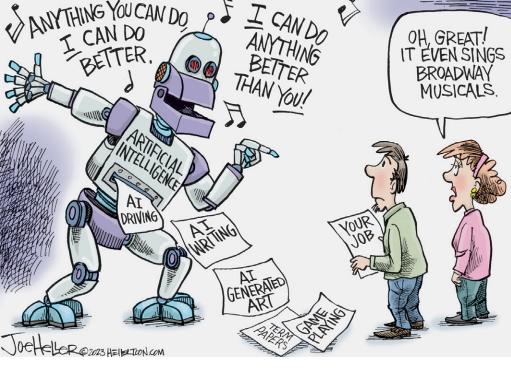
DIAMOND-It has been across the news media that minor children are being taught that a boy can become a girl and a girl can become a boy with surgery and pills. But this can never change the eternal structure of any human being or completely change a human being's DNA. But the adults pushing this twisted idea will not undergo the surgery or have their children undergo the same mutilation process that can never be reversed. All it shows is that some adults have lost touch with reality and are sick deviates that should be put into prison instead of being allowed to be involved in the tax payers funded education program and the politicians that allow this to continue should be forced to undergo the mutilation surgery they want for the children in the U.S.A. before one more minor child becomes a victim of this sadistic, inhumane mentality that causes extreme harm to the welfare of mankind as a complete abomination to life.

#### So now what?

BRAIDWOOD-It's 4-20 so the buds and I were celebrating. One of the buds asked if the cannabis resort is still coming to Braidwood now that we're getting a new mayor and all. We were stoked about it coming and being legal and all. Would be a cool venue for people up north or any state wanting to come chill at a destination. Although I heard now that Missouri turned legal and pot's is half the price it is in Illinois, the resort planners have bugged out and are going to Missouri. Hope that ain't true. Later dude!

#### Higher again

GARDNER—Just wondering if anyone else in the area is sick and tired of the price gouging by Waste Management. I filed a complaint with the Attorney General after getting nowhere with the company last year. They helped me get a refund. They lie about being able to choose another company, but they know they are the only one who handles recycling. Just got my bill this morning and it was a lot higher again. I don't know if anyone on a fixed income is able to pay this huge amount. Do you pay their ridiculous bills every year or do you pay for



your other essentials like prescriptions, food, utility bills, and toss your garbage along the road? This company makes billions every year.

### Pitiful politics

BRAIDWOOD—In response to "More harm than good", maybe the hard look should be to the person who sent out the postcard with the lies about one of the candidates running and then stood in front of Berkot's the night before the election telling people not to vote for that person and telling them a horrible lie. When that's how you have to win an election it's pitiful. I hope the person who stood in front of Berkot's gets sued for slander. Yes, we know who you are.

#### Targets women

WILMINGTON—The Republicans claim to believe in states' rights yet they say nothing about the judicial overreach of a white male Trump-appointed Texas judge with no background in science or medicine passing judgments that affect the whole country and targets only women.

#### The Shroud of Turin

DIAMOND-New evidence indicates that Jesus of Nazareth's burial cloth believed to be the Shroud of Turin is not only real but points to the occurrence of a supernatural event after His death. Recent analyses of the shroud using only modern science can provide some machines that study deep space to nanoscopic parts of the human cell are revealing surprising information. In 2011, Italy's national agencies for new technologies energy and sustainable economic development assigned a world team of 35 researchers with seven tons of equipment to understand how the image on the shroud was made. A number of key findings about the images make sharing this wonderful information concise and to the point: It was not painted, no pigment found. It was not scorched or burned. It is a two-dimensional image with encoded three-dimensional information. The distance between body and cloth is captured in the density of the image, closer is darker. The image did not come from contact with the cloth. The image appears to be created by an oscillating strobe of high intensity light with a simple wave length. This light came from "inside the body." The event happened in 1/40th of a billionth of a second like a laser beam moving 2.5 billion watts. To create a similar light one would need all the electric power generated on earth. The report said "In the end, we could not determine an image formation mechanism that could make an image with these properties on the Shroud of Turin." As for me, this miracle of God's love confirms my faith that Jesus, the son of God was crucified, died and was buried. He then rose from the dead on the third day. One of science's accepted laws states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed. But over 2,000 years ago our all powerful God created an energy of like equal to all the power generated on present day earth in the briefest of time and that regenerated the life in Jesus. What an affirmation of faith to all Christians. Recognition that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah of the Jews. I sincerely believe all agnostics and atheists have some extremely new scientific facts to consider. Praise the Lord

for His faithfulness.

#### FYI

DIAMOND—Biden administration unveils rule to force 67 percent of cars sold to be electric by 2032. Biden administration unveils toughest ever emissions rule in bid to force surge in EV purchases. Ford, General Motors Mercedes Bends, Volvo, and Jaguar Land Rover pledged to stop selling diesel powered cars worldwide by 2040. In 2022 Washington and California announced the ban on sale of new gasoline powered cars by 2035. In 2022 Washington and California enacted tougher vehicle emission standards. Connecticut Colorado, Delaware, Maine, Maryland. Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington DC followed. P.S. The average price of an electric vehicle was roughly \$65,000 last year, more than the total yearly household income of 46% of American fami

#### It's time

lies.

CUSTER PARK/BRAIDWOOD-This is in no way a negative comment to the taxpayers of Custer Park, rather a negative comment to the Custer Park Fire Protection District Trustees. Why is it the Custer Park Fire Protection District is not able to handle 90% of their own emergency calls? I have a police and fire scanner at home and 90% of the time CPFPD gets a call whether it be a medical or fire call Braidwood Fire Protection District or Wilmington Fire Protection District has to either assist them heavily as if it was in their own district, or handle the call completely with no response or assistance from CPFPD. As a BFPD taxpayer I find it quite disturbing that my tax dollars are handling a majority of another department's calls, but not getting any reimbursement for handling the incidents. How can the Trustees of CPFPD allow this to happen over and over again for not only this year but for many years in the past. I think it's time to seriously consider closing down the CPFPD, and turning the district over to Braidwood or Wilmington who can actually handle the calls, and who actually have a transport ALS ambu-

### lance.

**Praising Biden** COAL CITY—President Biden has been in politics for over 50 years and served as a senator and vice president before becoming the 46th President of the United States in January 2021. Throughout his career, he has been known for his work on issues such as health care, education, civil rights, and foreign policy. Since taking office, President Biden has taken steps to address some of the most pressing issues facing the country, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, economic recovery, climate change, racial justice, and immigration reform. He has also made efforts to promote bipartisanship and work across the aisle to pass legis lation. Many people appreciate Biden's experi ence and leadership skills, as well as his focus on restoring unity and civility in American politics. His administration has also been praised for its diversity and inclusion, with a record number of women and people of color appointed to key positions in government.

### Gas prices fall 5 cents in Illinois

Illinois have fallen 0.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.05/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

Area gas prices have narrowed with Coal City stations charging \$4.04/g; Braidwood Wilmington and \$3.97/g on average as of Monday.

"For the first time in several weeks, the national average price of gasoline has seen a decline, and while the fall was quite small, the bigger news may be that we may have seen a short-term peak for the price of gasoline. While any unexpected outages could push it up again, there is a rising possibility that barring such, we may have seen our 22.8 cents per gallon from a high water mark for the month ago and stands 46.4

Average gasoline prices in national average for the summer," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

Prices in Illinois are 36.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 35.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

national average price of diesel has fallen 3.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.12 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois was priced at \$3.44/g while the most expensive was \$5.19/g, a difference of

The lowest price in the state was \$3.44/g while the highest was \$5.19/g,

The national average is up

cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"Typically, gas prices peak between May and June, and with the oil market showing significant cracks in strength, we may have seen the peak in the national average already occur, a few weeks earlier than average. While it's possible we could go higher later this summer should a major hurricane target sensitive infrastructure, it appears the odds that the national average will miss the \$4 per gallon mark are rising. It's certainly looking optimistic for motorists.'

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### Commentary

### Stay calm when the wheels fall off

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maneuvers from the ground

while she circled a few times to

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how my parents were on the

ground and I knew that they

cause any of us to make rash

Stress and panic can

I was just petrified. I was

gather herself.

were watching.

**FOUNDATION FOR** of gas, so her instructor had A BETTER LIFE

At 17 years old, most people are still struggling to parallel park. Yes, it takes a bit of practice. And once the car is parked, the day is packed with school activities and homework and just hanging out with friends. But at 17, Maggie Taraska had an outrageous goal in mind: Fly solo across the United States.

decisions. It takes mental Both of Maggie's parents practice to calm down. Take a are Air Force veterans, so the few breaths, focus on the urge to be airborne is in moment, follow the plan. And remember to breathe. "I pan-Maggie's genes. So she went to flight school, put in the hours icked a bit, but I followed my with an instructor and started training.' Maggie was a little shaky as she talked to the tower, but on her solo hours. But on her first solo takeoff, out of a small airport in Massachusetts, something didn't sound right. The plane had lost one of the

The Piper Cub had plenty

landing gear wheels.

wrong instinctively."

she executed a perfect belly landing that skidded on the infield grass. Her father couldn't be more proud. "As soon as I took off, I By the time I saw Maggie heard something," Maggie said. "I just felt something was Maggie

on her approach, it was a better approach than I could've flown," he said. Cheers erupt-

ed in the tower when she land-

ed, and Maggie took a deep breath and climbed out of the

plane.

Credit does go to the crew for talking her through the procedure. We all need someone to talk us through challenging times. But in the end, it was all Maggie at the con-

We could all be forgiven for calling it quits after an ordeal like that. After all, it was a bit traumatic. So walking away would be understandable. But five days later, Maggie was going through her pre-flight safety inspections, checking under the hood, checking the wings, and especially checking the landing

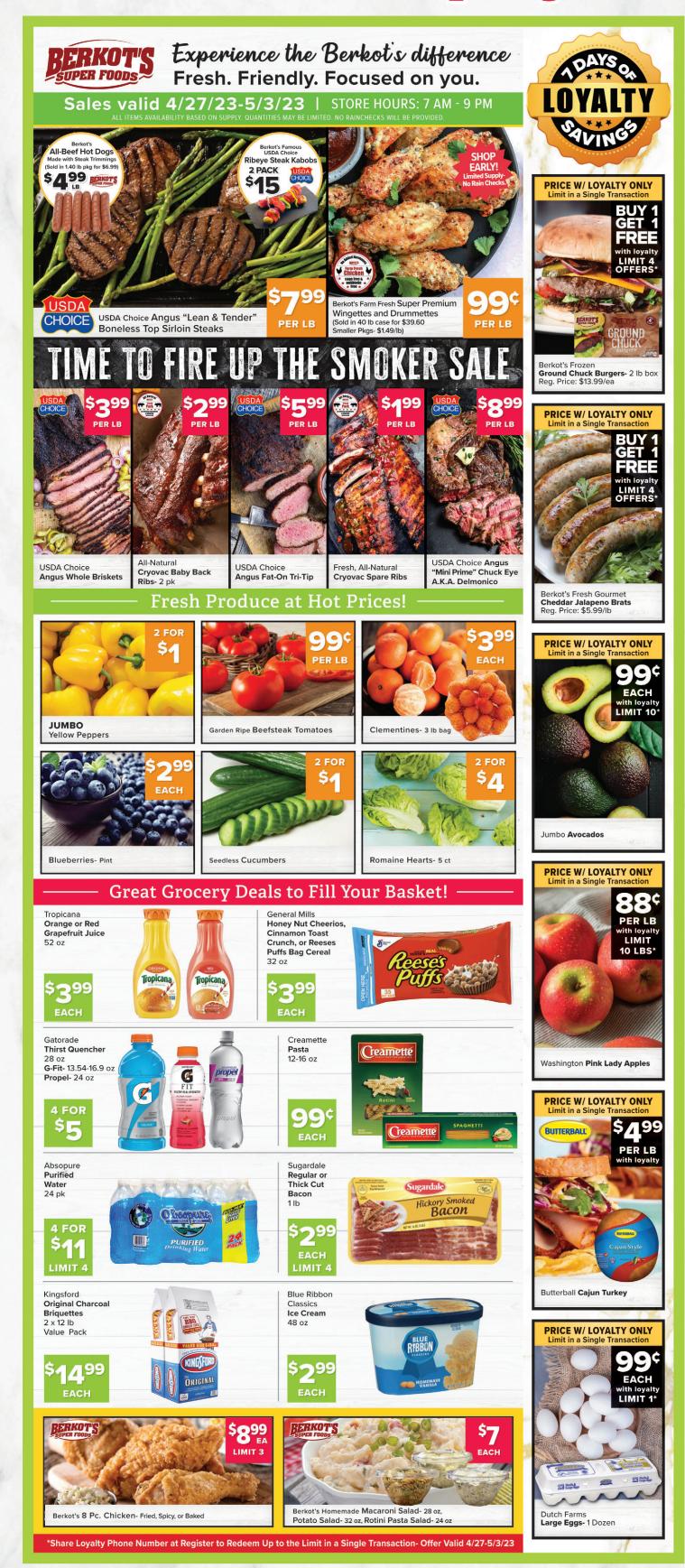
. "It feels amazing," she said about being up in the air again. "It feels really freeing."

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In today's busy world it's

challenging enough just to get

a home cooked meal on the

table once or twice a week. But

to make it healthy and one that

the kids will eat is a whole dif-

amazing cooks but family

favorites like carmel rolls and spaghetti pie were not exactly

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welcoming in a quiet country setting.

It wasn't until I was a mom of three with my youngest being special needs when I really started to consider what I was putting on their plates every night. I constantly found myself

reading endless labels at the grocery store and really doing my research to come to the conclusion that a lot of the food at the grocery store had ingredients in them that I couldn't even pronounce. Or there was one ingredient that kept catching my eye in everything: Seed oils.

Seed oils like canola oil, vegetable oil, and oils made from soy, corn and sunflower have been linked to causing inflammation throughout the entire body which can lead to disease. diabetes, heart autoimmune diseases and a

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Don't feel guilty about making a healthier bolognes sauce slew of other health problems.

Now I am no health expert or doctor but I do know that once I started staying away from the seed oils and center isles of the grocery store, I dropped weight and felt so much better. My achy joints and brain fog seemed to slowly disappear.

Which then made me real-I came from a family of ize I had to also make this work for my kids. There just seemed to be no solution other than going back to homemade basics and Mother Natures remedies of vegetables, fruits and meat.

I mean she is the mother of all mothers, so wouldn't that be the most nuturing for our bodies and souls?

But what kid is willing to eat vegatbles these days when we have sugary snacks availbale on every isle? So, that's when I realized it was going to have to perform somewhat of a magic trick, disguise them in a bolognese sauce because who doesn't love spaghetti?

Magic trick bolognes sauce

1lb of ground beef 1lb of Italian sausage 1t of red pepper flakes 2 T. Olive oil

1 green pepper (diced) 1 yellow onion (diced) 2 stalks of celery (diced) 4 garlic cloves (minced)

2 carrots (grated) 28-ounce crushed toma-

toes (with juice) 8-ounce tomato past

1 cup beef stock

1 honey crisp apple (grat-

8 basil leaves chopped

Salt and pepper to taste 1. First brown the meat, both Italian sausage and

ground beef in a pan, while the meat cooks, sprinkle the red pepper flakes (if you like a little spice) in with the meat. Once the meat is cooked, drain grease and set aside for later. 2. Grab your favorite pasta sauce pot and heat up 2 table-

spoons of olive oil. Once the oil is sizzling add the minced garlic to the pan. Next, add the carrots and celery and saute until they have softened and are fragrant.

My Aunt Joy once told me it's not only important to test by taste but by smell too. Next, add the onion and green pepper and saute until softened.

3. Now you can add the meat back into the pan with the sauted vegetables and add beef stock, crushed tomatoes and tomato paste. Bring to a simmer and lower heat for about 20 minutes.

Make sure to stir throughout the 20 minutes because it's nearly a sin to burn the sauce according to Henry Hill in 'Good Fellas".

While the sauce is cooking you can go ahead and prepare

Tip: Cooking with tomatoes can lead to an acidic taste so a tip to balance that out is sugar unfortunately. You can add one tablespoon of sugar, stir and let simmer for a minute and taste again.

If it still tastes acidic then add another tablespoon of sugar, usually 3 tablespoons of sugar will do the trick. However, because we are trying to make this a healthier meal, my Aunt Theresa came up with the genius idea of grating a Honey Crisp apple into the sauce and it does just as good of a job as the sugar. Plus you are adding one more of Mother Nature's remedies to the meal.

4. Once the sauce has finished simmering then you can go ahead and add the basil, salt and pepper to taste.

5. Then serve over warm noodles topped with some Parmesan cheese and watch your kids gobble up a good handful of vegetables that they probably won't even notice.

Tip 2: This one is for the moms who are constantly on the go with sporting events at night. Sometimes I make a double batch and freeze half of it in a tupperware for the following week especially if we have a lot of baseball games to

It's so convient to pull out in the morning and let it thaw. Once you get home you can just heat it up in a pan and make noodles.

Now I understand that not everyone has the time to make a homemade sauce so I did find a spaghetii sauce jar that you can purchase that has all healthy ingredients and no seed oils which is called Rao's Tomato Basil. Mixing in the meat and vegetbales will also do the trick.

Considering I am on this health and wellness journey and want to write about it, I welcome your feed back. Or if you have a health version of a recipe your family likes, let's share it! Email me at news@fpnusa.com or drop correspondance off at 111 S. Water St., Wilmington, IL

And thank you to all of the beautiful aunties and women in my life who inspired my love for cooking.

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MY SON Zachary Ohlund grating a Honey crisp apple into a

healthy Bolognese sauce. After tricking him into eating the vegat-

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Craft show and flea market

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planned for Saturday, May 6, in downtown Wilmington dur-

ing the Red Carpet Corridor festivities, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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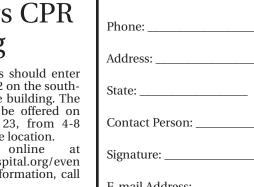
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### Morris Hospital offers CPR and First Aid training

Hospital & Healthcare Centers is offering through door 22 on the south-American Heart Association's Heartsaver CPR AED & First Aid Training course on Friday, April 28, from 4-8 p.m. at Shabbona School, 725 School St., Morris.

The course is for anyone interested in learning skills that could save the life of a loved one, friend, co-worker, or community member. Participants will learn the skills needed to perform high quality CPR, proper use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), relief of foreignbody airway obstruction, and basic first aid. The cost is \$110 and includes American Heart Association materials.

Participants should enter west side of the building. The class will also be offered on Tuesday, May 23, from 4-8 p.m. at the same location.

Register www.morrishospital.org/even ts. For more information, call 815-705-7360.

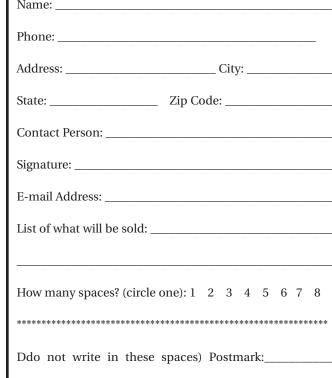
### Take a hike with photo expert

The Forest Preserve will be hosting a new program "Photography Bird Hike" on Saturday, May 13, at the Four Environmental Rivers Education Center. Channahon. It will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Kick off Migration Celebration with a guided photography hike along the best birding trails Four Rivers has to offer. Get tips from an expert photographer on how to capture your favorite birds. Bring your camera and take advantage of the busiest time of the year! Free, all ages.

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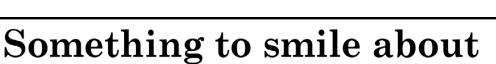
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### Future of autonomous farming equipment taking shape

**FARMWEEK** 

The use of driverless ag equipment might seem like something from a science fiction movie, but it's already gaining ground on farms today.
And some of that technol-

ogy was on display to farmers from around the world at Classic Orlando, Florida, as equipment manufacturers set their sights on improved ag efficien-

moving forward as an industry," said Matt Olson, precision ag manager for John Deere. When you look at the future. we continue to evolve at an increasingly fast pace because

John Deere released its first autonomous tractor for tillage operations last year — 8R tractors with a TruSetenabled chisel plow, GPS guidance and advanced technolo-

The unit features six pairs stereo cameras, which distance.

And it's just the first in what Deere envisions as an entire lineup of autonomous equipment.

We are committed by 2030 to have a fully autonomous production system for row crops, from planting and spraying to harvest and tillage," Olson said.

And it could radically change how farmers manage their operations.

We've gone from manag-"We are committed to ing the whole farm, to fields and more recently to zones,' Olson said. "When you look at the technology we have now, we're able to manage at the plant level through sensors, machine learning and through automation.'

Deere's new See and Spray Ultimate is one example. The new technology can reduce non-residual herbicide use by more than two-thirds by target spraying weeds.

See and Spray Ultimate uses 36 cameras on a 120-foot sprayer boom to scan more enable 360-degree obstacle than 2,100 feet at once to apply Show.

detection and calculation of herbicide only to weeds it detects. Its ExactApply nozzle control technology also helps reduce potential drift.

The latest See and Spray advancements are for model year 2023 John Deere 410R, 412R and 612R sprayers.

Deere also unveiled new ExactRate technology this year to precisely monitor and control applications of liquid ferduring planting. ExactRate is compatible with select models of John Deere planters with electric drive, including 1775NT, 1795, DB60, DB44 and DB66 units.

How do farmers prepare for automated technology?

Olson recommends they get comfortable with the JD Center. Operations expertise in how to work with a connected machine and make sure their farms have highfidelity boundaries.

Meanwhile, Case advanced its development of autonomous technology when it unveiled its TriDent 5550 sprayer with Raven Autonomy at last year's Farm Progress

Farmers can run the appli- Harvester. cator with Raven Autonomy from any mobile device.

'That's considered superautonomy," Kendal Quandahl, Case İH precision technology marketing manag-Waterloo, told from FarmWeek at Commodity Classic. "You can have multiple machines in one field controlled by one operator.'

Case IH introduced the autonomous sprayer through market research with farmers, who identified field applications as one of their top labor pain points, Quandahl noted. One of the spotlights for

us is the path to autonomy Case IH is working towards, she said. "One of the biggest things we have to help producers understand is it's not just a driverless machine, but rather a series of automated equipment." Case IH also recognized

past achievements in ag equipment design at Commodity Classic as it continued its celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Farmall, an original brand of International

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feelings from past memories.

"We're very excited about the past and innovations on farms from 1923 to today," said Joe Miller, Case IH tractor market segment lead. "We're kicking off the next 100 years of Farmall.'

Case IH recently launched new Farmall 90 and 120 model tractors, geared toward spe-

The company is also giving away a Farmall 75C tractor as part of the 100-year celebration. Visit the website, www.farmall100.com for more information about that or go to www.caseih.com to learn about all the latest innova-



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A JOHN DEERE 8 series tractor, featuring autonomy-enabling hardware, sits on display at the 2023 Commodity Classic in Orlando.



### Coal City church to host drive-up dinner

The Coal City United Methodist Church dinner roll. All meals will be packed in carryinvites the community to their Drive-Up Pork out containers to take home and enjoy. The Chop Dinner on Saturday, May 6, from 4 p.m. to cost is \$15 per meal.

cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw and meals will be available, so stop by early.

All proceeds will go to the Coal City United Each dinner will include: a pork chop, Methodist Church Building Fund. Only 125

Plainfield man pleads guilty in video gaming burglary ring

Attorney General Kwame Raoul said a Will County man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to prison for burglarizing Grundy and Will County businesses and stealing cash from video

poker machines. The plea is part of an ongoing burglary case following a joint investigation with the Illinois Gaming Board, the Illinois State Police (ISP) and

several local law enforcement agencies. Brian Morgan, 42, of Plainfield, was sentenced to nine years in prison in Lee County Circuit Court Thursday after pleading guilty to one count of Class 1 felony theft. Morgan was also sentenced to nine years in prison, to be served concurrently, after pleading guilty to one count of Class 2 felony burglary.

Morgan is currently in prison, serving a separate sentence in connection to unrelated

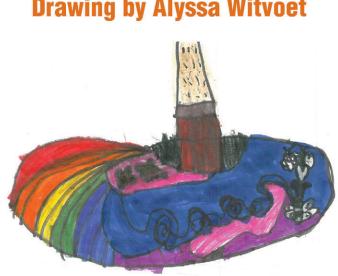
Members of this burglary ring allegedly targeted bars, restaurants, social clubs and other small businesses that have video poker

and video gaming machines. They broke into dozens of these establishments in multiple counties and stole hundreds of thousands of

dollars in cash out of the machines," Raoul said. In August 2022, the Attorney General's office filed charges against four individuals, including Morgan, alleging they broke into businesses around Illinois and robbed video gaming machines, stealing approximately \$400,000. Morgan allegedly committed offenses in the counties of Carroll, DeKalb, Grundy, Iroquois, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee,

Mason, McLean, Ogle and Will. The Attorney General's office received support in its investigation from the Illinois Gaming Board and several law enforcement agencies, including the ISP, the DuPage County State's Attorney's office, the Lake County State's Attorney's office, the Joliet Police Department and the Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Iroquois, Kendall and LaSalle county sheriffs.











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### OBITUARIES

### Peter Backulich Jr. \_\_\_\_\_

BRAIDWOOD—Peter Backulich Jr., 69, of Braidwood, passed away at home early on the morning of April 20, 2023 after a courageous battle with a number of increasingly difficult health conditions, surrounded, by his loved ones and the prayers of friends Born Dec. 18, 1954 in Joliet, Pete,

lovingly called Cricket by his mother, was the only child of Peter and Betty (Meyer) Backulich. A long-time resident of Joliet and graduate of the Joliet school district, Pete moved his young family to Braidwood after both of his children were born and remained a resident there.

Throughout the years Pete worked in a number of industries - from helping at his father's bait shop, Pete's Bait Shop, to later running it himself, his love of outdoor activities especially fishing and hunting was cemented. His original First Mate, his daughter, Tammie was able (relieved) to pass the torch to her younger brother, Pete. Starting a crawfish farm, continued the theme of outdoor related jobs. For some time Pete was a business owner, running Pete's Pub in Joliet and Pete's Treats. The city of Braidwood was lucky to have his expertise as a Code Enforcement Agent multiple times over the years. Then he found trucking. Making deliveries on cross country trips, he worked as a truck driver for many years. Even after retirement, Pete couldn't be still. He shortened the routes, but remained a driver, making deliveries for Allegra Printing in Coal City.

A lover of 80's and Classic Rock, his two children were raised with the genre as the soundtrack to much of their childhood. He never lost his love of freshwater fishing or of hunting deer and birds. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Pete and even those who just passed by his home, couldn't fail to see his immaculately kept yard. He was a man who took immense pride and pleasure in his outdoor landscaping. Those who were lucky enough to have a special place in his life, were allowed into the inner sanctum which included the garage where you'd be likely to find him happily tinkering for hours on end. You'd also see that this was a man who believed in being prepared for every contingency. Not only were Pete's hands always busy, but his mind as well. Always up for a game of Chess, he was able to pass his love of

the game on to his son, Peter. When it came to personality, Pete had a very particular chuckle that his friends and family will remember well. He and especially his daughter, Tammie were also quick to find the humor in life. Once you made it into his heart, you were

his for life and Pete would go to the ends of

Pete is survived by his former wife and mother of his children, Debbie Backulich; daughter, Tammie Backulich (Garcia) and her husband, Jorge Garcia (Pete's bonus son) and his son, Peter Backulich III and his wife, Brandi and his first granddaughter, Stella Backulich and his long-time friend, Bill Lowrey.

Special thanks must be extended to Lightways Hospice Care of Joliet for helping Pete and his family by providing all the care, guidance and support they so desperately needed at the end of Pete's journey. Every interaction with the Lightways care team proved time and again that they not only provided medications, but also genuine compassion and dignity when it was most needed.

Therefore, in lieu of flowers, we would be honored if you feel moved to make a donation to this organization. Please help us help Lightways to continue their mission and please remember that all lives are sacred and should be treated as such.

Cremation rites were accorded under the direction of Reeves & Baskerville in Coal City and we are eternally grateful to the incredible professionals there who helped guide us through this extremely emotional and often overwhelming process.

A private ceremony is being planned for close family and friends in hopes that we can spend some time together celebrating a lifetime of love, experiences and stories that would have brought out Pete's signature chuckle.

Family and friends are encouraged to log onto www.ReevesFuneral.com to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Pete's memorial page online through social media.

### **Eileen Biros**

MAZON-Eileen M. Biros, 71, of Mazon, passed away on April 19, 2023,

She was born March 12, 1952, the daughter of David and Erandine Sinnott. Eileen was a 1970 graduate of Mazon High School and a 1973 graduate of St. Joseph's Nursing School. She worked as a registered nurse at the Grundy County Nursing Home for 34 years until her retirement. Eileen married William "Bill" Biros on Aug. 10, 1974, at the Kinsman Catholic Church.

Eileen enjoyed quilting but was happiest when she was gardening and in her flower beds. Gossip time with her family while doing dishes was a great joy to her, especially when she made the boys help. Eileen also loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending their

Eileen is survived by her husband, Bill; her three sons: Allen (Misty), Andrew (Krista) and Matthew (Janelle); her grandchildren: Cooper, Chloe, Grace and Bryce; her brother, Michael (Debbie) Sinnott; her sister, Jan (Dave) Steffes; her mother, Ernadine Sinnott; her brother and sisters-in-law, Jim and Diane Biros and Barbara and Roger Lund along with many nieces and nephews.

Eileen was preceded in death by her father, David Sinnott; her mother and father-in-law, John and Mary Kay Biros; and one aunt, Darlene Finch.

A Celebration of life was held Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home in Morris, officiated by Celebrant, Carol Walker. Eileen was laid to rest at Ward Cemetery in Verona.

Donations in Eileen's name may be made to Lightways Hospice or the Micheal J. Fox Foundation.

An online guestbook can be found at www.ucdaviscallahan.com where memories and photographs can be shared.

Arrangements were entrusted to U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W Washington Street, Morris.

### Joe A. Hughes

WILMINGTON—Joe A. Hughes, 63, of Wilmington, and formerly of Braidwood, passed away April 20, 2023.

Born Dec. 28, 1959 in Joliet, Joe was a son of Ray and Orphie (Hoy) Hughes. He was raised and educated in Wilmington. Joe spent most of his life working in the various trades and most recently worked as a Journeyman Carpenter with the Local #1 Carpenters out of Chicago.

An excellent builder and 'Jack of all trades,' Joe was extremely creative and handy. He enjoyed tinkering, fishing, music, dancing, and was a Dale Earnhardt fan. Joe had an infectious personality that could draw anyone he wanted in. He was a master debater and loved discussing the most off the wall topics. Arguing was one of his favorite past times. He also loved spending time with his grandkids.

Survivors include his children: Tony (Monica) Hughes, of Wilmington; Angela (Chris) Burnette, of Alpharetta, GA and Andrew (Jane) Hughes, of Custer Park; three grandchildren: Emily Hughes, Lyric Hughes and Lilian

Etchoe; two brothers, Ronald (Rosetta) Hughes, of Wilmington and David (Barb) Hughes, of Channahon, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Roger.

Cremation rites have been accorded, and family and friends are welcome to gather together at The Rustic Inn in Wilmington on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. to celebrate Joe's life.

Joe will be laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Joe's memory to his family.

Family and friends are encouraged to log onto www.baskervillefuneral.com to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Joe's memorial page online through social media.

Cremation services have been made under the direction and care of Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Homes and Crematory.

### Dolores M. Youngquist

WILMINGTON—Dolores Youngquist, 87, of Wilmington, formerly of Joliet, passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Born June 15, 1935 in Chicago, Dolores was a daughter of Charles and Laura (Jacobs) Rinehart. She was raised and educated on the south side of Chicago, and on Sept. 3, 1955, she married Robert Youngquist with whom she would share 35 years of marriage until his passing on Feb. 27, 1990.

Dolores was the manager of Browns Chicken in Joliet for several years, and in her spare time she enjoyed crocheting and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. She was a member of United Lutheran Church in Gardner and loved spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, John (Dawn) Youngquist, of Wilmington and Jim (Jan) Youngquist, of Lincoln, IL; one brother, Tom (the late Donna) Rinehart, of Glen Ellyn, IL; five grandchildren: Mark Youngquist, Youngquist, Trisha (John) Fluckiger, Alyssa (Chris) Lambert, and Jill Youngquist (Leighton Kraft); five great-grandchildren: Peter Fluckiger and Bennett, Emma, Elliot and Sophia Lambert; one daughter-in-law, Carla Youngquist, and many nieces and nephews, including Collette Rinehart with whom she shared many lunch outings that were very special to Dolores.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Bob; one son, Kenneth Youngquist; three brothers: Al, Don and Chuck Rinehart, and one sister, Judy Reed.

Per Dolores' wishes, cremation rites are being accorded and she will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Joliet with her hus-

A celebration of life is being planned for a later date.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book at www. reevesfuneral.com, upload photographs, and share Dolores' memorial page via social media.

Cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Homes and Crematory.

### William Parkinson \_\_\_\_\_



YORK SPRINGS, PA-William Burt Parkinson, 82, of York Springs, PA, born in Morris on Aug. 31, 1940 and and raised in Gardner, passed

away on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 with his loving family sending him on his Journey to reunite with his parents, Burt and Annabelle Parkinson, who preceded him in death. Bill left Gardner in 1958 when he

joined the Marines and went on with life. That life is well explained by his love and part ner, Amy Worden, of the last 30 years.

Bill and I met in the late hours in the nearempty D.C. newsroom of United Press International, where hunched-over cable editors in green eye shades and legendary war correspondents still toiled and where thermoses were known to be filled with spiked coffee. As I filed copy furiously to our waning number of broadcast clients, Bill would strut in, with that ramrod straight military posture, smiling. He'd edit dispatches while singing to the golden oldies CD commercials on late night CNN. On our first date I knocked on his hull, the one belonging to the sailboat on which he lived in Annapolis. And that was the beginning of a 30year relationship that ended last Tuesday with a Johnny Mathis send off at a nursing home in Gettysburg. He left us just as his treasured apple trees and lilac bushes exploded in colorful, fragrant blossoms - nature's fireworks farewell.

Bill was a fourth-generation newspaper man, a hiker and actor, singer and sailor, poet and pilot, who was mad about cats and words, history and the great pathbreaking polar explorers. He learned newspapering (and now arcane skills like setting lead type) from his father and grandfather who ran The Gardner Chronicle on the old Rt. 66 southwest of Chicago. After eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Bill returned to journalism, first as a reporter for The Joliet Herald-News and as a foreign editor at The Chicago Tribune, correspondent for The Birmingham (UK) Mail and editor

at the Associated Press, before founding his own weekly newspaper in Chincoteague, VA. News jobs took us to Toronto, Ottawa, Annapolis, New York, and Baltimore before we settled into a nearly 200-year-old log cabin in an

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apple orchard near Gettysburg. Bill later worked as editorial page editor for The York Dispatch and as an editor/columnist at Sentinel. In his "Senior Moment" column,

he waxed nostalgic about his stint as a teen "carny" with a traveling carnival and considered the finer points of the corn dog, while advocating for a variety of causes, among them the rights of animals and the right to die. He acted in Harrisburg area community theater productions, including in 2005 playing prosecutor Tom Davenport in "Inherit the Wind," while editorializing on a real-life Scopes trial the Dover school board evolution challenge taking place in a federal courtroom a block away. He played his keyboard in local restaurants, had a summer gig as an interpretive historian at Gettysburg National Military Park and developed a one-man show, Lincoln & Gettysburg: The (Carl) Sandburg Experience. At home, he converted an area above our garage into a cat house, taking in scores of cats over the years and earning him the moniker "Semper

Bill is survived by his son, William (Betsy) and granddaughters, Josie and Sadie, all of Oak Park, IL; his sister, Patricia Swisher, of Braceville; two step-sons, Tim (Deanna) Whalen, of Joliet and Brian (Diane) Whalen, of Virginia and many nieces and nephews. Also his four-legged family members: Olivia the pup, Chloe the horse, Nikki, his velcro cat, many more felines, over the years and me.

A memorial and celebration of Bill's life will held along with his brother-in-law, Bob Swisher's celebration of life on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m at the Godley Park District Small Building.

Sail on, sailor.

### Kirsten Welch

JOLIET-Kirsten Karen Welch, 40, of Joliet, passed from this life peacefully at Ascension Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, with her loving father by ĥer side.

Kirsten was born Aug. 31, 1982 at Morris Hospital to James F. Welch and Karen E. (Themer) Fabian, She was raised and educated in Morris and attended Morris schools. Kirsten will be remembered for her independent spirit and artistic talents, and her incredible love of animals, especially her feline companion, Koiter. After battling addiction for over half her life which finally claimed her body, may her spirit be at peace, free at last from its chains.

Survivors include her parents, Jim Welch, of Morris and Karen (Ed) Fabian, of Conneaut Lake, PA; one grandmother, Barb Stutzman; one sister, Erika Welch (Richard Sanches), of Morris and one brother, Thomas McGowan, of Wyanet, IL: one niece, Sophia Sanches, and one aunt, Becky (the late Mike) Morfey, and one uncle, Rich Kraus; numerous cousins and her

boyfriend, Bradley Rhodes.

Kirsten was preceded in death by her grandparents: Frank and Margie Welch and Arthur and Gerda Themer; two aunts, Peggy Welch Kraus and Donna Sue Welch, and one uncle, Dick Welch; and one cousin, Tina Davidson.

Cremation rites are being accorded, and the family will receive friends for a memorial visitation on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Reeves Funeral Home, 408 E. Washington St., one block east of IL Route 47, in Morris from 4 p.m. until the time of memorial service at 7 p.m. officiated by Pastor Steve

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book at www.reevesfuneral. com, upload photographs, and share Kirsten's memorial page via social media.

Cremation services and memorial arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Homes and

### John Wethington \_

EAGLE RIVER, WI—John Wethington, 46, of Eagle River, WI and formerly of Dunlap, IL, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at his home surrounded by

Born Feb. 25, 1977 in Morris, John is the son of Janis Wethington (nee Silk) and William Wethington. He was raised in Morris; graduated from Morris Community High School with the class of 1995 and went on to earn his

degree in computer information from Midstate College in 1999. On May 7, 2005, John married Kristi Caldwell in Peoria, IL and together they made a home and started a family together in the Peoria area before recently moving to Eagle River.

John's career was that of an I.T. Specialist, and his career included positions with Heyl, Royster, Voelker, & Allen Law Firm in Peoria, Dunlap United School District, Momentum Technologies, and most recently Sokaogon

Chippewa Health Clinic. In addition he was an avid photographer who owned and operated a part-time photography service, J. Utah Photography. John took numerous portraits of families and friends over the years, as well as captured countless sports action shots. He was a rabid St. Louis Cardinals fan; enjoyed fishing, and loved coaching, especially alongside his boys. John took pleasure in playing games with family and friends, especially pick-up basket-

John was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother and uncle who will be long remembered and so very missed.

Survivors include his wife, Kristi; two sons,

Alex and Adam Wethington; his parents,

(Donna) Wethington, of Coal City; one sister, Jennifer (Steven) Stapay, of Gilberts, IL; niece, Emily Stapay and nephew, Andrew Stapay; aunts and uncles: Susan (Robert) Cardinell, of DeKalb, IL; Donald (Coral) Silk, of Des Moines, IA; Thomas Silk, of Morris and Larry (Sue) Wethington, of Tinley Park, IL and several cousins.

Janis Wethington, of Morris and William

John was preceded in death by his grandparents: Donald and Jane (Tabler) Silk and Robert and Thelma (Gill) Wethington; his cousins, Amanda Wethington and numerous aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 24, 2023 in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Morris. A Mass of Christian of Burial was celebrated with Reverend Jason Stone presiding, and Deacon Paul Jung assisting.

Burial was in Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery in Morris, where John was laid to rest with his grandparents. Pallbearers were: Steve Stapay, Andrew Stapay, Ben Grabowski, Shawn Bols, Bob Stansberry and Matt Jensen.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in John's memory to Cardinals Care via St. Louis Cardinals; Ronald McDonald House or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Family and friends are encouraged to log onto www.ReevesFuneral.com to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share John's memorial page online through social media.

Funeral services and arrangements were made under the direction and care of Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Homes and Crematory.

### Holistic health & wellness fair coming to Godley Park

The Holistic Health & Wellness Fair presented by Spotted Dog Acres is back and better than ever, offering an array of intuitive readers, crystals, energy workers, aura photography, and more.

The fair, on Sunday, April 30 in the Godley Park District gym, provides attendees with the opportunity to explore the like-minded many paths to wellness and experience firsthand the transformative power of holistic holistic healing.

readings, tap into the metaphysical properties of crystals and gemstones, and experience the transformative power of Reiki and other energyhealing modalities. The Holistic Health &

Wellness Fair is the perfect opportunity to connect with individuals, explore new modalities, and deepen your understanding of

In addition to the various

There will be intuitive exhibitors, attendees will also have access to workshops and presentations on a range of topics related to holistic healthand wellness.

Admission to the Holistic Health & Wellness Fair is only \$2, paid at the door. Located at Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee St. Godley, IL.

For more information, visit www.spotteddogacres.

com/events.

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Suburban yards that are mostly empty turf grass do not produce enough caterpillars to feed many of the baby birds that are born in the spring.

Benjamin Vogt, author of "Prairie Up," the new garden design book from University of Illinois Press, said the answer is planting more native plants, shrubs and trees to fill the yard with bird food.

"The way they are traditionally set up in urban and suburban areas, lawns are essentially devoid of wildlife,' Vogt told The Center Square.

In the first two weeks of life, fledgling chickadees need 6,000 juicy caterpillars to survive until they fledge. They can't eat birdseed. Naturalists find dead baby birds in nests in the suburbs because the bird parents can't find enough caterpillars.

Since 1970, the North American bird population has decreased by 3 billion birds. About 90% of the missing birds are from 12 widespread bird families, including war-blers, sparrows, bluebirds and

Nearly all the plants sold at groceries and big box stores every spring are non-native plants that originated in Asia or some other country. Beneficial insects for birds and pollinators in Illinois have not evolved alongside non-native

Think of native plants, shrubs and trees as giant bird feeders, Vogt said.

"Native plants are critical to producing new bees and butterflies and moths," he

Concerned wildlife? Pay attention to the

habitat of the yard, Vogt said. He would like people to reimagine their yards as meadows and prairies.

"Take out boring turf

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grass and plant some beds with native species," Vogt

Prairie Up has photos and tips on how to make yards wildlife friendly and low maintenance. "I have a bunch of free

YouTube videos to show people native plants and how to group them together," Vogt said. "Even a small garden bed with a few species of plants can make a difference for Do a little research to find

plants that match the soil conditions, sunlight, drainage conditions and moisture levels in the yard. Don't plant a plant that needs full sun in an area that gets shady for half the day.

"People put the plants in the wrong place and when they don't grow, they just give up," Vogt sighs. "We don't want that.'

Once native plants get established in a yard, they bloom year after year with much less maintenance and less water, Vogt said. No need

Vogt is a promoter of Homegrown National Park, entomologist Doug Tallamy's non-profit organization to make suburban yards more productive for the environment. Tallamy's goal is to convert as much lawn as possible.

"If we could combine all the suburban lawn space in the country, we'd have a square acreage that is the size of the state of Georgia," Vogt

The goal is to knit all the backyards together by planting more wildlife-friendly plants, trees and shrubs. Chickadee parents can only travel so far to find the 6,000 caterpillars that each of their babies need to survive the fledgling stage. Not a gardener? Plant an oak tree. It's easy to grow one from an acorn. One mighty oak tree supports an astounding 500 species of caterpillar, many more by far than any other species of tree.

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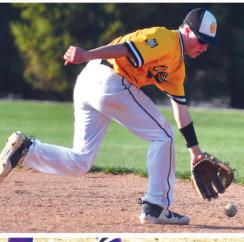
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### Authorities have the tools to curb youth riots

The now-notorious violent youth riot in downtown Chicago during a recent weekend got me to thinking of a press conference way back in 2010. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley voiced frustration about what he said were large groups of suburban kids causing trouble on Chicago's lakefront, even though plenty of Chicago kids were also participating, including six teens who brutally attacked an 18year-old suburban woman.

Daley complained that the youths would text each other to organize their may-

Three years later, downtown's problems with unexpected group violence hadn't gotten any better. So, then-Gov. Pat Quinn held a splashy press conference on Michigan Avenue to sign a bill sponsored by then-Sen. Kwame Raoul and then-Rep. Christian Mitchell which doubled the prison sentences (to 6 years) for those who use social media to "incite organized mob vio-

lence."

"We don't want flash mobs harming anyone, anywhere, but especially where many people come from other states, other countries," Quinn said. Their promised crackdown never materialized. penalty However, that enhancement is still in state

Illinois has also had a statute on its books since 1969 as the Parental Responsibility Law. Parents the law during the flash mobs

and guardians can be sued for "actual damages for the wilful or malicious acts of such minor which cause injury to a person or property. Damages under 740 ILCS 115 are recoverable up to \$20,000. The law has only rarely been used.

Ed Yohnka at the Illinois ACLU

told me that his group was talked to some of the kids who "not aware of a specific constitutional deficiency" with the law, and said the courts "long have recognized that one can be held responsible for the actions of others based on specific legal relationships, and recognized the authority of state legislatures to make parents responsible for the torts of their minor children."

Yohnka did say that the law was "bad policy," partly because impoverished parents would be hurt the most. Many of these families are struggling to make ends meet in communities that lack services and resources that help support strong families.' The state and the City of

Chicago also spend millions of dollars a year, and plan to spend much more, on violence prevention programs. In the past, violence interrupters have described being overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of young people breaking



Rich Miller

call them. Last week, we barely heard from

anvone in that sector about how they helped during the weekend violence or how they can help in the future if properly deployed. 2019.

In WBEZ actually went out and

were causing some of the disruptions. The youths understandably complained that parks and recreational facilities in their own neighborhoods on the South and West Sides were decrepit. "There is usually vandalism over the swings, over the slides, there is usually broken material ... there is trash and there is a lot of people soliciting," according to Tyrianna Rodgers, who was on a "girls-only afternoon" in downtown at the time. "It just doesn't look like the place where you would send your kids and say OK, 'You could chill here.'" Four years later, many of those facilities are still a disgrace.

The public radio station also reported at the time that Chicago police were bragging about their ability to monitor the online organization of what are now called "trends," which the station defined as "large teen-led gatherings that particularly popular among Black teens." Yet, CBS 2 reported last week that the Cĥicago PD had no clue how the mob violence was organized. And credible reports have emerged since then about police ignoring calls for assis-

There are really two points here. The first is that all those loud folks pretending that the violence is somehow a new and mysterious thing and a fresh test for a mayor-elect who hasn't even been sworn in yet really ought to take a

The second is that law enforcement and local leaders have been given plenty of legal, investigatory and prevention tools (and there are more than just those listed above) to address these issues. but those leaders appear to be allowing those tools to just rust away in a drawer somewhere. Rep. Kam Buckner (D-

Chicago) had it absolutely right when he complained that nobody has a plan to deal with the violence and that nobody has had a real plan since he was a teen.

"That has to change!" Rep. Buckner rightly roared on social media.

Yes, it does. And it starts with the people in authority doing their actual jobs.

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### Illinois to receive \$67.6 million in settlement with Juul e-cigarette manufacturer

BY PETER HANCOCK CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced April 12 that he and six other attorneys general have settled a lawsuit against e-cigarette manufacturer Juul that will net Illinois

That amount represents Illinois' share of a \$462 million multistate settlement in a lawsuit that accused the company of illegally marketing its products to

"Directing my consumer division to initiate an investigation into Juul was a day-one priority for me after I was sworn in in February of 2019," Raoul said. "Within months of taking office we served an extensive civil investigative demand on the company and before the end of 2019 we had filed suit. We've been aggres-

The lawsuit was just the latest in a string of cases Juul has settled in recent months. Since 2019, the company said in a statement, it has reached settlements with 47 states and territories, paying out more than \$1 billion.

As part of its settlement with Illinois, Juul also agreed not to market its products to people under 21, not to use social media influencers to promote its products and to require consumers to be age verified before they can view any of its website content, among other restric-

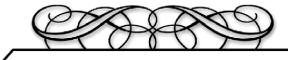
"This settlement with seven state attorneys general represents another critical part in our ongoing commitment to resolve issues from the company's past," the company said. "The terms of the agreement, like prior settlements, provide

sively litigating against them in Illinois financial resources to further combat underage use and develop cessation programs and reflect our current business practices, which were implemented as part of our company-wide reset in the fall

> In April 2019, Gov. JB Pritzker signed a law raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21. And in 2021, he signed another law applying the same age limit to vaping products and banning advertising that promotes vaping as a method of quitting tobacco use.

> Proceeds of the settlement will be used for enforcement of vaping laws, treatment and programs aimed at preventing underage nicotine use.

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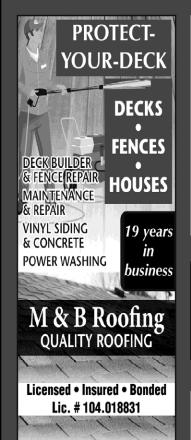
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In contrast, renewable

generation (wind, utility-scale and hydropower) grabbed 22.5% of the overall electric market, highlighting the different trajectories for the two energy resources.

While it's hard to say This collapse in coal generation was a national development. In the PJM power market, which supplies electricity from New Jersey to Illinois, coal generation tumbled 40%, dropping by more than 20 million MWh, and the fuel's market share fell to just

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Ten years ago, coal's market share was well above 40% in the region.

> Attorney Lynch files Bevan Last Will

### PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. BEVAN III, Deceased; No. 23 PR 95 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES -

WILL ADMITTED
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS
On March 29, 2023, the Last Will

and Testament of William F. Bevan, III. dated December 6, 2021 was admitted to probate.

Within 42 days after the effective

date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to pro-

Jennifer M. Lynch For the Estate of William F. Bevan, III, Deceased BY: Jennifer M. Lynch

Joliet, IL 60435 Atty No.: 06275404

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## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Where Tesla really stands on the green list

sions associated with transportation and energy produc-

By promoting the adoption of EVs. Tesla seeks to contribute to reducing air pollution and addressing climate

In addition to its products, Tesla has also made efforts to use renewable energy in its operations. For example, the company has built large-scale solar energy installations and has invested in solar panel manufacturing.

Furthermore, Tesla's Gigafactories, which are used for manufacturing batteries and other components for

> Dodson petitions for name change

### PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF WILL, SS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the petition to change the name of KRISTEN MARIE DODSON, CASE NO.: 2023MR0000113

change the management of the Management of KRISTEN MARIE DODSON to change her to KRISTEN MARIE KLOVER name to KRISTEN MARIE KLOVER CHEEK. This hearing will be held before The Honorable Judge Anderson, Room 905, of the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, via Zoom ID: 930 2919 0133; PIN: 236236. Frank J. Meents

Channahon, Illinois 60410 Telephone: (815)534-9515 Facsimile: (815)534-9516

Frank J. Meents Attorney for Petitioner 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A

Facsimile: (813)534-9316 Attorney No: 06298859 E-mail: frank@meentslaw.com Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, April 12, 19 and

ACCORDING TO CLEAN200, Tesla is the fifth greenest big compa-

ny in the world behind Apple, Alphabet, Deutsche Telekom AG and

EVs, are powered by renewable in the other top spots in front energy sources such as solar and wind.

Tesla has also been recognized for its innovations in manufacturing efficiency, such as its use of automated production processes and advanced technologies in its factories. These efforts are aimed at optimizing energy usage, reducing waste, and improving overall environmental sustainability.

However, it's important to note that sustainability and environmental impact are complex issues, and evaluating the "greenness" of a company requires considering various factors beyond just its product line, use of renewable energy, and manufacturing efficiency.

Factors such as the entire supply chain, labor practices, waste management and social impact also play a role in determining a company's overall sustainability perform-

So where exactly does Tesla stack up? The non-profit As You Sow ranks the pioneering EV maker at #5 on Clean200, its global list of large companies ranked according to sustainability criteria.

Apple tops the list at #1, with Alphabet (parent compaof Google), Deutsche Telekom AG and Verizon filling

Rain barrel, compost bins

As You Sow updates this list every year based on the most current data on each company's so-called "clean" revenue, that is, income derived from green, non-pol-

luting sources. Whether Tesla can rise above #5 next year is anybody's guess, but it's rise on the Clean200 list may be worth betting on given its #9 listing in 2021 followed by #6 in 2022.

And this past March, Tesla shocked the business world at its 2023 Investor Day by unveiling not a newer, more affordable Tesla-for-the-masses as expected but instead a master plan to use the company's evolving suite of products and marketing platform to help steer the world away from fossil fuels once and for all.

According to founder Elon Musk, switching over from fossil fuels to renewable energy globally would cost \$10 trillion, less than the world would spend on fossil fuels over the timeframe it will take to transition. "Earth can and will move to sustainable energy, and it will do so in your lifetime," Musk told investors.

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Attorney Wysocki files Witt estate claim

### PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ANGELA E. WITT Deceased; 2023PR197 **CLAIM NOTICE** 

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Angela E. Witt. Letters of Office were issued to Richard M. Witt whose

address is 2511 Chevy Chase, Joliet Illinois 60435 as Independent Executor whose attorney of record is Marilyn Wysocki of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 19th day of October, 2023 if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Marilvn L. Wysocki

For the Estate of Angela E. Witt Deceased BY: Marilyn L. Wysocki

1861 Black Road Joliet, IL 60435 815-725-8000 Atty. No. 06275404

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Attorney Lynch files Bevan estate claim

### **PUBLIC NOTICE** STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM F. BEVAN, III, Deceased; No.

**CLAIM NOTICE** 

Notice is given to creditors of the death of William F. Bevan, III. Letters of Office were issued to Rita M. Rock whose address is 415 Wintree Lane, New Lenox, IL 60451 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Jennifer M. Lynch of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of October, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has Jennifer M. Lynch For the Estate of William F. Bevan, III,

Deceased

BY: Jennifer M. Lynch 1861 Black Road Joliet, IL 60435 815-725-8000

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Notice of Sheriff's sale of 1202 Towpath Lane

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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

Julie Fox. Special Representative of Sherrell B Martin, Deceased: Joel Martin: Unknown

Heirs and Legatees of Sherrell B Martin; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Donna Renee Martin AKA Renee Martin; Jeffrey Ray Martin Defendant. No. 21 CH 0361

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the **28th** day of **February**, **2023**, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the **18th** day of **May**, **2023**, commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following-described real

estate:

LOT 9 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 10, IN KANKAKEE FEEDER CANAL
SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, AND PART OF
THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST
OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED MAY 10, 1972, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R72-12421, IN WILL COUNTY, Commonly known as: 1202 Towpath Lane, Wilmington, IL 60481

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is brick. The color is brown. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied. P.I.N.: 03-17-35-403-016-0000

P.I.N.: 03-17-35-403-016-0000

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

In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/8.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(4) of Section 9 and

assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of

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

MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE
1 N. Dearborn Suite 1300

Chicago, Illinois 60602 P: 312-346-9088 Plaintiff's Attorney

MIKE KELLEY tiff's Attorney
Sheriff of Will County
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### to be available in Wilmington Will County is teaming up

The Conservation Foundation to offer compost bins and rain barrels this

Order them on-line by April 30 and pick them up in Wilmington on Saturday, May

A rain barrel will capture 70-90% of a typical rain fall, allowing some overflow to cascade across your lawn to storm drains in the street or countygreen.com

swales in some subdivisions. You may use the water

you captured for watering your garden, plants, trees, and bushes between rain events This saves you money and reduces pressure on our drink ing water sources.

Prices start at \$64.50, up to \$186.50 depending on the style. To place an order go to the event calendar at will-

Attorney Wysocki files Velcich estate claim

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
KAREN LEE VELCICH, Deceased; No. 22 PR 443

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of KAREN LEE VELCICH. Letters of

Office were issued to Nicholas G. Velcich whose address is 13 Bristol, Romeoville, IL 60446 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Marilyn L. Wysocki, of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of October, 2023, 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 claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has Marilyn L. Wysocki For the Estate of Karen Lee Velcich,

Deceased

BY: Marilyn L. Wysocki 1861 Black Road Joliet, IL 60435 815-725-8000

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Ballard files summons for dissolution of marriage

### **PUBLIC NOTICE** STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY

DIVORCE NOTICE Case No. 2022FA000093 To whom it may concern and to

Damon Eugene Ballard, address and whereabouts unknown. Take notice that a Petition was

filed in the Circuit Court, Portage County, Wisconsin, for the dissolution of marriage of Chaundra Elise Ballard, petitioner, and Damon Eugene Ballard, respondent. Now, therefore, unless you,

Damon Eugene Ballard and all whom it may concern, files your answer to the Petition in said suit or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court Branch 2. Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner: Louis J. Molepske Jr., 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI, 54481, before May 23, 2023 which is 40 days from the day after the first date of publication, a Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and Judgment entered in accordance

with the prayer of said Petition. Dated: April 4, 2023 /s/ Chaundra Ballard, petitioner Published in the Free Press

Advocate on Wednesday, April 12, 19

Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption

Per the Illinois Property Tax Code (Sec. 15-172): Beginning in taxable year 1994, a senior citizen's assessment freeze homestead exemption is granted for real property that is improved with a permanent structure that is occupied as a residence by an applican who (1) is 65 years of age or older during the taxable year, (2) has a total household income of \$65,000 or less in taxable year, (3) is liable for paying property taxes on the property or has a legal or equitable interest in the property as evidenced by a written

The Chief County Assessment Officer is giving notice that the 2023 Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption (PTAX -340) is available upon request and the deadline to submit the completed applica tion is July 1, 2023.

Applications may be obtained at your local township assessor's office or the Chief County Assessment Office, 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, IL, 60432; or by calling (815) 740-4648 for further information. In addition, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.willcountysoa.com">www.willcountysoa.com</a> for senior assistance event scheduling. Dale D, Butalla, CIAO-M

Chief County Assessment Officer Will County

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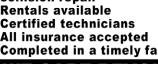
















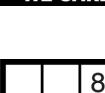
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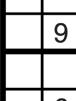
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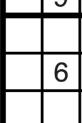
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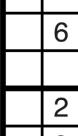




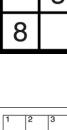










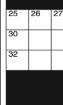




















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> 53. Metrical foot 54. Amazon river tributary

which large company is the world's "greenest," Tesla, known for its electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy solutions as well as for promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact, certainly would be one of the contenders for such a

ciency?

Tesla's product line, which includes electric cars and trucks, energy storage systems, solar panels and roof tiles, and now even green tiny homes, aims to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emis-

the world's greenest large com-

pany given its product line, use of renewable energy and innovations in manufacturing effi-

-- Tim M., Fairfield, CT

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### COMET SPORTS

## Lady Comets outpace Wilmington on the field



Photo by Zadie Sims BRINGING THE BALL down the field is Reed-Custer's Caelan Cole. She scored one goal giving the Comets the lead against Wilmington 7.4 Comets the lead against Wilmington 7-4.



GWEN STEWART kicks the ball towards the goal. Gwen scored four goals and had one assist on Tuesday.



PLAYERS AND COACHES for the BBSA stand for the National Anthem at Don Zinnel Field at









ALEX BOHAC targets a teamate at home against Wilmington. The Comets' next game will be at Coal City on Thursday.



BROOKLYN HARDING throws the ball in from the sideline. Brooklyn scored two goals against Wilmington on Tuesday.

See more game photos at freepressphotos. smugmug.com



and didn't commit a single error while the

Comets finished with four errors and left 10

A good start

on Friday after scoring three runs their first time

work to earn the win. Joe Bembenek fired three

scoreless innings with three Ks to pick up the

hits. Jake McPherson, Joe Stellano, Cameron

Blue Devil sweep The Comets beat Peotone one back-toback nights, on Wenesday winning 13-1. Joe

Stellano earning the win firing a complete game

home run. Connor Esparza, Colin Esparza, Joe

Bembenek, Brady Tyree, Cole Goodwin, Evan

Ehringer, Landon Jankus, and Ben Lepper

innings on Tuesday. Jake McPherson fired a 1-

hit shutout with 11 strikeouts and went 2-2 at

the plate with a home run, a double, and 3 RBI. Joe Stellano, Joe Bembenek, and Cole

Goodwin had 2 hits a piece. Connor Esparza,

Colin Esparza, Brady Tyree, and Kyle Fordonski

Jake McPherson had 2 hits including a

The Comets beat Peotone 10-0 in five

Smith, and Bembenek added a hit a piece.

The Comets beat Dwight by a score of 6-2

Kyle Fordonski struck out 4 in 4 innings of

Colin Esparza and Wesley Shats both homered, and Connor Esparza had a pair of

men stranded on base.

1-hitter with 11 strikeouts.

added a hit a piece.

### Error gives Wildcats the win despite 14 strikeouts by McPherson

rival Wildcats chip away at their early lead Monday and could not stop the visitors from

Wilmington (9-7) opened up scoring in the first inning when Kyle Farrell singled in two runs before Comet pitcher Jake McPherson shut them down over the next three innings.

The Comets (13-4, 6-2) overall)got to work in the bottom of the first, scoring a run. They tied it up 2-2 in the second and took a 3-2 lead in the third when Cameron Smith hit a solo home run. After four innings the Comets were

But the 'Cats scratched their way back, getting a run in the fifth and tying it at 4-4 in the top of the sixth when an error scored one run

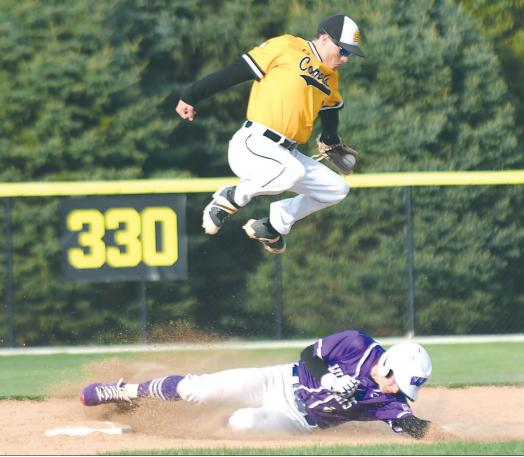
The 'Cats took the lead in the seventh and

Jake McPherson started on the mound for Comets. The senior lasted six innings, allowing eight hits and four runs while striking out 14 and walking one. Ethan Slager threw one inning out of the bullpen with one run off two hits.

Sophomore Lucas Rink led things off on the mound for Wilmington. The bulldog lasted six innings, allowing nine hits and four runs while striking out four. A fired up Kyle Farrell came on in the seventh to strike out two and get the win.

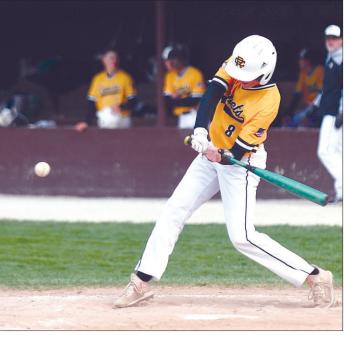
The Comets racked up 10 hits including multiple hits for Connor Esparza, Colin Esparza and McPherson (two doubles). Esparza went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Comets. Joe Stellano, Cole Goodwin and Smith also contributed in the batter's box.

Wilmington collected 10 hits with two hits each for Ryan Kettman and Cade McCubbin. Wildcats Reid Juster, Joe Cortese, Joe Allgood, Joe Pogliano and Farrell each hit a single.



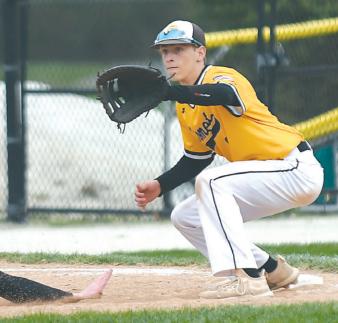
SAFE AT SECOND—Wilmington base runner Ryan Kettmen slides into second Monday at Reed-Custer where Comet second baseman Connor Esparza jumped high to make certain he caught the ball. The Wildcats defeated the Comets 5-4.

added a hit a piece. The Comets travel to Momence today (Wednesday) before hosting Oakwood (11 a.m. /1 p.m.) for a double header on Saturday. On Monday they'll travel to Coal City before hosting them Tuesday. The Coalers are 11-6 overall, 8-1 in the conference.



RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE turned into an ideal pitch for Reed-

ONE SEAM SLIDER—Jake McPherson was in command Monday against Wilmington, striking 14 Wildcats before errors came into



ANTICIPATING THE THROW the brush back the runner at first base is Reed-Custer's Colin Esparza.

## Lady Comets upended by Wilmington Lady 'Cats

play and Reed-Custer lost 5-4.

The Lady Comets ended up on the wrong side of a backand-forth conference battle with Wilmington on Monday,

Custer senior Colin Esparza.

Reed-Custer rallied from a deficit in the bottom of the second when they scored a run. Then in the fourth they tied the game 5-5 with four

runs. But the visiting Lady 'Cats came alive in the sixth to score four runs and added an insur-

ance run in the seven to win it. Lady Comet pitcher Addison Brown struck out 10 over seven innings, surrending 10 runs off 10 hits and two

Syd Billingsley paced Reed-Custer with a triple and a single. Catcher Mya Beard hit a home run, singled and gunned down a runner attempting to steal second. Halie LaGrange contributed an RBI-triple while Brownhit a double for three RBIs. Delaney Bruciak (double) and Grace Cavanaugh

#### each had a hit. Mac attack

The Reed-Custer softball team let a 7-0 lead slip away on Friday as they ended up losing to Bishop McNamara 10-7.

The Lady Comets (4-10) were aggressive in the early going, scoring four runs in the first and three in the second to take a sizable lead. But the hosting Irish wiggled their was back with two runs in the third, one in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

With their lead cut to 7-5, the Lady Comets picked the wrong time to make errors (five for the game) as Mac scored five runs to win it by three.

Grace Cavanaugh led RCHS at the plate, smacking a home run and a double for four RBIs. Halie LaGrange was just as impressive with a double and two singles. Hitting singles for RCHS were Delaney Bruciak, Sydnee Billingsley and Leah Grace.

Addison Brown pitched six innings for RCHS, surrending 10 runs (five earned) off nine hits while walking three

The Lady Comets celebrated a win at Peotone on

and striking out six. Victory on the road



Photo by Zadie Sims RUNNING TO FIRST is Halie LaGrange who had two hits to lead the

be on Monday away at Coal City.

Wednesday, beating the Blue and only one error was made Devils, 5-10n 4/18/22 Peotone won 1-0 Halie LaGrange earned

the win, striking out six and walking two while giving up one run against four hits.

Lady Comets.

offense with three hits including a double, two RBIs and three stolen bases. Mya Beard for RCHS, striking out eight had two hits, one walk and two stolen bases. Comets Abby

Lady Sunday, Jessica Janopoulos, Bruciak and Billingsley also

**Pitching Duel** Tuesday's home contest

against Peotone could have Beard had one each. gone either way with talented pitchers for both teams. In the Momence end it was Peotone who won it

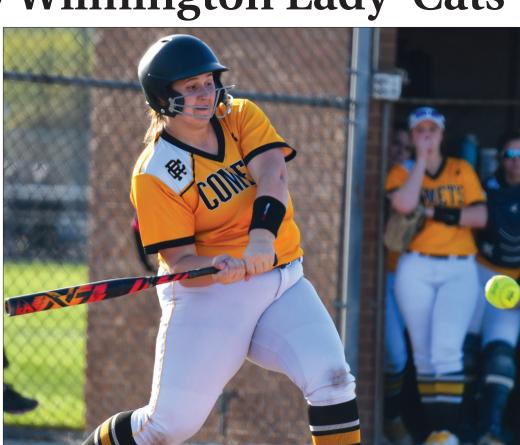
Both teams had four hits

as the contest stayed scorelss through three innings. Peotone scored their lone run in the fourth giving the Lady Comets a target the final four at bats, They ended up putting five LaGrange again led the runners on base but could not get a run home.

> batters and walking one whil allowing four hits and one run. Peotone's pitcher, Klawitter, finished with 15 strikeouts and one walk while giving up four

> LaGrange finished withh two hits while Brown and

> The Lady Comets play at (Wednesday) and at Coal City Monday before hosting the Coalers on Tuesday.



JESSICA JANOPOULOS hits the ball on Tuesday's game against Peotone. The Comets' next game will



ABBY SUNDAY throws the ball to first base during Tuesday's game at home against Peotone.