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Braidwood to host three town hall meetings

BY ROSE PANIERI
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At the May 28 Braidwood City Council meeting, Commissioner Dale Walsh announced there will be three town hall meetings to allow residents the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with the city administrator and the city council.

The town hall meetings will take place on Tuesday, June 11, Tuesday, Aug. 13, and Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main St.

“Bring your questions in for the administrator and city council members who are in attendance,” Walsh said. “We will not be on Facebook, we want people here to ask questions.”

Food pantry news

City Clerk Sarah Weaver announced that starting June 25, the Braidwood Food

Pantry, 112 Center St., will still be open Tuesday from 8 to 11:45 a.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. However, the late afternoon time slot will only be available by appointment starting June 25.

Appointments must be made at least two days prior to Tuesday by calling (815) 325-0779.

Memorial Day event

Commissioner Ron Wilczak thanked the mayor for her heartfelt speech and city administrator and others who attended the ceremony.

School bus accident

Wilczak also addressed the May 21 accident involving three Reed-Custer school buses on Interstate 55. Illinois State Police responded to the multi-unit crash in northbound I-55 near the DesPlaines River Bridge at 8:35 a.m.

The school buses were traveling north in the right lane when traffic slowed to a stop. The driver of the rear bus was unable to stop, striking the second bus, which then hit the first bus.

The students were en route to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, for their annual end of the year school outing.

Eleven children were taken to local hospitals with minor injuries.

“I would like to recognize all the people that were involved in getting control of the site,” Wilczak said. “Thank you to all the officers and school staff that assisted in getting the children home and safe. This could have been a very tragic event, and it goes to show the kind of good people we have here in the city.”

Police cases

Wilczak reported case total from the police department:

Case reports: 23
Arrests: 7
Total charges: 13
Traffic stops: 28
Written warnings: 49
Semi truck stops: 5
Parking tickets: 2

Other business:

The Braidwood City Council approved payment of bills in the total amount of \$113,686.67, including the purchase of a 2024 GMC Terrain for a total of \$36,398, and JD Mower totaling \$15,200. In both cases, 62 percent of the purchase was taken out of general funds and 38 percent from TIF funds.

Purchase of the vehicle and mower were approved at the May 14 city council meeting.

Payroll in the amount of \$100,935.85 was approved.



A SIKORSKY HELICOPTER operated by Midwest Helicopter Airways of Willowbrook lifts one of 19 refrigeration units for the new Jewel-Osco store being built in Diamond. Midwest Helicopter Airways lifted over 58,000 pounds of equipment onto the roof on Friday for contractor WA Randolph Company.



THE GROUND CREW—How do you lift a two ton cooling unit? With a skilled ground crew from WA Randolph Company of Gurnee, the contractor building the new Jewel Osco store in Diamond. Workers hustle to strap down the next lift as the helicopter drops the first unit onto the roof on Friday.

Helicopter makes quick work of an all day job

BY ERIC FISHER
PUBLISHER

What's the fastest way to lift over 58,000 pounds 10 stories high? Observers watched Friday as a helicopter did the job in less time it takes for your morning routine, coffee included.

Midwest Helicopter Airways of Willowbrook, IL beelined it to Diamond early Friday, then banked around the 64,000 square

foot building under construction as the new Jewel-Osco supermarket with a Starbucks.

Its mission was to lift 18 refrigeration units and a generator—weighing 1,500 to 3,800 pounds each—from the ground onto the roof. It landed once to let a crew member jump out then got right to work.

Two six-men crews, already positioned on the ground and on the rooftop, strapped up the

first unit and in seconds it was airborne. The Sikorsky S-58T lifted the car-sized unit with ease. It climbed straight up, hovered over the building, then gently set the unit on the roof. By the time the helicopter returned the ground crew was reaching for the sky with the straps ready for

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Entrepreneurs of early Braidwood, the two B's

Everyone who has been awake while going through the Braidwood vicinity knows that coal mining was the major industry in the area in the past. Black diamonds were our life blood. However, as with every other industry, there were those who made their money servicing or providing needed materials or products. Today we look at two of them, both beginning with the letter "B", Horace Winfield Blood and Irving Barker.

H. W. Blood was born in 1842 in Erie County, New York. He left home when he was 21 to see the West. He ended up in Will County where he tried his hand at farming for two years. He saved his money and in 1865 he had enough to buy half interest in a mineral water bottling company in Wilmington. While there he also dabbled in the ice business. By 1870 he became full owner by buying out his partner J. D. Paige.

It was at this time that Braidwood was experiencing a tremendous increase in the production of coal and as a consequence a tremendous increase in the



TIME WAS....
Sandy Vasko

number of people mining that coal. Blood set his sights on a new market and in 1873 he moved his bottling plant to Braidwood and expanded his business to include a very new fashioned item - soda pop. Blood was known for his inventive genius and mechanical ability. He built a building only 24 ft. by 50 feet, two stories high. His bottling plant featured his own unique inventions and allowed him to produce 200 cases of bottled mineral water or soda pop using only three employees.

By the end of the 1870's he was also producing bottled lager beer, ale, porter, cider and spruce beer. He had two 2-horse wagons and with those delivered his product to all the surrounding towns as well as to all the thirst miners in Braidwood.

We know that the Blood soda factory went on for decades, but exactly what date he left Braidwood is still unknown to me. What I do know is that in 1900 he is listed as boarding in Joliet with his eldest son Edward.

What is strange about this is, that Edward's occu-

pation is listed as working at the bottling works, while his Dad, H. W. Blood, is listed as working as a janitor. In the same census, another son Arthur is listed as living in Braidwood and working as a miner. But in a sort of reversal, Arthur is listed as owner of the pop factory in Braidwood by 1910. In 1920 Arthur is in Joliet as well, working at the bottling plant.

Although Blood soda pop from Braidwood has not been available for perhaps a century, the market for whole intact Blood soda bottles is still very high, ask any bottle collector.

Irving Barker arrived in Will County at the age of 2 in 1849. At the age of 17 he was apprenticed to a blacksmith and for 4 years worked at that trade. In 1870 he moved to Wilmington and at first partnered with William McIntosh in the foundry business, but soon he was able to by him out and start his own business, I Barker & Co.

We read on August 10, 1872 in the Wilmington Advocate, "I. Barker & Co. are busy as ever, at the Wilmington Foundry. Castings of all descriptions are tuned out in a workmanlike manner and at lower figures than like work can be purchased at elsewhere. Shop, just north of the Stewart House."

In 1873 Irving realized that Braidwood was his real market. The machinery both at the mines and associated with the railroads that carried the coal to market was all specialized and custom made. He made the move, opening up a new foundry which at first specialized in mine supplies and stove parts. In 1877 both he and his new partner, his brother Orsen moved their families to Braidwood as well.

By 1880 his firm took on large orders from all over the state. We read on May 21, 1880, "Barker Bros. foundry have just turned out some excellent castings for McGregor & Co., of Chicago. Among them are sever boiler heads for furnaces, weighing nearly 500 pounds each. They are perfect in every way and the firm is promised more orders from the same source. "No better castings can be made in Chicago," the purchasers write."

In 1893 Barker merged with several Chicago men to create the Barker Mine Car & Foundry Co. Barker's start in Braidwood was the perfect training ground and in the long run made him rich, which is more than you can say about the men who came to Braidwood just to mine the coal.

Fossil Ridge Library News

Adult Programs
Bingocize-Every Monday and Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Each session begins with a warm-up and ends with a cool-down.

Self-Defense Class-Tuesday, June 11, 18, 25, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The class provides instruction in avoiding and handling conflict and physical confrontation. A waiver must be signed for participation.

Adult and Teen Chess Club-Thursday, June 6, 5-7:30 p.m.

Teen Programs
Graffiti Baseball Cap, Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Learn about the history and art of graffiti from muralist Milton Coronado. Throughout this session, he will teach you techniques to create your own graffiti design on a blank, white canvas of a baseball hat.

Tween Program
Tween First Aid and Babysitting lass. Sunday, June 10, 12:30-4:30 p.m. We are excited to announce our partnership with The Braidwood Fire Protection District for a Tween Safety and CPR/First Aid Class. In this class, your tween will learn essential skills such as first aid and child and infant CPR and earn their American Heart Association CPR certification. Along with that, the Braidwood Police Department will also provide safety tips for tweens. The class will be held at the Braidwood Fire Protection District, and a registration fee of \$20 is required. Lunch will be provided, so please let us know of any dietary restrictions by emailing us at shop@fossilridge.org. Disclaimer(s) Food Allergies: We cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.

Tween Self-Defense Class, Wednesday, June 12, 19, 16, 2-4 p.m. Join us for our Tween Self-Defense Class. This class is designed to empower tweens with the tools to stay safe in various situations. Through interactive and fun exercises, participants will learn how to increase their safety,

identify safe adults, and enlist their help when needed. Our training is always age-appropriate, as each class is crafted to the specific developmental needs of the participants. Registration is required for ages 10-14 years.

Children Programs
Top Crop Wind Farm Tour-Friday, June 7, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join us at Top Crop Wind Farm to learn about wind energy being an essential and sustainable resource. We will also learn how each wind turbine works and how each system is evaluated via digital systems at the Operations Management Facility. This trip is off-site, and patrons must provide their transportation. Event is for ages six and up, 20 patrons maximum.

My Parent and Me canvas painting. Monday, June 20, 4-6 p.m. This class is designed for you and your child to have creative fun while enjoying a special day together. Each participant will paint corresponding paintings. Registration and payment of \$10 per pair is required. Ages 6 and up are recommended. Two sessions will be available, and the same picture will be painted at both sessions-20 pairs per session.

Nintendo Switch Party, Tuesday June 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Get ready for an awesome Nintendo Switch Party. We'll have super fun games like Mario Kart, Smash Bros, and more. Plus, light refreshments to keep everyone fueled up. Don't worry if you don't have a Switch - you can use our library's controllers. We welcome everyone ages eight and up to join us.

Wednesdays and Fridays-Listen and Create Storytime, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., designed for younger children (3-5 years) and features books and a fun craft project each week. Please dress for an artistic mess. June 12 and 14, Dragons; June 19 and 21, Pigeons and June 26 and 28, Transportation.

Registration is required for all programs at the library. For more information call 815-458-2187.

RCHS students of the month



Courtesy photo

RCHS STUDENTS of the month for May, as chosen by their teachers, include (from left) Aurora Haake (freshman), Daniel Sosa (freshman), Chandler Lowe (junior), Atiana Hood (freshman), Jason Davis (sophomore), Dakota Altiery (freshman), Ava Van Duyne (junior), Jayden Brodinski (sophomore) and Morgan Toler (sophomore).

Vendor spots available for garage sale days

Vendor spots are filling up at The First Presbyterian Church in Braidwood during the all town garage sale days.

The dates are Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15. Spots are \$10 per day. You also can set up your own garage sale if you live in a low traveled area.

Please call Lori at 815-458-2495 for any questions or to book your spot.

UW Whitewater dean's list

Bobby Mann of Wilmington and Jake McPherson of Braidwood were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

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very old," Mike Pemble said. "The only thing we can think of is that possibly, he had a family member that might have been on the Titanic. Whether they lived or died, we don't know."

Both Mike and Pat Pemble theorized that the former owner of the house may have been a collector of historical newspapers. However, they had found little evidence to support that hypothesis.

History lives
And while the discovery of the 1912 newspaper was a once in a lifetime find for the Pembles, as it turns out, hundreds of copies of the April 16, 1912 edition of The Boston Daily Globe are still in existence.

An ebay seller has a copy of the 1912 newspaper up for sale. He wants \$699.99 for the newspaper, plus \$22.07 postage.

Another seller is selling a copy of the newspaper for \$9.99 plus \$2.25 in postage. But, seriously, can we put a price on history?

The Pembles did attempt to call the Boston Globe, which still exists, and left a message with the news desk. Perhaps one day they'll get a call back, and perhaps the mystery will be solved.



Courtesy photo

RCMS STUDENTS were chosen for students of the month for May. The characteristic that was focused on was good citizenship. Students include (from left) Chael Walsh (6th), Presley Dockery (8th), Aubree Bobzin (7th), Sarah Simonelli (6th), Camila Diaz (6th), Doug Savarino (7th), Josh Reyes (7th) and Jordan Howell (7th). Not Pictured: Colton Schultz (8th)

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A unanimous jury

SHADOW LAKES—The man was convicted by a jury of 12 citizens. The jury was practically hand picked by his lawyers, no doubt there was Republicans among them and possibly even some of his supporters. But these American citizens respect the law and all 12 of them believe the overwhelming evidence and found him guilty. He had the best attorneys that money can buy going against low paid public attorneys. Anybody that still believes his lies and still believes he's innocent has to be brainwashed.

Money was there

BRAIDWOOD—In response to "Can't Afford That." The city of Braidwood received \$1 million from the Covid relief fund and instead of giving back to the community and at least getting a splash pad installed, the city thought they'd buy themselves new city vehicles (and I'm not talking about the new one the city administrator just got from Arnie Bauer) This is from a couple years ago. The city does not have our best interest in mind. They only look out for themselves.

We need retail

BRAIDWOOD—I agree with the comment in last week's newspaper about people wanting expensive public facilities in Braidwood. I pay a little over \$4,000 in property taxes which is extremely inexpensive compared to what I would be paying in some of the other surrounding towns. We moved here five years ago from Downers Grove where we were basically taxed out of our home and could no longer afford it. The low property taxes and great schools were the biggest draw for us. If we had to pay \$1,000 more in property taxes, we'd again be forced out of our home because we wouldn't be able to afford it. Braidwood needs more commercial and retail establishments along with residential development in order to help increase property and sales tax for the community which would benefit the taxing bodies such as the city, the park district, library district, fire district, school district, etc. Maybe then our community could possibly have such nice and expensive things. You look at the neighboring towns of Wilmington and Coal City and what do you see that they have? Three times the amount of businesses and commercial properties than Braidwood currently has. People in Braidwood have expensive tastes without the necessary funds to spend.

Does no one care?

COAL CITY—Neighborhoods starting to look like junkyards/dumpsites. Excess vehicles, boats, campers (some valid plates, some not), overgrown yard waste and junk piles.....does no one care? Just take a ride by the beautiful neighborhood by elementary school, or around Chestnut or Vermillion streets just to name a few. P-tickets used to be issued but guess no one cares. Time to clean up the entire town, not just the main street.

Expensive tastes

BRAIDWOOD—In response to expensive tastes in town. We've already have expensive tastes at city hall. In April the commissioners spent \$102,000 for a Caterpillar loader and \$114,000 for a Super Duty Ford truck. Then in May their spending included a luxury equipped GMC Terrain. On top of that they gave our 5 Look where taxpayer money is being spent. Were those purchases to benefit the townspeople or to benefit the workers for the city? It's pretty obvious that city hall takes care of themselves first and not give

our kids better opportunities to play.

Not Mother's Day

COAL CITY—I agree 100 percent with the Soundoff called in last week regarding Mother's Day and graduation on the same day. I feel at least 95 percent of the parents would agree any Saturday or Sunday other than on Mother's Day would be best.

Out of control

BRAIDWOOD—You want to know why you have less money to spend? That's because Gov. Pritzker and the Democrats in control of Springfield just keep raising our taxes. Since 2020, as budgets have been put together behind closed doors and passed in the dark of night, state government spending has grown by more than \$13 billion, from a budget of \$40 billion to over \$53 billion this year. Hard-working Illinois taxpayers are forced to carry the burden of paying for this spending spree and state government spending is out of control. There is so much waste in corrupt Illinois and it will continue until Pritzker and the Democrats are voted out. They have too much control and no accountability when it comes to raising our taxes.

Illinois pay raise

COAL CITY—After yesterday's verdict in a sham court case, in a hostile state and court room, we can no longer say we're better than Venezuela, Iran or Russia. Just like those countries where they jail or kill their opponents, we have joined the club. Thanks to crazy hateful liberal Democrats, who made up fake charges and crimes against bad orange man Trump. What a proud day in American history. Well I hope you're all happy. Where were all the crazy white supremacists and MAGA crowd rioting in the streets? On another note, our great state reps. in Springfield did their usual late night shenanigans passing a new state budget. More of your money for illegal aliens, more money for a failing school system, and best of all a 16% pay raise for themselves, on top of the 17% raise they gave themselves last year. Keep voting Democratic!

34 convictions

WILMINGTON—With 34 felony convictions I'm starting to think Trump may not be a good guy.

Unfair & un-American

WILMINGTON—It is still unthinkable (false) that President Trump attempted to overthrow our government because he questioned the validity of the 2020 election. In the past, there were Democrats who questioned their elections--Hillary Clinton, Al Gore and others without the judicial system going after them. It is also unthinkable that President Trump was not allowed presidential immunity which is law regarding political decisions made while in office. Unthinkable also that he has said he wants to dismantle the Constitution and other founding documents. (Not true). It was clear when I heard him explain when asked about being a dictator, that he said "only on the first day" when I approve oil and gas drilling again. Now we see that our judicial system is using its power to punish citizens unfairly for simply disagreeing with them. Unfair and un-American. For these reasons and others, former President Trump is rising in the polls. U.S. citizens see through the deception. God Bless America.

Guilty all counts

BRACEVILLE—Ha ha, Trump guilty on all counts. He's a convict now. He finally got his.



Growing anger

SEATTLE—How is it that Donald Trump gets convicted of 34 felonies and is accused of so much more yet he is still the Republican party nominee? It doesn't set a good example to every other felon in the country. I have been convicted of seven felonies. The last time I had a felony conviction was in 2002. It has been 22 years since the conviction and 19 years since I was released from custody. To this day it is still hard for me to find a place to live, I don't have firearm privileges, just recently was allowed to start voting again, and so on. Life has not been easy. I'm not complaining about it. I was the one that made the bad choices and there are consequences I have to deal with. However, sitting here watching this whole Trump situation play out in front of me is really pissing me off and frustrating me. I can't be the only felon in this country that sees this and feels this way. This is complete b.s. The man led people to storm the capital. People died and people are incarcerated now. He never will suffer the consequences for his actions. I don't know what else to say. What I can say is that I have a small flame of anger lit inside me because of this and it seems as if it's only going to get bigger. I'm not the only one out here feeling like this. If this is the way this country works now then let's throw it all out the window and let things play out however they may.

Supreme Court is guilty

BRAIDWOOD—The State of New York can be proud of the success in its quest to root out corruption last week. The Supreme Court likewise needs cleansing due to bad behavior from the twins of turpitude, Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas. These two justices accept enormous gifts from fat cats and, despite being called out on it, they brazenly continue to do so while fanning their noses at the nation. While members of the Senate and the House are restricted to gifts under \$50, members of the Supreme Court, namely Alito and Thomas, are cashing in to the tune of hundreds of thousands annually. And after receiving these gifts, neither Alito nor Thomas agree to recuse themselves from relevant cases as they should. Furthermore, neither Alito nor Thomas should rule on the Jan. 6 insurrection because both their wives were publicly involved in this issue. As news reports inform us, it's apparent that neither Alito nor Thomas are able to control their wives or they choose not to do so. And yet both Thomas and Alito have the unmitigated gall to legally control every woman in America by removing every woman's right to make private decisions. Shame on the acts of corruption by Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas as well as the Supreme Court's perversion of the code of law it is forcing upon the people.

Best for all

GARDNER—It never ceases to amaze me how people don't know who does what in Washington and how they never blame "their" guy for the same thing they blame the other one for. This is to the person who wrote "Biden's List." Here is the rest of the list just for you. Biden has done more in four years than any president since FDR. The American Rescue Plan got us out of the mess Trump put us in. The Infrastructure bill just keeps on giving. Look at all the road work going on here. With the other guy it was Infrastructure Week every week with nothing getting done. The Gun Safety Act was the most important gun legislature in years (but it's still not enough). The Chips Act, so we don't have to rely on other countries for those parts. The Inflation Reduction Act. As high as our inflation is, it's the lowest in the world. Biden's employment numbers are above expectations and unemployment is the lowest in years. Biden works for the middle and poor classes not the rich. So many new manufacturing jobs that Trump promised, but Biden has delivered. Look at what just happened in Wisconsin with one of Trump's big cons. So now to this guy's point. If interest rates had been lowered too soon we would be in a recession, so they went slow. Yes, it's painful, but it was the best plan for all. A President is not responsible for gas prices no matter who he is. It depends on supply and demand. During the pandemic no one was driving, so the prices were cheap. The oil companies make more money when they price gouge and that's exactly

what they do. Plus, Saudi Arabia always plays games with their oil sales to keep prices high. That's another good reason we need to get away from oil, so we don't have to deal with these countries anymore. We're drilling more oil in this country at this moment than we have in years, so when the other guy says he's going to drill, he's lying to you. We're already doing it. Now on to the oh so, tough "open borders." They're not open and there was a conservative immigration plan proposed twice now and Trump literally told Congress not to sign it so he could use it against Biden in the election. How's that for working for the people? One reason food prices are higher is because migrants work the fields. There is actually a shortage of workers. Did you know that we make billions of dollars from migrant workers in this country? Our economy needs them. Plus, food companies are the same money grubbing people as the oil companies, price gouging is the name of the game. If you want a dictator instead of a president next time around who will give big tax cuts to the rich, get rid of your Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Snap, etc., go for it. There will never be a real election again and you'll be living in Russia 2.0. Just read his Project 2025 plan. There will be only one religion--Evangelical Christian. Only certain history will be taught so our kids will be the dumbest kids in the world. If you don't look like them or talk like them, you'll be gone. This guy is a weak little man who loves dictators. You notice how much he says he loves them. Thousands of people died in Ukraine needlessly during the six months Trump told Congress to hold up the money to help them. There is no shame. He wants to give Putin everything he wants and to run our country like Orban runs Hungary. It's very sad to hear his supporters say they love Putin. Trump got convicted of 34 felonies last week by a jury of his peers and the Republicans are blasting the rule of law and the justice department because they have to stick up for this traitor. They are not the party of Democracy or law and order any more. This is not your father's Republican party. Think long and hard and vote!

No leniency

WILMINGTON—It didn't take the jury long to convict Trump for the charges brought against him in New York. Why? Because unlike Trump's two impeachments, this jury was as fair and unbiased as our justice system could hope to achieve. And except for those in the public living off the grid or under a rock, the evidence given to the American people over the course of many years was as clear as the driven snow. During Trump's two impeachments on the other hand, the Senate decided the outcome by voting with their party rather than voting for their country so Trump was allowed to skate free. Now Trump must suffer the indignities of a convicted felon which are extensive and in stark contrast to the special and privileged treatment he enjoyed throughout his entire lifetime. I wonder, does he ever think back to his involvement in the case of the Central Park Five boys who spent years behind bars but later were declared innocent due to DNA evidence? Trump has never apologized for the significant role he played in swaying public opinion against those young men. But karma will not be denied and thus there should be no leniency for Trump who should get the strictest sentence possible. Irene

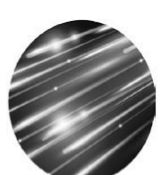
Sweet pickles

CARBON HILL—If you like sweet pickles you will really love Bum's and they have really sweet bartenders too.

Sweet Sue

Greedy politicians

DIAMOND—When elected officials fail to protect the lives of citizens, as the oath they took designates, then the public servant is committing an act of treason and treachery. That's what happening throughout the U.S.A. with all the crime being committed against innocent victims. Crime does not care about politics. But our leaders will try every political trick to conquer the lives of the American citizens even if they distort the laws and abuse the sovereignty of the U.S.A. for their own greed. There are only two choices: Freedom or more of what we have today.



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A recipe challenge to keep the balance

ELAINE FISHER-OHLUND
FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Balance. I am a firm believer that home-cooked meals heal the soul and create balance. To keep the balance in our household, I strive for 4 home cooked meals throughout the week. Any less and I notice attitudes get a little snappy.

That takes planning when you're the chef competing against sports practices and games, overtime at the office, homework and the desire to eat out.

Our son Zachary was constantly asking to dine out with his buddies at El Patron Restaurant.

I asked him what was so great about El Patron? He raved about the Alan Special. He claimed that when the team goes there after wins, the majority of them order the Alan Special. So the next time I went I checked the menu.

To my surprise it was just chicken and rice with a side of queso. I thought perfect, this is easy, I will

just make it for him at home with clean ingredients and hide a vegetable in the rice. Little did I know it would have been easier to get approval from Hell's Kitchen's Gordon Ramsey than from my starving son.

I figured I would start with the rice. Cauliflower is a perfect vegetable to hide in rice. The texture and color is similar so kids usually don't even realize they are eating it amongst the rice. Not to mention it is a superstar when it comes to nutrition.

It's high in vitamins C and K which is a good source of folate and supports cell growth. Simply steam the cauliflower until fork tender (about 10-12 minutes), chop it fine, and add it to your rice. I like using a box of Lundberg organic Mexican rice. There are other rice options but I steer clear of those with high sodium.

The chicken was the challenge. I heated oil in a pan and cut it into thin pieces to fry. I seasoned it

with chili powder, garlic powder and cumin.

He walked in from practice and I was excited for him to take a bite. I was so confident I nailed it. He took one bite.

"Well?" I asked. He told me it tasted nothing like it. He ate a quarter of the plate and scraped away the rest. I was stumped. It just became a competition for me.

It became a routine of him coming home after practice yelling, "mom I'm starving, what's for dinner?" I would set the plate in front of him and he would take one bite and shake his head. It would infuriate me. I wasn't sure if he was doing it just to spite me or if he really didn't like it. But everytime he ate a little more so I knew I was getting closer.

So I went back to researching different seasonings and I came across sazón. Sazón is a mix of coriander, cumin, achiote, garlic powder, oregano, salt and pepper. Something in

my gut told me this was it.

That night I prepped everything and waited for him to come home. I had the plate waiting in his spot as soon as he came in. He knew the drill.

He sat down and took a heaping bite. But he didn't say a word. He just kept eating, finishing the whole plate and going back for seconds.

I was a little disappointed in his reaction, I thought I would at least get a "It's delicious" or "nailed it mom". I guess him gobbling up the plate of free range organic chicken and a dose of cauliflower was just as good. What can I say I know where he gets his high expectations of food from. I have created a monster in a good healthy way.

Ingredients

- 2 lbs Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts or thighs if you prefer
- 2 tbs Butter
- 2 tbs Cooking Oil I used Avocado
- 1 tbs Garlic Powder
- 1 tbs Onion Powder
- 1 tbs Chili Powder
- 1 tbs Cumin
- 1 packet Sazon Seasoning

- 1 tsp each Salt and Pepper

- 1 head of cauliflower (steamed and chopped)

- 1 box of Mexican rice (I prefer Lundberg's organic)

Directions

Prepare the rice as it says on the box, while rice is cooking break apart the cauliflower and place in a steamer for 15 min

Slice the chicken into very thin strips.

Heat the butter and oil in a skillet over medium/high heat. Add the chicken in, then add the spices listed above. Cook and stir constantly until thoroughly cooked, which should only take about 4-5 minutes.



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Louella Howell

WILMINGTON— Louella C. Howell, 84 of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at her home.

Born March 25, 1940 in Wilmington, Louella Christine was a daughter of Harry and Bertha (Bridges) Waldron. She was raised and educated in Wilmington, and completed her Associate's Degree in Nursing at Joliet Junior College. On June 9, 1956, Lou married James Lewis Howell, and together they would make their home in Wilmington and raise their four children.

She worked as a registered nurse, spending the majority of her career working at Royal Willow Nursing Home in Wilmington, until she retired at the age of 72 and after 20 years of service. Anyone who knew Lou was aware of her love of all things Christmas. She collected countless Santa Claus figures, and was able to share that love with her husband who regularly represented Santa during the holiday season. Lou truly felt and shared the magic of Christmas, and she treasured the great memories she created with her family over the years because of that holiday.

She also took great pleasure in traveling, especially to national parks such as Yellowstone National Park or to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Lou could easily pass the time by working one of her crossword puzzle books or spending time on the computer or genealogy. She was an avid reader, especially enjoying Presidential biographies with JFK being one of her favorites. Lou also collected cook books and demonstrated her abilities in the kitchen on a regular basis. But she was happiest when she was with her loved ones, truly blessed to see her family tree blossom over the years, and was proud of the love and memories she was able to share with them.

Survivors include four children: Christine (Calvin) Flint of Braidwood, James Jr. (Gina) Howell of Coal City, Daniel (Kathy) Howell of Woodridge, IL, and Peggy Novy of Reddick, IL; (10) grandchildren: Brandy (Joe) Scheer of Coal City, Nicole (Doug Richey) Flint of Braidwood, Tiffani (Ron) Picco of Bolingbrook, IL,



Ashley (Sean) Kendall of Wheaton, IL, Amber Howell of Hobe Sound, FL, Kayla (Cole) Schoolman of Kenwood, TX, Jackie (Brian) Hedrick of Wilmington, Ashton (Cristian) Orozco of Romeoville, IL, Abby Novy (fiancé, Joey Etzkorn) of Cullum, IL, and Collin (Kayla) Borden of Aurora, IL; (11) great grandchildren: Austin, Hayley, Kylee, Cody, Cayden, Nathan, Emmett, Liam, Quinn, Keira, and Rae; two sisters: Lorraine Vilt of Carbon Hill, and Leila Rhodes of Wilmington; brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Dan Murphy of Wilmington, and Betty Waldron of California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lou was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim Howell, Sr.; brothers and sisters: Lester Waldron, Louise Skubic, Leonard Waldron, Leroy Waldron, and Lloyd Waldron, two brothers-in-law, John C. Howell, Jr. and William Howell, one sister-in-law, Karen Murphy, and her son-in-law, Cary Novy.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 East Kahler Road, in Wilmington on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow on Thursday, June 6, 2024 in the funeral home at 10:00 a.m. Those who wish to join the funeral services virtually are invited to join the livestream on Thursday at 10:00 a.m., which can be found on Lou's memorial page.

Burial will follow the funeral at Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington, where Lou will be laid to rest with her husband, Jim. Lou's grandchildren will act as pallbearers.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Lou's memory to Operation St. Nick, P.O. Box 781, Morris, Illinois, 60450.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book, upload photographs, and share Lou's memorial page via social media.

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

Joan Stybr

COAL CITY—Joan Stybr, 91, of Coal City, passed away Saturday, June 1, 2024, at The ARC of Dwight.

Born Dec. 24, 1932, in Morris, Joan Elaine was a daughter of James and Kathryn (Chada) Little. She spent her formative years in Coal City and graduated from Coal City High School with the class of 1950.

A pillar of the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Coal City, Joan's voice graced the church choir for 73 years, embodying her steadfast faith and commitment to her community. Her professional journey saw her dedicate over 14 years to ComEd, where she concluded her career as a Customer Service Representative at the Briggs Street location in 1995.

Joan's adept hands created exquisite needlework with love, and she was renowned for baking grape tarts that brought joy to many. She was an avid reader and enjoyed yoga and water aerobics in the past. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Joan's legacy is one of kindness and love. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her children: Lynne (Ralph) Vanderhyden, of Cainsville, MO; David (Denise) Stybr, of Essex; Tom (Kathy) Stybr, of Wichita, KS and Beth (Mark) Dosier, of Mooresville, NC; five grandchildren: Allison (Louis) Graham, of



Oswego; Adam (Natalie) Vanderhyden, of Lewisburg, PA; Kate (Zach) McGuire and Emily (Patrick) Burrus, both of Wichita and Rachel Dosier, of Mooresville; five great-grandchildren: Ethan, Emma and Emerson Graham and Gretchen and Molly Vanderhyden.

Joan was preceded in death by her daughter, Lisa Stybr in 1984.

Per Joan's request, cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will receive friends for a memorial visitation at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 N. Broadway St., one block north of IL Route 113 in Coal City on Friday, June 7, 2024 from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. Rev. Jan Chandler will officiate, and a memorial luncheon will immediately follow at New Hope Presbyterian Church.

A private family inurnment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, where Joan will be laid to rest with her daughter, Lisa.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Joan's memory to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 80 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL 60416.

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

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

Marian Cinotto

Mesa, AZ—Marian L. Cinotto, 94 of Mesa, Az and formerly Braidwood passed away May 26, 2024 at Las Palomas Senior Living Community. Born in Braidwood on April 14, 1930, to Anton and Josephine (Koca) Cinotto.

Marian lived in Braidwood for 88 years before moving to Mesa, Az. with her nephew's family. Marian loved living in Braidwood and missed it every day. She was employed by the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant until it closed. She then worked for Johnson and Johnson in Wilmington until it also closed.



During Marian's younger years she would also work on weekends at Barnetts Restaurant.

Surviving are her nieces and nephews: Denise (Zinnel) Joe Kross of Coraopolis, Pa, Dorian and Tami Zinnel of Bourbonnais, IL, Dion and Vickie Zinnel of Huntley, IL, Donald and Jeanine Zinnel of Mesa, Az and Danielle Zinnel of Braidwood.

Proceeding her in death were her parents; and sisters; Lorraine Barnett and Darlene Zinnel.

Cremation Rites have been accorded and arrangements will be private.

Electronics dropoff event

Will County's free electronics drop-off event will be held Thursday, June 13, from 5-7 p.m. at the Wilmington City Hall parking lot, 1165 S. Water St.

Participants are reminded to remain in their vehicles at all times, show ID by holding it to the window for staff to see and then allow staff to remove items without assistance from each vehicle.

Items accepted include: Televisions, monitors, printers, computers (desktops, laptops, notebooks, tablets), electronic keyboards, fax machines, videocassette recorders, portable digital music players,

DVD players, DVD recorders, video game consoles, small scale servers, scanners, electronic mice, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers, cell phones, computer cable, portable digital assistants (PDAs) and zip drives.

Electronic items contain materials that can be recycled countless times while other materials in items are considered hazardous.

The recycling takes place in Wilmington the second Thursday of each month.

Yoga in Wilmington

Yoga with Emily will be offered at the following dates and places this summer.

Yoga in the Studio, 121 N. Water Street on Tuesday, June 4 from 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 18 from 6-7 p.m. Studio class will be held in the studio every Tuesday after June.

Yoga in the Flowers at Proclamation Flowers on Tuesdays, June 11 and 25, from 6-7 p.m. Saturdays June 22, July 13 and August 24 from 9-10 a.m.

There is a fee of \$15 cash or Venmo @Emily-Subach to drop in.

At the Wilmington Park District she will host Yoga HIIT

- Saturday, June 15, 9-10 a.m.

- Sunday, June 30, 9-10 a.m. (meet @ South Island)

- Saturday, July 20, 9-10 a.m.

- Saturday, August 10, 9-10 a.m.

Contact Emily at 815-954-9058 with any questions.

Olivet Nazarene University dean's list

Seven area students attending Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais have been named to the dean's list for earning a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Included are Jaina Dubbert and Jaxon Snyder of Braidwood, Julie Appleton of Coal City, Jessica Castle, Julia McCully, Jacob Prescott and Kiley Sowa all of Wilmington.

Sulphur Springs Arbor to host Senior Bingo Sunday

Seniors 55 and over are encouraged to come out this Sunday, June 9 when the Sulphur Springs Arbor of Gleaner Life Insurance will host a free senior lunch and bingo at the Coal City Lions Hall starting at noon.

A box lunch of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, biscuit, cookie, coffee and water will be served. After lunch, a fun afternoon of bingo will be held with various prizes.

Doors open at noon, lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 1 p.m. Seating is limited, so first come, first serve.

For additional information call Debbie Ruetz, 815-739-3589.

Register now for Braidwood Garage Sale Days

The First Presbyterian Church of Braidwood will host the annual citywide garage sale days Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with no rain date.

All interested families and organizations who wish to be included in the town listing should return the entry form and \$7 in cash or check (payable to First Presbyterian Church of Braidwood) to: The Braidwood Garage Sale Days, 812 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408, no later than noon Sunday, June 9.

Each entry will receive town listings to post, hand out to customers and a special house marker for display to identify paid participants. The marker will also make houses easier to find. These items can be picked up at the First Presbyterian Church, 106 S. Lincoln St., on Wednesday, June 12, from 6-8 p.m. at the front entrance.

Additional maps along with a luncheon will be available at the church. Advertising for the garage sale days will be in local newspapers, social media and on radio stations.

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Attribution science to help understand climate change

Dear EarthTalk: What is so-called attribution science and how does it relate to climate change?

-- William C., New York, NY
Attribution science is a



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rapidly evolving field that aims to understand the link between human activities and extreme weather. By discerning the extent to which climate change affects the frequency and intensity of these events, attribution science plays a crucial role in climate research.

Understanding this relationship is essential for developing effective climate policies and enhancing global resilience to climate impacts.

Attribution science seeks to quantify the influence of climate change on specific weather events. It involves the use of sophisticated computer models and extensive data analysis to compare current climatic conditions with hypothetical scenarios devoid of human-induced changes.

The primary objective is to determine how climate change alters the probability and severity of extreme weather events.

Key terms in this field include: climate, which refers to long-term atmospheric conditions; climate change, indicating significant changes in these conditions over time; computer models, which simulate climate behavior under various scenarios; and data, which provide the

empirical basis for these simulations.

There are two main types of attribution science: event attribution and source attribution. Event attribution focuses on how climate change affects specific extreme weather events. For instance, human-caused climate change significantly increased the likelihood of the 2019 European heat-wave and made the 2018 South African drought three times more likely.

Moreover, climate change increased the rainfall during Hurricane Harvey by at least 15 percent and nearly doubled the area burned by wildfires in Western US forests. Meanwhile, source attribution identifies the pollutants and activities contributing to climate change.

It involves measuring atmospheric concentrations, analyzing emissions data, and conducting modeling studies to pinpoint specific sources of greenhouse gases.

Attribution science has roots in the 1990s and has advanced considerably with the development of more sophisticated computer models and statistical methods.

These advancements have enhanced its accuracy and reliability, allowing for

more precise connections between human activity and climate-related events.

The methodology involves comparing real-world data with counterfactual models—simulations of the world without human-induced climate change. High-quality observational data is crucial for these comparisons, but there are challenges, particularly in data-scarce regions like developing countries.

Future research aims to develop new methods suitable for such regions with limited data, examine regional impacts, and quantify slow-onset phenomena like sea level rise. These advancements will enhance our understanding of climate impacts and inform more effective adaptation strategies.

Attribution science is crucial for shaping climate policies and strategies. Communicating the links between specific weather events and climate change raises public awareness and influences real-time decisions. Insights from attribution studies help communities build resilience against future climate risks.

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Vintage tractors to take a ride to raise funds for WCTA

The Will County Threshermen's Association (WCTA) is excited to announce its Vintage Tractor Drive Fundraiser, set for Saturday, June 8.

Vintage tractor enthusiasts will drive their tractors on a picturesque 35-mile route through the scenic countryside of Will County, starting from the WCTA Showgrounds at Steve Spiess Farm in Manhattan, IL.

Lunch will be served at Brian Kestel Farm, also in Manhattan, IL. Proceeds from this event will support

WCTA's mission of preserving agricultural history and promoting farming heritage.

Lane Heatherwick, WCTA's vice president and tractor drive coordinator, shared his enthusiasm for this year's drive, stating, "The Vintage Tractor Drive is not just a ride; it's a community experience that allows participants to immerse themselves in the beauty of Illinois countryside while supporting our organization's vital work."

Registration for the Vintage Tractor Drive will

begin at 6:30 a.m., with a punctual departure at 8 a.m. The registration fee is \$65 per tractor, inclusive of snacks, lunch, and a commemorative hat and magnet.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Interested participants can register online at the WCTA website or reach out to Lane Heatherwick at LLHeatherwick@gmail.com or 708-372-1939 for additional information.

For more details about the Will County Threshermen's Association and their commitment to preserving agricultural heritage, visit <https://www.steamshow.org>.

Gas prices still pack a wallop, predicted to fall by July 4

Though it may not seem like it locally – especially in Braidwood – average gasoline prices in Illinois have fallen 12.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.89/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

Prices in Illinois are 0.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 3.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 1.8 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.82 per gallon.

Wilmington prices were \$3.58/g to \$4.16/g, with Braidwood at \$4.16 across the board on Monday. In Coal City, prices ranged from \$3.91/g to \$3.92/g with Morris at \$3.59/g to \$3.79/g. The lowest prices locally were in Bourbonnais, with gas ranging from \$3.23/g to

\$3.49/g.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois was priced at \$2.94/g while the most expensive was \$5.19/g, a difference of \$2.25/g.

"With GasBuddy data showing gasoline demand plummeting after Memorial Day, and refiners inputting the largest amount of oil into their facilities in years, it's very likely we'll continue to see gas prices fall as we approach July 4," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

According to GasBuddy, the average price per gallon for gas this week was in 2020, with gas averaging \$1.99/g. The highest in the past 10 years was 2022 with gas average averaging \$4.18/g.

Webinar to explain geothermal heat pumps

Join Will County's Resource Recovery and Energy Division for a free hour-long webinar on geothermal heat pumps on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn about geothermal technology and its environmental benefits, costs, and incentives available to home and business owners. Afterward, check out a shortlist of contractors to find out if a geothermal heat pump is right for you.

Register at willcountygreen.com

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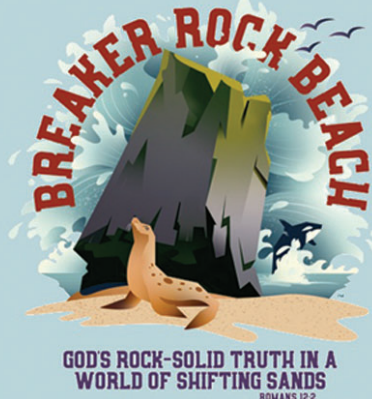
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Saturday, June 8

Ages 2 - 16

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- ♦ Lunch: 12:00 pm
- ♦ Awards: 12:30 pm



This is a free fishing derby for children ages 2 - 16 years old. Bait will be provided by the Park District, please bring your own fishing poles. A big thank you to all the local businesses that have donated to make the fishing derby a free event! 2023 Sponsors: Berkot's Foods, Village of Godley, Bedford Sales, D Construction, Sistek Sales, Pepsi. If you'd like to donate, please call the Park District.

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The Forest Preserve District of Will County will host a Lake Renwick Migratory Bird viewing program 8 a.m.-noon, on Saturday, June 15.

The Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve is located along Route 30 in Plainfield. The only way to view the rook-

ery's nesting herons, egrets and cormorants at this time of year is to attend a Saturday morning viewing program.

Volunteers and staff will be at the viewing platform and visitor center to answer questions. Free, all ages.

Elwood Fire Protection District seeking bids for new doors, windows

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Elwood Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase and installation of replacement windows for 6 doors and 13 fixed windows at the Elwood Fire Protection District. Bid specifications/packages must be picked up in person at the Elwood Fire Protection District 309 W. Mississippi St., Elwood, IL 60421, Mon-Fri, 8:30am- 2:30 pm. A mandatory pre-construction meeting will be held on June 6, 2024, at 10:00am at the Elwood Fire Protection District (address above). Bids must be submitted by 9:00am, June 10, 2024. The bids may be mailed to: Elwood Fire Protection District 309 W. Mississippi St., Elwood, IL 60421, or dropped off in person 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri. The Fire District will not receive bids after 9:00am on June 10, 2024. All bids shall be opened at the Elwood Fire Protection District on June 10, 2024, at 1:00pm.

The Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any questions should be directed to Chief Locacius at cllocacius@elwoodfpd.com.

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Miller 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 Tenisha Ann Miller TO Asa Ray
Laveau, Case No. 24 MR 165

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned on behalf of herself, Tenisha Ann Miller adult, shall appear in the Will County Court Annex Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432 courtroom 905 at 9:00 a.m. on the 24th day of June, 2024 before the judge assigned to hear said matter, and then there present a petition requesting the name of Tenisha Ann Miller be changed to Asa Ray Laveau.

/s/ Tenisha Ann Miller

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Attorney Lynch files Weaver 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 GAY C. WEAVER, Deceased;
No. 24PR281

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Gay C. Weaver. Letters of Office were issued to Jeffrey Weaver whose address is 18022 Armitage Court, Homewood, IL 60430 as Independent Administrator whose attorney of record is Jennifer M. Lynch of June, Proehl, 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 5th day of December, 2024, 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 been filed.

Jennifer M. Lynch
For the Estate of Gay C. Weaver,
Deceased

BY: Jennifer M. Lynch
1861 Black Road
Joliet, IL 60435
815-725-8000
Atty No.: 06275404

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Attorney Meents files Francis 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 JACQUELINE IRENE FRANCIS,
Deceased; No. 2024 PR 248

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Jacqueline Irene Francis, Letters of Office as Supervised Executor were issued on May 6, 2024, to Douglas J. Francis, Sr., whose address is 189 Eon Lane, Wilmington, Illinois 60481; whose attorney is Meents Law, P.C., 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A, Channahon, Illinois 60410. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 25, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoislegalsaid.org>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalsaid.org.

Douglas J. Francis, Sr.
Supervised Executor of the Estate
of Jacqueline Irene Francis,
Deceased

Frank J. Meents
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25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A
Channahon, Illinois 60410
Telephone: (815) 534-9515
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Email: frank@meentslaw.com
Attorney No: 06298859

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Another lecture on Wilmington history

A final lecture in a series about Wilmington history will be given on Saturday, June 8 at the Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee St.

This month's lecture will be "Highways & Byways: Before Route 66" presented by Sandy Vasko:

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Tax Deed filed for 1505 Amber Dr. PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 20-00074

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Roberta Ceh
Occupant
Illinois Attorney General
IL Dept. of Employment Security
IL Dept. of Employment Security
Will County Clerk
Dallas Ceh
Winston Ceh

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A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of WILL County, Ill. as Case No. 2024TX000107

The Property is located at: 1505 Amber Dr., Wilmington IL 60481
Property Index Number: 03-17-23-303-004-0000

Said Property was sold on 1/10/2022 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2020.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/4/2024. On 10/29/2024 at 9:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

Ivy Jack, Inc, Petitioner

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 - Mocked online
 - Clint's son
 - Body part
 - Humor
 - Code number
 - Your physique
 - Family of regulator genes
 - LA football player (abbr.)
 - "The Blonde Bombshell"
 - Charity
 - Bluish greens
 - Examined closely
 - A type of equation
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 - Prevent from growing
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 - Soft-bodied beetle
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ESTATE SALES

Estate sale Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 6-8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. 510 E Cross St. Wilmington, the estate of Raymond Monson. Vintage: bedroom set, formica table, end table, Shiny Brite orna- ments; depression glass, Precious Mo- ments and other col- lectibles; slot machine, daybed with trundle, dresser and chest, couch, power recliner, console table, fold out sofa bed, curio cabi- nets, wall art, small appliances, housewares, linens, tools, wood- crafts, craft supplies, Christmas. Priced to sell!

GARAGE SALES

BRAIDWOOD GA- RAGE SALE DAYS Friday and Saturday, June 14th & 15th, 8AM-3PM. Maps avail- able at the First Presbyterian Church on Main & Lincoln St. Look for the Tye Dye banners at each sale. No rain date. cc22-24

Braidwood, 395 N. Walker St., rain or shine. Fri. & Sat., June 7-8 and Fri. & Sat., June 14-15 from 8AM-3PM. Multi-family garage sale. Items in- clude kitchen and other household items, boys clothing sizes 5 through 7, other misc. clothing, baby car seat, high chair, and many other items. cc23-24

Coal City, 480 N. First Ave., Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 13, 14, 15 from 8AM-3PM. Bob Jogger Stroller, um- brella stroller, toddler bed w/mattress, ladies clothing S-XL, Victoria Secret bras, girls cloth- ing NB-3T, boys cloth- ing NB-6, mens cloth- ing XL, misc. cc23-24

Custer Park, 35745 Ohlhues Road. Fri. & Sat., June 7-8 from 8AM-2PM. Large craft sale. Many Stampin' Up items, Cricketiems, paper, ribbon, inkpads, punches. Too much to list. ca23

GARAGE SALE

Wilmington, 450 Davy Lane. Thurs. & Fri., June 6-7, 9AM-3PM and Sat., June 8, 9AM-2PM. Multi Family Sale. Women's cloth- ing, home decor, Pre- cious Moments, VHS Tapes, CD's, much misc. Sale is located at an open business, please park on street. ch23

Wilmington, Pole Barn Garage Sale. 210 Stewart, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 6, 7, 8 from 8AM-5PM. Crafts, tools, hardware, real barn wood, beehive boxes, Wildcat stuff, crafted furniture, flag pallets, engine stand & carrier, interior doors. Lots more. ca22-23

Wilmington - 909 Laurel Avenue. Saturday and Sunday, June 8 & 9, 8AM-?. Household stuff, every- thing free. fr23

Wilmington, 1003 N. Joliet St., Wed., June 5, 5PM-8PM, Thurs., June 6, 9AM-2PM and Fri.-Sun., June 7-9, 9AM-?. Huge garage sale. Clothes, new toys, dishes, shoes, fishing stuff, DVD's, game system, misc. Too much to list. Cheap prices.

GARAGE SALE

Wilmington, 24724 Cottage Rd., Friday and Saturday, June 7-8 from 8AM-4PM. 2 person kayak, grills. Several coolers and some unique arts and crafts! Too much to list.

15th ANNUAL WILMINGTON ALL-TOWN GARAGE SALE

Thurs., June 6 (8am-5 pm); Fri., June 7 (8am-5 pm); Sat., June 8 (8 am - 2 pm) Sponsored by First United Methodist Church, 401 E. Kahler, Wilmington. Stop by for lunch at the church on Friday from 11:30-1:00. Listing Maps will be available for pick up at the church beginning at 8 am on June 6 and throughout the sale dates. For more information, call: 815-476-5474.

LOST & FOUND

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

REAL ESTATE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 725 East Rose Lane, Godley, IL 60407 (The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is yellow. The gas is on. The water is on. The property does not have a fence. The vacan- cy is unknown for this res- idency.). On the 27th day of June, 2024 to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Room 904, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: **FLAGSTAR BANK, N.A. Plaintiff V. Michael J Toothman Defendant.** Case No. 23 FC 0246 in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pur- suant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the res- idential real estate whose rights in and to the res- idential real estate arose prior to the sale. All pay- ments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a con- dominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mort- gagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by sub- divisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the as- sessments 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 pro- ceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceed- ing advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribu- tion 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

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REAL ESTATE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 112 WYNDSTONE DR., EL- WOOD, IL 60421 (Single Family). On the 13th day of June, 2024 to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Room 904, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: **FREE- DOM MORTGAGE COR- PORATION Plaintiff V. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RICHARD WHEET, DECEASED; KIMBERLI EVON; SCOTT WHEET; RICHARD WHEET JR; VILLAGE OF ELWOOD; WYNDSTONE VILLAGE TOWNHOMES ASSOCI- ATION, INC.; AMIR MOHABBAT, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD WHEET, DE- CEASED, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RE- CORD CLAIMANTS;** De- fendant. Case No. 22 FC 0483 in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pur- suant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the res- idential real estate whose rights in and to the res- idential real estate arose prior to the sale. All pay- ments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a con- dominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mort- gagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by sub- divisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the as- sessments 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 pro- ceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceed- ing advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribu- tion or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State. For Information Please Contact: **INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES COR- PORATION** 120 W. MADISON STREET SUITE 718 CHICAGO, IL60602 P: 312 444-1122 X102 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC- TION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED

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RCHS SPRING AWARDS for the 2024 softball season were given to the following athletes (from left) Addison Hartman - hitting award, Grace Cavanaugh - MVP, Mackenzie Foote - most improved and Kirstin Klein - coach's award.



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SPRING AWARDS for Reed-Custer High School baseball were awarded to the following athletes (from left) Ben Lepper - coach's award, Cameron Smith - MVP and gold glove and Landon Jankus - most improved.



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REED-CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL spring awards for girls soccer were given to the following athletes (from left) Giuliana Meister - coach's award, Aurora Haake - offensive player of the year, Hailey Compton - comet award, Izzy Toller - most improved player, Abi Koonce - mid-fielder of the year and Natalie Flores - defensive player of the year.

RCHS honors senior soccer players and parents



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RCHS SOCCER SENIOR Hannah Budick is escorted by her parents Nicole Budick and Kris Budick. After graduation, Hannah plans on attending JJC to continue her education. One of her favorite memories was when Maggie tackled her while trying to stop the ball. Hannah will miss her coaches and playing with the girls on the team.



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RCHS SOCCER SENIOR Courtney Kloeckner is escorted by her mother, Marla and stepdad, John Lord. In the fall, Courtney plans on attending Murray State to work towards a degree in Equine Science. One of her favorite memories was scoring her first goal for the RCHS soccer team. Courtney will miss the games and the friendships she gained during the season.

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RCHS SOCCER SENIOR Maria Bragg is escorted by her parents Marc and Heidi Bragg. In the fall, Maria plans on attending a university to pursue a law degree. One of her favorite memories about being on the soccer team is having her supportive team mates cheering her on, especially Hannah and Gwen this year rooting the whole team to do great. Maria will miss how amazing and supportive her team truly is. She would also like to add that she is so grateful to have played this season and had the chance to meet some of the sweetest people she's ever met and she's happy she got that opportunity.