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## PACE service still faces challenges in Braidwood

Bus service popular  
on paper, but drivers,  
riders are few and far  
between

BY MARNEY SIMON  
EDITOR

The city of Braidwood has its PACE bus back in the parking lot at City Hall.

But, while the vehicle, which was out for service back in May, is back and available, a lack of riders and drivers has the bus sitting idle for the time being.

The city first made an agreement for PACE services in 2018. PACE runs

the municipal program with several towns in Will County, providing a van/bus and allowing the municipality to create their own transportation service to help out local residents.

The bus is a wheelchair accessible passenger van with room for seven passengers plus two wheelchairs.

The bus is for senior citizens, disabled residents, or caretakers of any senior citizen or disabled resident, free of charge.

Back in May, city administrator Tony Altieri said the city might need to end the program due to lack of interest. After that story was printed in the *Braidwood Journal*, several people posted to social media that they were unaware of the program but would be willing to utilize it.

But, Altieri said, those com-

ments led to only one call for service.

"We did have one person call a couple of weeks ago, but the biggest issue we have is... that we're having a real hard time getting drivers," Altieri said.

Altieri said drivers go through several days of training and are then paid for driving the bus, but only if the service is utilized. That means drivers would need to have daily open availability, without the option to give them a schedule ahead of time. It's a logistical nightmare that Altieri said isn't exactly attractive to anyone looking for a part-time job.

"We can't pay them unless they drive," Altieri said. "So, they can't plan anything for the week because they might get called in. That makes it very hard for somebody to want to take that job. We've put it out there a

half a dozen times, here's the way it works and you have to be on call, and they [aren't interested]."

When the program was first introduced in 2018, the original agreement with PACE was a monthly lease for \$100, with the city also picking up the tab for fuel and maintenance.

But in 2019, Altieri said costs quickly skyrocketed, and the city was paying around \$40,000 annually to keep the service up and running, for just a handful of riders.

City officials said that in the first two years of the program, the service was being used outside of its original focus, providing rides to the store or fast food restaurants.

The city addressed that issue, but ridership has not increased.

As the city considered scrapping

the service altogether, an opportunity for assistance with funding came from Senior Services of Will County.

The grant totals \$33,500 annually.

It's the grant that dictates how drivers get paid, which means the city can only pay a driver if they head out with passengers.

"Since the issue is trying to find a driver, we try to find seniors. But, seniors often to be busier in retirement than when they were working," Altieri said.

Altieri said the city spoke to Senior Services of Will County about the driver shortage, but the organization doesn't have the capacity to provide drivers for the bus.

"It's so tough to get drivers," he

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## Harvesting the power of the wind

BY ANN GILL  
EDITOR

Rising up from the ground like the stalks of corn that surround them, the wind turbines in southern Grundy and neighboring LaSalle County reap a harvest of some 300 mega watts [MW] of clean energy.

Top Crop Wind Farm, operated by EDP Renewables, includes 200 wind turbines in two sections—68 in Top Crop I and 132 in Top Crop II. Electricity is generated when the blades on a tower capture wind to rotate an internal shaft connected to a gearbox spinning a generator, thus harvesting the power of the wind.

The carbon-free power generated is then placed for bid and sold through PJM, the market for the sale and purchase of large volumes of electricity.

Top Crop went online in 2009 and currently generates 300 MW of electricity, enough to power more than 103,000 Illinois homes.

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## Honoring a local veteran



DALE ESLINGER (right) from Minooka, formerly of Braidwood, was recently among a plane full of U.S. veterans given an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Craig Kasher (left) from Braidwood, was his guardian for the day when members of the 101st Honor Flight Chicago traveled to our nation's capital on May 11, 2022. Eslinger is an Army Vietnam Veteran with the 101st Airborne and a Bronze Star recipient.



Photo by Eric Fisher

AMERICAN FLAGS returned to the Route 53 bridge over the Kankakee River for the Independence Day weekend. The bridge was the site of theft in May, when 26 flags placed by the Moose Riders disappeared overnight.

## American flags are safe and sound

Flags appear, then disappear again, but no foul play

### STAFF REPORT

WILMINGTON — The flags along the Kankakee River bridge in Wilmington are back... sort of.

The flags were back over the 4th of July holiday. But as the weekend progressed, residents reported that they saw the flags appear on the bridge, only to see them gone again later.

The flags, however, appear to be safe and sound, removed due to weather concerns and not another act of vandalism.

Wilmington Police Chief Joe Mitchell reported on Tuesday that no additional thefts had occurred at the site. Mitchell said the 4th of July flags had been placed on the bridge by the American Legion, but were inadvertently removed by members of the Moose who thought it was simply time to bring them in.

Mitchell said one flag did blow off the bridge in the wind, but was recovered in the river.

Moose Riders chapter for the Wilmington Lodge has been placing the flags during patriotic weekends and events since 2018.

The issue with the flags started on May 29, one day after the members of the Wilmington Moose Lodge Riders had placed the 26 American flags along bridge's walkway. The Wilmington Police Department was notified that morning that all of the flags had gone missing.

Four flags were initially found in the Kankakee River.

All four of those flags, plus a fifth flag was pulled out of the river over the 4th of July weekend, were all brought to the Moose Riders for proper disposal according to Flag Code.

Within just a few days of the flags going missing in May, the community collected almost \$2,000, enough to place an order for new flags.

Which is what prompted concerns when the new flags placed on the bridge for the 4th of July were gone shortly after being placed there. But, Mitchell assures the public, no new thefts have occurred.

The investigation into the initial theft of the flags remains active. Anyone with information on the missing flags can contact the Wilmington Police Department at 815-476-2811.



## The trip of a lifetime

On Broadway Dancers travel to Croatia

BY MADISON HOLCOMB  
SPECIAL TO THE FREE PRESS

The On Broadway Dancers traveled to Europe for a tour of Croatia and other countries, multiple performances and many once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

The touring group was comprised of current dancers, OBD alumni, family, friends and more, totaling 73 people, the biggest OBD tour group yet. The group traveled to nine cities in four countries.

This was OBD's seventh trip overseas.

On the evening of June 15, the group arrived at their hotel in Dubrovnik, Croatia, and were welcomed with dinner.

A day after, the tour kicked off with a walking tour of Dubrovnik and a boat tour to the Croatian island of Lokrum. On this second day of the tour, the dancers performed for the first time, and the group was also able to go cliff jumping, a lasting memory for the ones who participated.

Brittany Horton, an OBD senior company member, enjoyed seeing the culture of a

country unknown to her.

"It was different and fun seeing how they got to live their lives in a whole different country," Horton said.

The next day, the group traveled to the country of Montenegro to explore the medieval city of Kotor, beautiful mountains, rivers and more.

On day four, the group left Dubrovnik and had a tour in the historic town of Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Day five was a noteworthy one for many. After tours of Trogir and Split, the dancers performed their sec-

ond performance, a favorite among the group.

Their performance venue was surrounded by neo-Renaissance buildings that opened to a view of the harbor and the Adriatic Sea. Their venue at Riva Split was known for attracting large crowds, and the dancers received nothing short of one.

Tourists and locals surrounded the dancers from all angles; viewers even watched from apartments and buildings multiple stories above

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# PACE

said.

Altiery added that regular routes are not cost efficient, due to lack of interest, changing pick up and drop off points, and the rising cost of fuel.

"If you're driving to Joliet and back, that's a gallon and a half of gas, plus your time," he said. "Right now people could make \$20 an hour [at local warehouses] with benefits, but what do you make if you're driving the bus? How can people even do that?"

But the overall value of the service for the city of Braidwood is moot, Altiery said, if there's no one to get on the bus, driver or passengers.

"Seniors are so self-sufficient, they'd rather ask a friend for help," he said. "So, 50% of the people who could actually use it aren't going to call for help, anyway. So,

the issue we have now is just trying to find drivers.

"It also seems like nobody needs a ride on the same day," Altiery continued. "So, you might have people who need it three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, Friday. But then the next week you have Tuesday and Thursday. We tried to schedule for specific days but it just didn't work."

Altiery also said if two people need the bus on the same day, but have different destinations—such as one needing to go to an appointment in Kankakee while another needs to head to Joliet—then planning out that day usually means choosing one over the other.

"That could be an 8-hour day for two riders, if they could even schedule the times to make it work," Altiery said.

Altiery did say the city will continue to work with Senior Services of Will County for other opportunities to utilize the grant funding to assist elderly or disabled residents who need to get around

town.

The city is currently working the possibility of putting their grant funding toward ride share vouchers.

"I think that's what we're going to look into," Altiery said.

However, that type of service would carry its own problems.

Ride share customers would likely need to utilize the system through a smartphone app, and would need two different drivers, since drivers don't wait for their riders to finish up an appointment and return.

For now, the PACE bus service is still available, but subject to availability.

For riders, the trip needs to originate and end in Braidwood or Wilmington, and in addition to rides in town, the service can take folks to Morris, Joliet, or Bourbonnais.

The Braidwood PACE Bus service is operated through the Braidwood Police Department. The program can be reached at 815-458-2342.

# Joliet man arrested at Wilmington dam in attempted homicide case

## STAFF REPORT

A Joliet man suspected of involvement in an attempted homicide case was placed under arrest over the holiday weekend in Wilmington.



ALAVRO HERNANDEZ

the identity of the suspect as Alavaro Hernandez, 25, of Joliet.

Hernandez was arrested without further incident and charged with the following:

- Arrest Warrant for Attempted Homicide (Joliet Police Department)
- Prohibited Entry into the Kankakee River Exclusionary Zone

Hernandez was transported to the Will County Adult Detention Center and booked on three felony counts of aggravated discharge of a firearm, aggravated battery, and attempted murder. Bond was set at \$1 million.

*Editor's note - All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

According to the police report, the officer had the subject exit the river and subsequently sought identification for a local citation. The subject provided a fictitious name of Alavaro Martinez.

Mitchell said that during the course of the investigation, the officer located a vehicle nearby that was registered to an individual with the last name of Hernandez. Upon conducting a new name verification check, the officer learned that a valid attempted homicide warrant came back to Alavaro Hernandez.

A photo was obtained on scene which confirmed

# Trip

them. Young children, adults and more cheered for and danced alongside the dancers.

"There were a lot of people there, and you could just see everyone was having so much fun just watching us. Seeing that while performing makes you feel so good," Horton said.

Horton's family also traveled with her to Europe. Her mother, Sarah Horton, is also fond of the performance in Split.



Courtesy photo

PERFORMING A ROCKETMAN for a large crowd in Split, Croatia, is the On Broadway Dancers senior company.

That evening, they had their last planned dinner together at a Croatian restaurant with authentic Croatian food. A live band played at the dinner where the tour guides danced for the group, and they all celebrated a memorable trip with one another.

The tour was only supposed to last ten days; however, their flight to return home on June 24 was canceled.

With the help of Scerine and Croatia Airlines, flights were secured for all 73 passengers within 36 hours. In total, 16 planes were used to bring every person back. By Monday evening, the last group was home.

Scerine added that Lufthansa Airlines provided hotel and meal accommodations at no charge.

The tour had a different meaning and way of importance for each person who went on the trip.

For Brittany Horton, it was finding the diversity of other cultures. She explained that she didn't favor the subject of history in school, but being able to experience the history of a culture in-person

was an eye-opening experience.

"Looking at a textbook and seeing a picture, you're like 'Oh yeah, that looks amazing', but when you're actually there and learning about it...it's so cool, and it was so fun doing that," Horton said.

Sarah Horton said she and her family travel in the United States often, but she was thrilled to give her family an opportunity to experience the culture and history of a completely new country.

"I'd do it again in a heartbeat," Sarah said.

Amelia Fritz is another senior company member who went on the Europe tour. She said she found inspiration in the culture and architecture in the different countries.

"It was very fun to be able to, throughout the trip, find little moments and be like, 'I could bring this idea back home,'" Fritz said.

Scerine not only sees the Europe trips as fun and beautiful adventures with her dancers, but she also enjoys helping to give an opportunity to young people and their families to experience different

ent cultures and histories.

She explained that many people travel to a country with preconceived notions of it, but being able to experience the culture first-hand is very insightful.

"You're seeing it in your own eyes to make your own opinion, and that's what I want them to get out of this. That's why I keep doing tours."

"Every person that's gone on [the tour] has changed the way they've looked at a lot of things. That's the whole point, is to let them see the world through their own eyes," Scerine said.

Scerine said that another Europe trip is already in the works, but likely not for another three to five years. She is thinking about touring in the Balkans again, but this time, in Greece.

She explained that each trip is different to her in its own way, and that they offer contrasting cultures and experiences unlike any other.

"Every country has its own story, and it's like you're learning the stories of these countries."

# Wind

During a recent wind farm tour offered to members of the Grundy County Board—that I am honored to serve on—the staff of Top Crop Wind Farm and its parent company, EPP Renewables, provided an overview of the operations and the benefits that come from wind generation.

The highlight of the tour was stepping inside a tower where the generator is located. One could walk around the generator unit and look up toward the top of the structure through a small opening.

At the time of our visit the blades on this wind turbine were shut down. But with a simple click on the manager's cellular phone, the blades began to rotate.

Unlike what one might expect, there was little noise and just a slight breeze on a rather warm June afternoon while standing under the turbine.

And, just as quickly as the blades started, they were shut down again. All of the towers can be controlled remotely.

The activity of each tower is tracked through monitors mounted around the Top Crop office located in Dwight.

The facility has about 20 full-time employees including office workers and field staff. At the height of construction there were over 250 workers on site.

While on a bus traveling from the operations office out to one of the Grundy County towers, staff talked about the benefits of wind and solar power generation. EPD is also in the solar power business.

Locating a turbine includes many steps including locating the right spot, negotiating with landowners and acquiring permits, among other things.

The local project will pay out close to \$34 million to landowners, \$29 million to area taxing districts and more than \$61 million in additional local spending that includes salaries and payments to various vendors.

EDP Renewables capital investment in the project comes out to \$669 million. Top Crop is one of five wind farms the company operates in Illinois. Others include Railsplitter located in Tazewell and Logan counties, Harvest Ridge in Douglas County and Twin Groves and Bright Stalk that are both in McLean County.

The company's total capital investment in Illinois is estimated at \$2.3 billion.

The company is the fourth largest wind developer in the United States with a total of 58 wind farms consisting of 3,200 turbines, and it also operates nine solar farms.

Illinois is on a path to 100% clean energy by 2050, and last fall approved the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act [CEJA] that puts forth initiatives to aid in meeting the goal with job training and rate payer protections. The legislation also served to preserve the state's nuclear fleet—Dresden, Byron, LaSalle and Braidwood nuclear generating stations.



Courtesy photo

ON BROADWAY DANCERS recently returned from a 10 European tour. The trip was based in Croatia with tours through nine cities in four countries and multiple performances by the dancers that included [from left, kneeling]: Josie Haag, Tyson Sample, Adalyn Muhlenbruch, Ella Hansen, Avery Housman, Bella Bartholomew, Maggie Carlson, Maddie Mae Hutchings, Ava Garrelts, Lexi Dearth, Evelyn Wills and Cecilia Corlett. Standing: Katie Holmes, Dailey O'Hern, Amelia Fritz, Berkley Rink, Cambree Davidson, Stephen Byers, Maddie Smolik, Kilen Davidson, Brecken Johnson, Jessica Murphy and Ava Houston. Organized by Kim Scerine, owner and artistic director of Broadway Dance Center, the tour group consisted of 73 individuals.

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Michelle Mack, of Braidwood, made Mount Mercy University's Spring 2022 Dean's List. Students with a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better, and who are graded (letter grade, not pass/fail) for six or more semester hours, are eligible for inclusion on the dean's list

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# Celebrating the 4th of July, Braidwood style

As far as I can tell the first 4th of July celebration in Braidwood was in 1872. All the years previous the summer was taken up by strikes and no one was in the mood to have a party. One must remember also, that almost all of Braidwood's residents were new immigrants and to them the 4th had little meaning.



TIME WAS....  
Sandy Vasko

The Wilmington Independent gives is a look at what that first celebration was like. "A early as seven o'clock a.m. last Thursday, the streets and thoroughfares leading to the grounds which the committee had selected as the scene on which to celebrate the Ninety-sixth Anniversary of our Independence were crowded with men and women on foot; men and women in wagons and vehicles of different kinds with their little ones straggling by their sides or packed in the corners and crevices of the different conveyances wending their way to the fields, which were already busy and alive with people reviewing the topography and surroundings of the place; parties intending to be participants in the games looking out the most suitable localities; purveyors getting their eatables and beverages ready, and a large number amusing themselves with nothing in particular. These kept on for a couple hours, the crowd thickening and deepening still more and more - the committee starting the games which went on silently and smoothly. The tents were thronged by large numbers, all supplying the wants of the inner man."

I find this description a bit odd; I mean the part about the games went on silently. Was there no rooting for the underdog, or betting on the various winners? There was apparently some noise going on as the editor wrote, "Of one thing pleased us more than another at the celebration in Braidwood, it was to hear the orator of the day administer a stinging rebuke to the catch pennies and gamesters pres-

ent, who could not, or would not cease their noisy uproar during the reading and speaking."

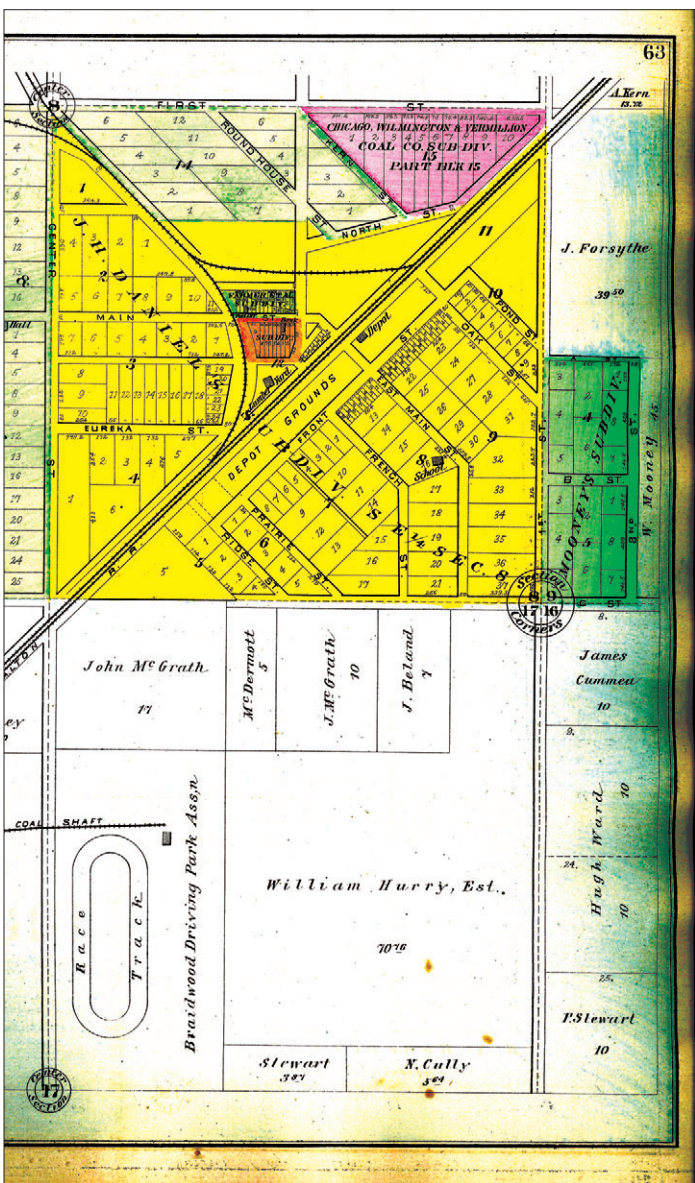
By the mid 1880's Braidwood's population had become "Americanized." Even those who spoke with an accent understood the meaning of the 4th of July celebration. The celebration to end all celebrations as far as the 4th goes was in 1886. But it included a very controversial entertainment - boxing. From the pages of the Wilmington Advocate we have the following account of that year's festivities.

"Old residents claim that the celebration of Monday and Tuesday last excelled anything of the kind heretofore attempted in Braidwood. Notwithstanding the fearfully hot weather thousands gathered at the grove, near the race-track, on Monday forenoon in fond anticipation of a good time."

"The guests came from all quarters and in every manner of locomotion. Hon. Dan McLaughlin, as president of the day, called the throng to order at 1 p.m. and introduced Mayor Steen, who proceeded to read the Declaration of Independence. City Attorney Reynolds was next announced as orator, and those who heard him talk speak of his effort in quite complimentary terms. The president of the day, by request, made some remarks, and concluded by proclaiming the sports of the day to be then in order."

"Next came a trotting match, foot races, bowery dancing, climbing greased pole, wheelbarrow race, etc., while the sale booths did a "land office business" in the skirt of the grove. This sort of programme occupied the balance of the day, after which the crowd dispersed and many repaired to the city."

"Here the Ancient Order of Hibernians opened their ball in presence of 156 couples. Another party was had in Free Gardeners' Hall, while a fine



A MAP OF Braidwood showing the race track where the 1886 celebration was held.

private display of fireworks was had in front of the Miners' drug store."

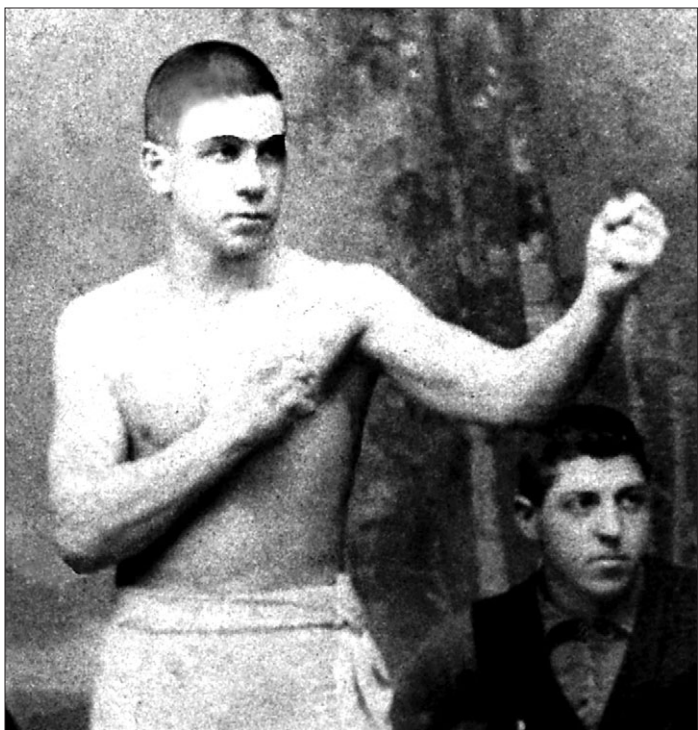
"On Tuesday the crowd met at the grove again, and the fun was resumed without ceremony. The horse races comprised the principal feature in the sports, and it is said that they were well worth witnessing."

"In the evening a sparring match was had in Music hall; this, however, was a sideshow. A special train from Streator arrived at 8 o'clock, bringing Billy Myers and 200 of his friends, with plenty of money. He was matched against Paddy Welch, of Chicago, for \$500 a

side. A band from Streator accompanied the party."

"A ring was formed in the hall, the men shook hands in one-ounce gloves, and proceeded at once to business. In brief Myers knocked out his man in three rounds, in the last of which Welch's shoulder blade was fractured. Myers was declared victor. The elated excursionists, with their champion, returned to Streator soon after midnight."

"The days passed quiet orderly, and few, if any arrests were made. All in all, the whole affair was voted a big success."



A PICTURE OF Billy Myers who came to Braidwood along with 600 followers to win the boxing match.

## City of Braidwood to hold hearing to annex 13.35 acres on Kennedy Road

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION AGREEMENT  
BRAIDWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS

On July 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Braidwood at the Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main Street, Braidwood, IL 60408, for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony as to an ordinance authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement in regard to the annexation to the City of Braidwood, Illinois, of a partial tract of property comprising approximately 13.35 acres of land generally bounded by as follows:

1179 Kennedy Road, PIN 02-24-18-100-002; V Kennedy Road, PIN 02-24-18-100-026; and part of 26125 Kennedy Road, PIN 02-24-18-100-025 (part of), located in Braidwood, Illinois 60408. The subject properties are comprised of approximately 13.35 acres generally located at the southeast corner of Kennedy Road and Kankakee Road, Braidwood, Will County, Illinois 60408

and legally described at the bottom of this notice.

It is proposed that the subject property be zoned for a special use as a Planned Unit Development within the B-2 zoning district comprising of a commercial development including: an approximate 24,000 square foot truck stop providing gasoline and diesel fuel; twenty-two (22) lodging suites; locker rooms with private shower facilities; onsite laundry facilities; ten (10) gaming machines; retail sale of various merchandise; and multiple restaurant uses with eighty-three (83) standard parking stalls, four (4) ADA parking stalls and eighty-three (83) truck parking stalls, in accordance with the annexation agreement. An accurate map of the subject property proposed to be annexed to the City and the form of the proposed annexation agreement are on file with the City Clerk.

You are further notified that the proposed annexation agreement may be changed, altered, modified, amended, or redrafted in its entirety after the public hearing.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Corporate Authorities of the City of Braidwood, Will County, Illinois.  
Hillary Bohac

City Clerk

### Legal Description of Subject Property ANNEXED LAND

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1179 KENNEDY ROAD, BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408  
PIN 02-24-18-100-002

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PARCEL 2:  
PIN 02-24-18-100-026

THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN REED TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS: DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 700.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 77.74 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THAT PART DEDICATED TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES, AS RECORDED MARCH 27, 1956, IN BOOK 1587, PAGE 61 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 795355; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 06 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 67.13 FEET TO THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF KENNEDY ROAD PER RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R93-084131 AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 06 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 132.87 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 207.32 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A DEED PER DOCUMENT NUMBER R93-110495 AND THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FRONTAGE ROAD (ILLINOIS ROUTE 55) PER SAID DOCUMENT NUMBER R93-084131; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 113.08 FEET ALONG SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE PER DOCUMENT NUMBER R93-084131; AND A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 765.44 FEET, THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS NORTH 05 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 112.98 FEET; THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE PER DOCUMENT NUMBER R93-084131 A DISTANCE OF 185.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

### ANNEXING LAND

Parcel 3:  
AREA TO BE ANNEXED  
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THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18 IN TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 700.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 77.75 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE LANDS DEDICATED FOR A PUBLIC HIGHWAY, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT RECORDED IN BOOK 1587 PAGE 61, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 795355; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE, 200.14 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY PROJECTION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF PARCEL 2 OF THE LANDS CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R2019046246; THENCE SOUTH 06 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY PROJECTION, 67.25 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 2, SAID CORNER BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 06 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL 2, A DISTANCE OF 132.74 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 2, ALSO BEING A CORNER OF THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF PARCEL 1 OF THE LANDS CONVEYED BY AFORESAID WARRANTY DEED; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 96.32 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 1; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL 1, A DISTANCE OF 328.73 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 1; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL 1, A DISTANCE OF 479.97 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 1, ALSO BEING A POINT ON SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE AFORESAID LANDS DEDICATED, SAID SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY BEING A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 740.75 FEET, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 67.59 FEET ALONG SAID CURVE, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS SOUTH 39 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 67.57 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY; THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY, 294.65 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 860.40 FEET, SAID CURVE BEING ON SAID SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 207.02 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS SOUTH 35 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST 206.52 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1020.00 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF AFORESAID SECTION 18; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 995.14 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF AFORESAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE, 763.39 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LANDS CONVEYED BY TRUSTEE'S DEED, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R2017034637; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRUSTEE'S DEED, 159.43 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRUSTEE'S DEED, ALSO BEING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE LANDS DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R95-011975; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY, 232.95 FEET TO A CORNER ON SAID SOUTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY; THENCE SOUTH 76 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 20.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Containing 10.00 acres more or less.

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## Enter 2022 Summerfest Baby Contest

The Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition is sponsoring the annual Summerfest Baby Contest on Saturday, July 16, at 10 a.m. under the bingo pavilion in Old Smokey city park.

First place winners will receive a trophy, first place ribbon and certificate of participation. Second and third place will receive a winner ribbon and certificate. All other entries will receive certificates of participation and a small keepsake ribbon. The first place winner of each category will ride in the parade the following day.

To assure the safety of contestants and spectators, check in and judging will be staggered. Age categories will be 0-3 months (checkin 9:40 a.m./judging at 10), 4-7 months (checkin 10 a.m./judging at 10:20), 8-11 months (checkin 10:20 a.m./judging at 10:40), 12-15 months (checkin 10:40 a.m./judging at 11), 16-19 months (checkin 11 a.m./judging at 11:20), and 20-24 months (checkin 11:20 a.m./judging at 11:40). Children will be judged on personality, appearance and general disposition.

Proof of residency in the Reed-Custer School District will be required at time of checkin (example driver's license, utility bill, rent receipt, water bill, etc.)

Parents wishing to enter their children may send \$10 and an entry form before midnight July 8 to Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition, Attn. Baby Contest, P.O. Box 123, Braidwood, IL 60408 or register online at [www.braidwoodcoalition.org](http://www.braidwoodcoalition.org)

No late entries or sign-ups on the day of contest will be accepted. The Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition and The Braidwood Lions Club will not be held responsible for lost or misdirected mail. For more information, please call the BAHCC office at 815-390-5024 & leave a message for a return phone call or email [braidwoodcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:braidwoodcoalition@gmail.com)

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### 2022 Summerfest Baby Contest Entry Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age at time of contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of residency Reed-Custer School District will be required at the time of check-in.

## Railroad crossings to be closed for repairs

The Illinois Department of Transportation [IDOT] reports Route 113 [Division Street] will be closed for repairs at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe crossing [BNSF] in Coal City starting Monday, July 11. The closure will be for approximately two days.

Signs announcing the closure have been posted, and a detour route has been established that will direct eastbound traffic to use Broadway, North Street and First Avenue with west-bound traffic utilizing the same roadways in the opposite direction.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, the use of alternate routes should be considered.

Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

IDOT has also announced the BNSF crossing on Route 47 in Mazon will be closed beginning Thursday, July 14 for repairs lasting approximately two days.

A posted detour will direct motorists to use Route 113 and Interstate 55.

## Morris Hospital to host Community blood drive

In response to the ongoing blood supply shortage, Morris Hospital is hosting a blood drive in cooperation with Versiti Blood Center on Friday, July 8, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in Conference Rooms 2 and 3 on the lower level of Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street in Morris.

Those who donate will be helping replenish the local blood supply as Versiti supplies blood products for Morris Hospital. All blood types are needed.

Blood donors must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and free from cold or flu symptoms on the day of donation. In Illinois, 16-year-olds may donate with written approval from a parent or guardian. Donors are required to wear a mask while inside Morris Hospital.

The entire process for donating blood takes about 1 hour, including registration, a

brief medical screening, blood collection and refreshments. Donors should bring a photo ID with proof of age. Those planning to donate should eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

To schedule an appointment, call Morris Hospital at 815-705-7386. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Village of Godley to hold hearing to vacate alley

### PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATION OF ALLEY TO KENNETH BALLENGER OF THE VILLAGE OF GODLEY

Legal Public Notice pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/1-2-6 is hereby given that on the July 25, 2022 the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Godley, Illinois, are set to have a public hearing located at 150 S. Kankakee St. at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the potential vacation of a public alley off of Smith Road to the adjoining property owner, Kenneth Ballenger.

Any person may attend this hearing to voice their opinions as to whether the Village of Godley, Illinois should approve or deny this vacation.

Dated this 1st day of July 2022.

Jenny Uehling, Mayor

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## Overcharging customers

BRAIDWOOD—I remember when the state of Illinois, under Gov. Blagovich, made a big deal about cracking down on the insurance industry and saying it was going to save taxpayers a lot of money. Then I read last week how auto insurance premiums have skyrocketed between Jan. 2019 and Dec. 31, 2021. Abraham Scarr, director of Illinois PIRG & Illinois PIRG Education Fund was quoted as saying “Moments of crisis are revealing: auto insurers took the opportunity provided by the pandemic to overcharge their customers and make windfall profits.” Think about it, since COVID, high gas prices and inflation hit, we all have been driving a lot less than we used to. My husband and I have been working from home instead of commuting to the office so we have driven half as less. Yet our auto insurance has gone up and I pointed that out to our provider who said he’d refund us \$50 each. That’s a late gesture now...shopping for new insurance and so far have found some savings. So it pays to shop around.

## Summer band concerts

WILMINGTON—If you haven’t attended a Wilmington Community Band concert, you have missed some very good entertainment. Seated in lawn chairs in the Memorial Park attendees enjoy the music, the atmosphere of the park, and the camaraderie of friends. The talented musicians represent a wide age range, and it is good to see them working together to present such wonderful concerts. Thank you to the director, the band members, and those who help for their contribution to the community. Jane Smith

## Don’t be fooled

BRAIDWOOD—Gov. Pritzker and a bunch of Democrats held a press conference telling how Illinois taxpayers are getting a tax break at the gas pump and in grocery stores starting July 1. Don’t believe it, this is not a tax break. You are going to pay the same outrageous tax only later, in January 2023 when it will be implemented along with another 2.8% increase. It is just an election gimmick. If you remember, Pritzker and Democrats doubled the state gas tax from 18 to 36 cents two years ago. Then Will County Democrats came along and added another 4 cents tax on top of that. It basically went unnoticed because gas was cheap compared to now. While state leaders get in front of the cameras and pat themselves on the back for delaying the gas tax, don’t be fooled with their false praise. They are doing it as a vote-getting tactic after getting all those federal dollars which we will all have to pay for.

## China’s domination

SHADOW LAKES— 24 percent of the air pollution in San Francisco comes from China! Why? Because China is building coal fired plants at a record pace to meet our demand for batteries, solar panels and windmills. China doesn’t care about a green deal or pronouns or pregnant men: They care about world domination. Eddie

## Still depend on USA

SHADOW LAKES—My name is Dan Hill. I have a question if someone could respond. People came to this country to get away from tyranny. They fought for independence, many died. We had our Constitution, Declaration of Independence and people have literally worked, worked and worked to achieve the goals of a free country. Other countries have been around for hundreds of years before the United States of America. But yet they still depend on us for money, for military help and any other thing you can think of. Why? Are these people stupid leaders? I have thought this my whole life. I think the only intelligent leaders in the world are the American leaders and the American person. Born and raised and educated in America and those who have come here and converted to be an American and learn English and learned how to work. People in these second and third world countries don’t deserve our help. Look to your leaders, make them get off their fat asses.

## Warning

SHADOW LAKES—Notice to Coal City residents, Braidwood residents, Wilmington residents also Shadow Lakes residents, do not drink your water. Shadow Lakes is dumping forever chemicals, weed killer at 3 a.m. in the

lakes. These are forever chemicals. Cancer causing chemicals. Shadow Lakes residents do not swim in the lakes and do not eat the fish at least for 60 days. They have been dumping forever chemicals, weed killer in Shadow Lakes. No notice is given to the residents.

## Scorched earth

WILMINGTON—The scorched earth rulings of the Supreme Court recently are nothing short of ugly. Do you call it justice when a male and female conceive a fetus and yet only the female is held responsible? And last week, Trump’s conservative justices ruled against curbing climate change so our plans to reduce carbon emissions have been shot to blazes. The resulting inferno will bring new pandemics and plagues as earth’s ecosystems mutate against themselves putting humans into the crosshairs. Speaking of crosshairs, the Supreme Court also ruled to allow concealed carry so brace yourself to pray, duck and cover and get ready for the weeping and gnashing of teeth. This Supreme Court is not only regressive but downright dangerous to civilization itself. Madison R.

## Let a woman decide

WILMINGTON— This is my solution to the abortion debate now that the court has thrown the issue back to the states. I say we take it one more step and throw it back to the women. Let each individual woman decide if she wants to be pregnant no restrictions and no forced pregnancy. Let’s trust women. And for the people that want to save babies, maybe you could save an unwanted baby from the abusive parents that you forced to bear a child. How about saving a baby from a sexual predator. Save an actual baby not a fetus. Penny Lane.

## Tell their story

WILMINGTON—I’m sick and tired of Republicans whining and complaining how the Jan. hearings are a witch hunt, full of lies, unconstitutional and political theater. Simple solution, put your money where your mouth is. Sit your butt in a witness chair, take the oath, and rebut or tell your side. Do that or shut up. Then again, what is an oath to a politician?

## Crybaby stuff

WILMINGTON—As we just celebrated the Fourth of July this week, it got me thinking about some disturbing trends happening in our country. It absolutely boggles my mind how Republican politicians never utter a word about the integrity of elections when they win but they refuse to accept the fact that elections are fair when they lose. We all know who started this crybaby stuff. And the worst part is his gullible minions believe these lies. The courts have proved that the elections are fair. Voting machines are not rigged. There is no voter fraud. Election judges work hard to make sure everything is on the up and up. So suck it up and accept the fact that you are a loser and move on. The people have spoken.

## The great gig in the sky

BRAIDWOOD— Remember Trump’s favorite phrase "Lock her up?" He’s singing a different tune, perhaps from Pink Floyd, now that the shoe is on the other foot. Nothing has been found against Hillary or any of the Bidens, even though Trump’s sycophants at the Department of Justice chased down every lead. America was forced to spoil Trump while he was president, indulge his tantrums and look the other way or he would cry like a stuck pig, my apologies to pigs everywhere. No wonder Trump didn’t want to leave 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. He had quite an influence peddling operation going there which far exceeded that piddly presidential salary.

## Judges with bad judgment

COAL CITY—We ask ourselves, is this Supreme Court the worst in our nation’s history? No, the worst would be the Supreme Court which ruled against the freedom of Dred Scott in 1857 the impact of which denied rights for all blacks and was a decisive factor in starting the Civil War. So cheer up. These days when the Supreme Court ruled to cause the increase of climate change, the increase of guns on the streets, the diminution of women’s health by banning reproductive rights and did nothing about Justice Clarence Thomas’s refusal to recuse himself as required, it could be worse.

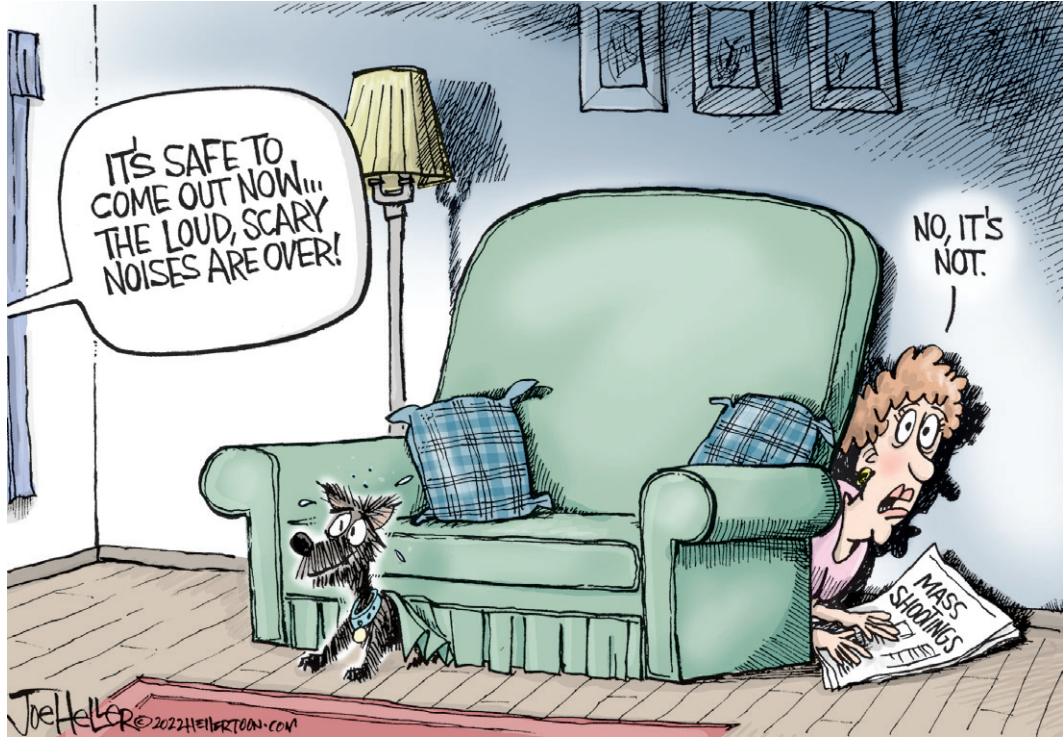
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But thanks to Republicans, things are pretty bad because all of these issues are as serious as a heart attack. Doug W.

## Biden is a lying

SHADOW LAKES—As we were all watching China Joe report to the nation from Madrid and answering pre-approved questions from pre-approved reporters, he made this statement. “I am doing everything I can do to lower the price of gasoline.” He stands there lying to you, to the world, and to God. Fact check this: This piece is by Michael Robinson, published June 30, 2022, at 8:45 a.m. “The (EPA) is preparing to cite the Unites States’ largest oil field for violating ozone pollution standards, a move that will threaten the end of oil and gas in the region. This regulation will directly affect the Permian Basin, the largest oil field in the United States, accounting for 95,000,000 gallons of gasoline per day or 40% of the oil produced domestically.”

Always, Margot Lane

## It’s simple Dan

WILMINGTON—Yes, Dan Hill, life is simple when you are a simpleton. So your solution to a woman protester carrying a sign saying pregnancy can kill me is don’t have sex stupid. Well, let me tell you. When you said women were not in the constitution because the founding fathers were white supremacists, slave holders and you forgot to say men like me.

JoAnn

## A big tax increase

COAL CITY—I was appalled at the two mailings we received last week promoting the proposed Coaler Community Center. We can’t even get any businesses to come to Coal City and between our schools, parks and library we already have access to all the things mentioned

# Free concert to feature ‘Seasons of Music’

The Wilmington Area Community Band will perform the third concert of the 15th season on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 6 p.m. at Veteran’s Memorial Park.

Please bring a lawn chair, lots of mosquito spray, snacks, and water and relax in the shade as the band performs the following music in a beautiful outdoor setting.

The theme for this concert is "Seasons of Music" and will be selected from the following: Star Spangled Banner Vivaldi’s "Spring"

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Vivald’s "Summer"  
Summertime  
Summer in Rio  
Sound of the Beach Boys  
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Vivaldi’s "Autumn"  
Rock That!/September  
Autumn Leaves  
Danse Macabre  
Vivaldi’s "Winter"  
Sleighs, Horses and Bells  
Christmas in a Nutshell

Veteran’s Memorial Park is located at the intersection of

Williams and Vine Streets - across from Oakwood Cemetery and Island City Baptist Church.

In case of excessive heat or rain, our alternate concert location is Wilmington High School. The Wilmington Area Community Band is a volunteer group of local musicians from ages 13 up. We welcome musicians looking for a fun summer ensemble.

Contact Wes Smith at 815-476-5517 if you have any questions.

# Justices urge lawmakers to allow more public access to rivers

## Access now limited to rivers with commercial traffic

BY PETER HANCOCK  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Supreme Court has ruled that the public has no right to boat, fish or swim in small rivers that flow across private property, but two justices are urging the General Assembly to change that law.

“The legislature should redefine navigability to be more inclusive because that would promote the State’s interest in recreational uses of waterways for all citizens of the State of Illinois,” Justice P. Scott Neville, joined by Chief Justice Anne Burke, wrote in a separate opinion to a recent case. “It is incumbent upon the legislature to realize that there is an increasing social and economic need that riparian rights be restricted for public recreational purposes.”

That was part of a concurring opinion in a recent decision involving a dispute between two landowners who own property along the

Mazon River in Grundy County.

A portion of that river flows through a fossil-rich area known as the Mazon Creek Fossil Beds, a national historic landmark near the river’s confluence with the Illinois River, and both parties in the case operate fossil-hunting businesses.

Adam Holm and his family own two separate parcels of property, one of which is landlocked and only accessible from the river. To get to that parcel, he would launch a kayak from his other property and row down the river, taking him across property owned by Peter Kodat and others.

Kodat complained, accusing Holm of trespassing on his property, but Holm claimed that as the owner of property along the river, he had a right to access all parts of the river.

The case centered around an Illinois law that gives property owners the right to control access to waters along their property, unless the waters are classified as “navigable,” which, according to an earlier Supreme Court decision, means “of sufficient depth to afford a channel for use for commerce.”

In other words, unless a body of water is

deep enough to carry barge or ship traffic, property owners along that water have a right to bar public access to it.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is the agency that determines whether or not a lake, river or stream is navigable. It currently lists 48 bodies of water, including Lake Michigan and six branches of the Chicago River, as falling in that category.

Thus, in a unanimous decision, the court said Kodat had the right to prohibit Holm from kayaking on the portion of the river that flows across his property.

“In our view, the legislature is the best venue to consider plaintiffs’ request for the creation of a new public policy on riparian rights for nonnavigable rivers and streams in Illinois, which constitute the majority of waterways in this state,” Justice Robert L. Carter wrote for the majority.

But writing in what’s known as a “special concurrence” – in which a justice agrees with the outcome of a case but not the opinion – Neville wrote that he thinks it is time to change the law.

Neville argued that the doctrine used in

Illinois, known as the “Riparian Doctrine,” that gives property owners the right to control access to rivers and streams that flow across their property is “archaic and anachronistic” and should be replaced with one that recognizes the public’s right to use those resources for recreation.

He also argued that the riparian doctrine has hindered Illinois from developing more recreational use of waterways, noting that there are “more than 87,000 miles of rivers and streams within its borders, but only 32 rivers and streams are classified as navigable.”

“There is no question that the adoption of the recreational navigation doctrine is supported by Illinois public policy favoring the use of waterways for recreational purposes,” Neville wrote, citing a 1976 case in which the court blocked the sale of a portion of Lake Michigan in Chicago to U.S. Steel Corp. for the purpose of developing a steel plant there. “According to this court, it is appropriate to observe that there has developed a strong, though belated, interest in conserving natural resources and in protecting and improving our physical environment.”

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some drama along the way.

For those of us who do not follow tennis, we can celebrate the Championship with the official cocktail of Wimbledon, the Pimm's Cup.

You may have thought that the Pimm's Cup is a New Orleans drink, and it has been since the 1940s when it was added to bar menus in the Big Easy. Taking in a tennis match or beating the heat on Bourbon Street, The Pimm's Cup is equally popular on both sides of the Atlantic.

Invented in England nearly a century ago, the combination of Pimm's liqueur and fresh lemonade is traditionally served in the UK at "summer events" such as cricket and polo matches, yacht regattas and tennis tournaments. In 1971, the first "Pimm's Bar" opened at Wimbledon, and each year over 80,000 pints of the cocktail are served at the tournament.

Is Wimbledon in your travel plans this week? If not, you can follow the recipe below and make your very own Pimm's Cup in your home bar. Or you could travel to the Crescent City to have an ice cold Pimm's Cup at the New Orleans bar that put the cocktail on the map in the U.S., the legendary Napoleon House.

You simply haven't been to New Orleans if you haven't had a Pimm's Cup at Napoleon House. Most often consumed during the day, the Pimm's Cup is by no means a heavy drink when compared to the Hurricane and the Sazerac. The Pimm's Cup is all about adding refreshment to your afternoon as you take in the ambiance of the French Quarter from your seat at Napoleon House.

Wait a minute: Napoleon had a house in New Orleans? No, Napoleon never actually lived at Napoleon house, but according to local legend that was the plan. In 1821 former mayor Nicholas Girod helped underwrite a scheme to bring the exiled Napoleon Bonaparte to the Crescent City following a daring rescue and escape from St. Helena. Mayor Girod even offered up his place at 500 Chartres to house Bonaparte upon his arrival. Unfortunately it was not to be, word of Napoleon's death reached New Orleans before the plan could be set in motion.

The spirit content of the Pimm's Cup is Pimm's liqueur, what exactly is "Pimm's"? Pimm's is a European liqueur and was essentially the world's first pre-made cocktail. Officially categorized as a "sling" or "fruit cup", the Pimm's lineup features various spirits mixed with fruit juice, herbs, botanicals, etc.

The Pimm's Cup is technically a gin-based cocktail since the



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Pimm's #1 variety uses gin as a base spirit. Be sure to double check the label when buying a bottle of Pimm's as the labels for their various offerings all look similar. At one time there were a total of six different fruit cups in the Pimm's lineup utilizing popular base spirits such as rum, Scotch, brandy, rye and vodka.

The gin-based Pimm's #1 is the most popular and the most widely available, several of the other spirits in the Pimm's lineup have been discontinued with the No. 3 cup reintroduced as Pimm's Winter Cup. The vodka-based Pimm's #6 was second in popularity to the #1 and has been reintroduced as Pimm's Blackberry and Elderflower.

It is not uncommon to find the Pimm's Cup served with multiple garnishes of fruit including apples, oranges, lemons, limes and so on. In parts of the Southeastern U.S. the Pimm's Cup is made by the pitcher and resembles a Sangria-style fruit punch with large slices of fruit added to the pitcher. The flavor notes of Pimm's work with just about any fruit, but less is more at Napoleon House where the only garnish used is a slice of cucumber.

Do right by yourself and Napoleon and only use the freshest, sweetest, scratch-made lemonade in the Pimm's Cup. Lemonade is three things, and three things only: lemon, water, and sugar. To make fresh lemonade, dissolve 3 tablespoons of sugar into the juice from one lemon, or approximately 3 tablespoons of fresh lemon juice. Add one cup of cold water once the sugar has dissolved. This recipe will yield 3 Pimm's Cup cocktails.

The Pimm's Cup is easy to build, starting with a tall glass of ice. Add Pimm's #1, then add lemonade leaving enough room to top your drink with a splash of lemon/lime soda.

There are several lemon/lime sodas that can be used to top your Pimm's Cup, I lean toward 7up in this and any other cocktail calling for a lemon/lime soda. Sprite and Fever Tree Soda have an ideal balance of lemon/lime flavor but lack the "fizz" of 7up. The purpose of topping with soda is to add a bit of fizz, and in this case 7up is the clear winner.

The New Orleans version of the Pimm's Cup is built and served in a tall 12 oz glass.

Fill glass with ice  
Add 1 1/4 oz. Pimm's #1  
Add 3 oz. fresh lemonade  
Top with 7up

Stir gently, garnish with slice of cucumber

In addition to their legendary cocktail service, Napoleon House is home to perhaps the best Muffuletta in New Orleans. Napoleon House is located at 500 Chartres St. in the heart of the French Quarter, doors open daily at 11am.

Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

## Temporary tax relief measures began Friday

Rebates to be mailed while other taxes put on temporary pause

BY PETER HANCOCK  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD – Illinoisans will receive some modest tax relief.

That includes some income tax rebates, property tax rebates, a suspension of the state's 1% tax on groceries, and a six-month pause on the scheduled inflationary increase in the state's motor fuel tax. The tax relief measures began with the start of the state's new fiscal year on July 1.

Gov. JB Pritzker and legislative Democrats held a news conference publicizing those tax breaks as consumers grappled with 8.6% inflation, the highest rate in nearly 40 years.

"We're sending \$1.8 billion in tax relief to Illinois families, and we are able to do that because Democrats balanced the budget, eliminated the bill backlog, and state government is now running a surplus," Pritzker said at a news conference in Chicago on June 30.

The news conference came just two days after the state's primary elections, marking the kick-off to the general election cycle in which Pritzker and Democrats, who control both chambers of the General Assembly, will be touting their fiscal management of the state.

"Fiscal responsibility means Illinois taxpayers are no longer required to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in needless interest payments," Pritzker said. "Instead, we are able to better fund education, rebuild our roads, make our neighborhoods safer, attract new businesses to Illinois, and connect workers with good paying jobs. And starting tomorrow (Friday), every Illinoisan will get tax relief on essentials, gas, groceries and your home."

The tax relief measures were included in the \$46 billion budget lawmakers passed for the fiscal year that begins Friday. They include:

- An income tax rebate of \$50 per individual with income below \$200,000 a year, or \$100 for couples filing jointly with income below \$400,000 a year, plus \$100 per dependent child, up to three children.
- A suspension of the 1% sales tax on groceries through June 2023.

- A suspension of the scheduled inflationary increase in the motor fuel tax through Dec. 31, which has been estimated at 2.2 cents per gallon. Instead, the motor fuel tax will increase twice at the rate of inflation next calendar year.

- A sales tax holiday on back-to-school items, to run from Aug. 5 to Aug. 14, when the rate will be imposed at 1.25% instead of the regular 6.25%.

And an additional property tax rebate of up to \$300 for homeowners who were eligible to claim the property tax credit on their 2021 state tax returns. The rebate is available to joint filers earning \$500,000 or less and single filers earning \$250,000 or less.

In addition, the tax relief package included a permanent expansion of the state's earned income tax credit, or EITC, to 20% of the federal EITC while also extending eligibility for that credit to noncitizens who file taxes using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number instead of a Social Security Number.

Republicans criticized that package as an election-year gimmick, noting that the rebate checks would show up in people's mailboxes or bank accounts before Election Day, while motor fuel tax suspension would disappear soon after Election Day.

They also criticized some of the tax breaks as too small or for not being permanent; noting that the grocery tax suspension would only save consumers \$1 on a \$100 grocery bill, and the motor fuel tax savings would save only 22 cents on a 10-gallon tank of gas.

They proposed an alternative, which would have suspended or capped the state's 6.25% sales tax on motor fuels, which they say has been producing a windfall for the state as gasoline prices have soared to record levels.

According to AAA, the average price of gasoline in Illinois stood at \$5.39 on Thursday. That includes 37 cents of sales tax.

But Democrats pushed back against that criticism, arguing that they have passed balanced budgets each of the last four years that have resulted in two credit upgrades each from all three major rating agencies and eliminated the bill backlog while also making investments in important state services.

"The reality is we are making fiscally responsible decisions," state Senator Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, said at the news conference. "We are investing in the issues that will help our communities grow and be stronger. We're investing in education. We're investing in health care. We're investing in public safety. We're investing in a brighter future for Illinoisans."

## Area gas prices vary as much as 56¢/gallon

Illinois motorists are seeing some relief at the pump as

gasoline prices trickle down for the third week in a row.

The cheapest price per gallon reported Tuesday was \$4.82 in Bourbonnais while the highest was \$5.38 off Lorenzo Road in Wilmington.

Average gasoline prices in Illinois have fallen 14.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.30/g, according


to GasBuddy's survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

According to GasBuddy, the cheapest station in Illinois was priced at \$4.38/g while the most expensive was \$6.79/g.

The lowest price in Morris was \$4.99, in Braidwood \$5.03, in Wilmington \$5.28 and Coal City \$5.33.

Prices in Illinois are 14.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$2.00/g higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has fallen 6.3 cents nationally in the past week and stands at \$5.72 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline is \$4.78/g.



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#### THURSDAY, JULY 14th

- 5 to 11:00pm 41st Annual Braidwood Lions Summerfest Begins  
Food Court, Lions Beer Garden & Knights of Columbus Council #1574 Concession Stand Open
- 5 to 7:00pm 103.1 FM WCSJ Live Remote Broadcast & Giveaways  
(next to the Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage)
- 5 to 8:00pm Illinois State Treasurers Office I-CASH Outreach Booth  
(under the hospitality tent)
- 6 to 11:00pm Carnival Opens – Pay One Price for Unlimited Rides \*all night\*
- 6 to 10:00pm Lions Club Bingo (under the Lions pavilion) \$0.25 a card
- 6 to 9pm Braidwood Fire Depart. Fire Prevention Booth & Equipment Displays
- 7 to 10:30pm **Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage: "Bad Choices"**  
Straight Forward Rock & Roll!!

#### FRIDAY, JULY 15th

- 5pm to 11:30pm Food Court, Lions Beer Garden & Knights of Columbus Council #1574 Concession Stand Open
- 5 to 10pm Knights of the Innocent MC Community Outreach Booth  
(across from the hospitality tent)
- 5 to 8pm Illinois State Treasurers Office I-CASH Outreach Booth  
(under the hospitality tent)
- 5 to 9pm Constellation Energy Education Outreach Booth & Displays  
(north side of the Lions pavilion)
- 5:30 to 6:30pm 101.7FM River Country Live Remote Broadcast, Prize Wheel & Giveaways (next to the Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage)
- 6 to 9:00pm Braidwood Fire Department Fire Prevention Booth & Equipment Displays
- 6 to 11:00pm Carnival Open: Pay One Price for Unlimited Rides \*all night\*
- 6 to 10:00pm Lions Club Bingo (under the Lions pavilion) \$0.25 a card
- 7 to 11:00pm **Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage: "Kankakeeland's Very Own Silhouettes 40th Anniversary Show"**  
50's-60's-70's-80's & 90's Favorites

#### SATURDAY, JULY 16th

- 9 to 5:00pm Flea Market, Arts & Crafts Show (south end of the city park)
- 10 to noon Annual Summerfest Baby Contest (under the Lions pavilion)  
Coordinated by: Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition
- 10 to 2:00pm Summerfest Car Show (east side of the skate park)  
Coordinated by: The RC Gridiron Club
- 10 to 2:00pm DJ Jeff Saltzman (car show area, east side of the skate park)
- Noon to Midnight Food Court, Lions Beer Garden & Knights of Columbus Council #1574 Concession Stand Open
- Noon to 4:00pm DJ "Big D" (next to the Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage)
- 12 to 6:00pm Illinois State Treasurers Office I-CASH Outreach Booth  
(under the hospitality tent)
- 1:00pm Annual Summerfest Pie Eating Contest (under the hospitality tent)
- 1 to Midnight Carnival Opens: Pay one price and ride unlimited from 1 to 5pm  
OR 6 to 11pm
- 1:45 to 2:15pm River Valley Martial Arts Demonstration  
(in front of the entertainment stage)
- 2 to 4:00pm Lions Club Bingo (under the Lions pavilion) \$0.25 a card
- 2 to 6:00pm Constellation Energy Education Outreach Booth & Displays  
(north side of the Lions pavilion)
- 2 to 9:00pm Braidwood Fire Depart. Fire Prevention Booth & Equipment Displays
- 2 to 4:00pm Balloon Twisting Art & Face Painting with Pockets the Clown & Linda the Face Painter (under the hospitality tent)
- 4:00pm The Jesse White Tumbling Team  
(in front of the Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage)
- 5 to 7:00pm 98.3 WCCQ Live Remote Radio Broadcast & Giveaways  
(next to the Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage)
- 6 to 10:00pm Lions Club Bingo (under the Lions pavilion) \$0.25 a card
- 7:30 to 11:30pm **Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage: "The Hat Guys"**  
Rock, Pop, Country, Disco and Hip Hop Hits

#### SUNDAY, JULY 17th

- 9 to 5:00pm Flea Market, Arts & Crafts Show (south end of the city park)
- Noon to 10:30pm Food Court, Lions Beer Garden & Knights of Columbus Council #1574 Concession Stand Open
- 1:00pm Hometown Proud Parade: Main & Mitchell Street to RC Elementary School (S. Walker Street) Grand Marshals: Reed-Custer School Resource Officers Vern Reed, Todd Flint & Mike Millerin
- 2 to 10:30pm Carnival Opens: Pay One Price for Unlimited Rides from 2 to 6pm  
**Buy a wristband on Sunday and receive a chance to win one of two Bikes, Must Be Present To Win, Drawing at 6:30pm at the Carnival Midway Ticket Booth**
- 2 to 4:00pm Balloon Twisting Art & Face Painting with Pockets the Clown & Linda the Face Painter (under the hospitality tent)
- 2 to 4:00pm Lions Club Bingo (under the Lions pavilion) \$0.25 a card
- 2 to 6:00pm Illinois State Treasurers Office I-CASH Outreach Booth  
(under the hospitality tent)
- 2 to 6:00pm DJ Roy Gregory's Rock, Country & Blues Dance Party  
(next to the Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage)
- 2 to 8:00pm Braidwood Fire Depart. Fire Prevention Booth & Equipment Displays
- 4:30 to 5:30pm Dave DeNasso's Traveling World of Reptiles (under the Lions pavilion)
- 6 to 9:00pm Lions Club Bingo (under the Lions pavilion) \$0.25 a card
- 6:30 to 9:30pm **Constellation Energy Entertainment Stage: "Wicked Vic"**  
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**\*\*No Smoking Will Be Allowed Under The Bingo Pavilion\*\***

# OBITUARIES

## Vada Jean Hammen

Vada Jean (Gasaway) Hammen  
On Friday, Aug. 7, 2020 at the age of 96, Vada passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family. She had been blessed with great health; she loved art, gardening, activity and enjoyed like-minded people.

Vada once wrote "I was born in Illinois, married and had 7 children. Yes SEVEN." Bob and Vada created 7 colorful souls." Bobby, Brick, Jeanne, Denny, Donny, Kathy and Patty. I started painting when I lived in Illinois. My oldest son paid for my first art lessons as a gift to me. After years of painting in Illinois, my husband and I retired to Brownsville TX. I taught at the Brownsville Art League and constantly learned new mediums and techniques. I enjoyed the sun and a great Brownsville Art League family. Five years ago I moved to "LA" Lower Alabama (about a mile from Pensacola Florida). The art communities are thriving! Lots of groups to paint with: Plein Air of Pensacola, Portrait Painters of Pensacola, Performing Arts Association in Foley and Artists of the Bay. My family grows larger as my artist friends grow. They have become an exciting addition to my family as we share our passion of art."

Vada was born April 3, 1924 in Ransom, IL to William "Bill" and Claudia (Greer) Gasaway. She attended and graduated from Ransom schools. She married Robert John Hammen Sept. 20, 1941. They lived and raised all of their seven children in Wilmington. Vada busied herself at home with Cub Scouts, Brownies and volunteering at the church and schools and drove a school bus for 15 years. Vada loved her art and taught classes at Joliet Junior College in Joliet Illinois for 12 years. If she had a paintbrush in her hand, all was good—really good. Bob and Vada retired part-time in Brownsville, TX for eight years then full time retirement for 12 more years.

After her husband of 59 years passed, she decided to make a move. At the age of 80, Vada decided to make her move from Texas to



Alabama to be closer to more family. She has been a resident of Lillian, AL since 2004. Vada established herself quickly in the art communities in Lillian, Foley and Daphne. She especially enjoyed a Plein Aire and a portrait group in Pensacola. Her paintings are still located in local galleries in the area. In addition, Vada loved trying new recipes and finding tasty and healthy dishes. She was an avid reader but her passion for painting was the gift she gave to herself, family, friends and patrons. Her art hangs in homes and businesses throughout United States and overseas.

Vada was dearly loved by her children: Jeanne (Elliott) Denny, Kathy (Ernie Witemore) and Patty (Mike Poskin). In addition, she was a cherished Grandma to 16 grandchildren and Great-grandma to 22 and a great-great grandma to 6. Her yearly goal was to personally hand-make (or find for the last few years) Christmas ornaments for all her huge family. She also made her fudge and homemade divinity for each of her children and families. Vada really had no time for regrets; She left nothing undone, and her presence will be missed so much.

Vada was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Claudia Gasaway; her husband, Robert of 59 years; three sons: Bobby, Bill "Brick" and Donny "Sid", as well as two grandsons, Doug Bengé and Josh Wrye.

Cremation rites were accorded, and the family will receive friends for a memorial visitation at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 604 S. Kankakee St., in Wilmington on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 9 a.m. until the time of funeral services at 10 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Sebastian Gargol and assisted by Deacon Jay Plese, and inurnment will immediately follow mass at Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Wilmington.

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

## Alice Gossen

GOOSE LAKE—Alice Diane Gossen, 82, of Goose Lake, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at Morris Hospital with her devoted husband by her side.

Alice was born in Carbondale, IL on Aug. 17, 1939, to Raleigh and Dena Stevenson. She resided in Joliet for many years before moving to Goose Lake. Alice was employed for many years as a Process Inspector for Kerr Glass until they sold. She then enjoyed working for Illinois Central School Bus as a bus monitor and was a dedicated Mary Kay Representative for over 20 years. Having not been able to finish high school, she was proud to have achieved her GED when she was 40 years old.

Alice was a dedicated and long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Coal City where she taught the adult women's Sunday School class. Throughout the years, you could find her fluffing up and organizing the church's flower arrangements. She found much joy in changing things around for the different holidays. She loved being a part of the Red Hat Society and enjoyed the fun and friendship that came with the many club meetings. Alice was also a past president of the County Line Dancers and was ready "at the drop of a hat" to show off her two step.

Early in life, Alice enjoyed spending time boating with family as she and Don lived on the water in Goose Lake and their home was a popular spot for family and friends. She loved a good afternoon Sunday drive with Don at the



wheel and at some point, Alice napping next to him. She would always convince him to try new restaurants and it was one of her very favorite things to do on those drives. She had great pride in her home and loved to decorate both inside and out. She had a knack for taking something plain and turning it into a work of art. Alice was also known for her impeccable appearance, never leaving the house without her hair, makeup, and clothes being perfect.

She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Donald Gossen; nieces, Vicky (Denny) Hudson, Kathy (Steve) Miller, and nephew, Brian (Jan) Frost.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sons, David McClanahan and Raymond McClanahan; brother, Johnny Gladson, and sisters, Faye Braughton and Mary Frost.

A Memorial Service will be held for Alice Diane Gossen on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at the First Baptist Church of Coal City, 4470 E. Route 113 at 2 p.m. As it was Alice's wish, cremation rites have been accorded. Pastor David Gilleland will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to First Baptist Church of Coal City, PO Box 39, Coal City, IL 60416.

For more information, visit her Memorial Tribute at [www.fredcdames.com](http://www.fredcdames.com) to share a favorite memory or leave an online condolence.

Fred C. Dames Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Ruth "Robin" Swanson

BRAIDWOOD—Ruth "Robin" Swanson, 50, of Braidwood, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Aperia Care in Bradley, IL.

Born on Nov. 16, 1971 in Chicago, she was the daughter of Elmer and Margaret (nee Lundquist) McNerney. On March 15, 1995 she married Richard Swanson in Lacon, IL and together they made their home in Braidwood. Robin was a bartender in the Braidwood and Wilmington areas. She enjoyed playing pool, dancing, golfing and attending baseball games especially her favorite Chicago White Sox. For years she and Richard enjoyed many trips to Cancun.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Swanson, of Braidwood; daughter, Jessica McNerney of Wilmington; grandchildren: James Neagle, Owen Hartman and Raygen Hartman; sisters: Margaret Arevalo, of Braidwood; Dorine Cardoza, of Florida and Sharon McNerney, of Wilmington; brothers:



James Mann, of Pontiac; Patrick (Denise) McNerney, of Crete, IL and William McNerney, of Bloomington, IL; step-sister, Deanna Polen, of Bloomington; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 12-4 p.m. at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

For more information and to sign her online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find them on Facebook.

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

## William Walter



BRAIDWOOD—William George Walter, 81, of Braidwood, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side, Monday, June 27, 2022 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease and cancer.

Born July 18, 1940 in Nyack, NY, he was the son of George and Anne (nee Scriven) Walter. Veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Bill retired in 2001 from Stepan Chemical Company after many years of employment. He was a proud member of the National Rifle Association and the IL State Rifle Association. Bill was a true outdoorsman, spending time hunting, fishing, and shooting his rifle were his favorite pastimes. He loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren sharing many jokes and his infamous one-liners.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Gail Ann (nee Nungesser) Walter, who he married Oct. 21, 1961 in Washington, DC; three daughters: Kim (Robert) Wagge, of Godley; Lori (Robert) Haley, of Braidwood and Vicki (Randal) Schnurstein, of Braidwood; 11 grandchildren: Patrick (Judith Harper) O'Reilly, Joshua (Nikki Billingsley) O'Reilly, Katie (Ryan Hams) O'Reilly, Danielle (Johnathan) Marma, Meghan (Chris Kuchar) Petersen, Kylie (Joshua MacNicol) Hinich, Abbigale Haley, Meghan Haley, Jessica Biros, Jennifer Schnurstein, and Matthew (Lauren) Schnurstein; many loving great-grandchildren;



one brother, Paul (Elizabeth) Walter, of New Hartford, NY; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Donald (Donna) Nungesser, of Fredericksburg, VA; sister-in-law, Patty Nungesser, of Woodbridge, VA and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Preceding him in death were his parents, George and Anne; brother and sister-in-law, Charles (Ann) Walter; sister, Lynne Lewis; brother-in-law, Ronald Nungesser and great-granddaughters in infancy, Amethyst and Dezirae.

The family would like to thank the staff of Lightways Hospice for their dedication and compassion during these difficult times.

Per Bill's wishes cremation rites will be accorded and a private graveside service with military honors will be held at Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, VA at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to: American Parkinson's Disease Association: <https://www.apdaparkinson.org/> American Cancer Society: <https://donate3.cancer.org/> or to Lightways Hospice: <https://lightways.org/>.

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R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Warren W. Wols

MORRIS—Warren W. Wols, 88, of Morris, passed away on Monday, June 27, 2022 at Park Pointe Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Morris.

Born Nov. 1, 1933 in Chicago, Warren William was a son of Leo and Catherine (Langendorf) Wols. He was raised and educated in Chicago where he attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary and later achieved his Doctorate in Theology from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL. Warren was ordained a priest by the Joliet Catholic Diocese on May 30, 1959, and he assisted parishes in Elmhurst, Joliet and Morris. He resigned from the active priesthood in 1968 and began a new career with the Illinois Department of Corrections. Warren was the first Correctional Counselor at Stateville Correctional Center in 1969, and later functioned as the Correctional Casework Supervisor at the Joliet and Sheridan Correctional Centers. He retired in 1996 after 26 years of service.

In retirement, he volunteered his service at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Morris. Warren served as eucharistic minister to the Grundy County Nursing Home, Morris Hospital and Park Pointe Healthcare and Rehabilitation. For over 20 years, he facilitated a Renew Group and Bible Study for parishioners of Immaculate Conception, and in 2002 and



2005 he solicited half a million dollars in pledges for the construction of the new Immaculate Conception Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Wende (Glenn) Wise; one sister, Mary Piccin, of Pompano Beach, FL and one brother, John Wols, of Sheridan, IL.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 600 E. Jackson St., in Morris from 9 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 10 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Reverend Jason Stone presiding, and Deacon Paul Jung assisting.

Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery in Morris.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Warren's memory to the Immaculate Conception Building Fund.

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

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Morris. [www.ReevesFuneral.com](http://www.ReevesFuneral.com)

## Nancy Snyder

WILMINGTON—Nancy Rae Snyder (nee Strand), 84, of Wilmington, passed away on July 3, 2022 at Park Pointe Nursing Home in Morris. Born Sept. 27, 1937, she was the daughter of Axel W. and Hazel (nee Johnson) Strand. Nancy had a one of a kind personality. It's hard to encompass all the things she loved and enjoyed but to name a few would be collecting Kokopelli memorabilia, Willie Nelson, slot machines, gardening, and garage sales. She was also a very talented artist, painter, and sewer. Nancy enjoyed baking and is especially known for her famous turtle candy.

Surviving are five children: Kim (Chuck) McCreery, Ken (Crystal) Lewis, Kerry (Donna) Lewis, Kristi Lewis-Cooksey and Kevin (Christine) Lewis; six grandchildren: Valerie (Jeff) Rabideau, Matthew McCreery, Samantha McCreery, Clint (Delia) Lewis, Carter Lewis, and Shelley McCreery; three great-grandchildren: Ava and Chase Rabideau and Damian Lewis; sister-in-law, Pat Strand and her chil-



dren and several nieces and nephews, including Susan Alberts and Bud Alberts.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Axel and Hazel; husband, Jack Snyder; father of her children, Marshall E. Lewis Jr.; sister, Carolyn Alberts; two brothers, Don and Duane Strand; nephew, Tom Bergeron; niece, Tabby Belmontie and son-in-law, Rick Stiltner.

Per Nancy's request, cremation rites will be accorded, with no formal services. A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to Lightways Hospice: <https://lightways.org/>.

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## Junk In The Trunk flea market coming to Morris

Junk In The Trunk (JITT) flea market/community sale will take place the third Sunday, July 17 at 100 Commercial Drive in Morris. This location is just west of Rt. 47 behind the BP Amoco station.

Set up time is 8:30 a.m. and sale is from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This is a charity flea market and all donations and vendor fees are given to a different charity each month. Participants will need to read and agree with the rules pertaining to attending the event. The fee per spot is \$20.

This is a fun, family oriented event where many treasures are found. This is a good place

to find that special antique, gift, toy, decoration, collectable, or tool. No commercial or home based businesses or mass produced imported items are allowed at this flea market.

For more information contact Ken at [willis824@comcast.net](mailto:willis824@comcast.net) or call 815-942-2032, no texts on this number. Leave your name, address and phone number. All participants do so at their own risk. JITT has been in operation since October 2009. This event will run on the third Sunday of every month through October, weather permitting, at this location. Hands of Dignity will receive this month's donations.



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# Rep. David Welter loses with a target on his back

The four Illinois legislative leaders did not have a spectacular primary day last week. House Speaker Chris Welch lost three incumbents to primary challengers. Senate President Don Harmon lost an appointed incumbent and an open seat race. And House Republican Leader Jim Durkin lost two incumbents and came up short in some other races. Senate GOP Leader Dan McConchie came away with one ding.

On the other hand, it was a pretty darned good day to be a young progressive Democrat or a Trump/Bailey-affiliated Republican. State Rep. Delia Ramirez bested well-funded Chicago Ald. Gil Villegas in the 3rd Congressional District primary by a mind-boggling 42 points – the same margin as Republican Sen. Darren Bailey achieved in the governor's primary.

All of Speaker Welch's defeated incumbents were bested by talented challengers from their left. Rep. Mike Zalewski (D-Riverside) helped found a caucus for moderate Democrats and voted against repealing the Parental Notification of Abortion Act. His ties to former Speaker Michael Madigan helped for years, but not this time, when they were effectively used against him. Z is a strong legislator, a friend to most and is actually beloved by many progressive legislators, but the winds and the super hard-charging Abdelnasser Rashid got him.

Rep. Denyse Wang Stoneback (D-Skokie) was

elected as a progressive two years ago, but alienated the gun law reform lobby as well as many colleagues and others during her tenure. The Gun Violence Prevention PAC went after her with a vengeance because she walked away from a landmark bill that G-PAC had negotiated. She'd also alienated her own state Senator, Ram Villivalam, and he and a host of area politicians pushed hard for Kevin Onickal, who basically ran on Stoneback's 2020 progressive platform.

The Associated Press has declared US Rep. Chuy Garcia's ally Norma Hernandez the winner over Rep. Kathy Willis (D-Addison). Hernandez ran a Chuy-style campaign – lots of family and friends networking, non-stop door-knocking and making sure progressive Latinos got to the polls.

The Senate Democrats and their allies spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to back appointed Sen. Eric Mattson (D-Joliet) against progressive Will County Board member Rachel Ventura, but Ventura won by 15 points, even though she raised only \$19K all year. This is, needless to say, a big loss. After Sen. John Connor decided to run for judge, the SDems and local pols engineered Mattson's candidacy and his eventual appointment to Connor's seat, believing that Ventura could put the district



Rich Miller

Preston and never used it. The charter school group INCS spent heavily in the district for Preston, who had a host of endorsements, although his claimed endorsement by Secretary of State Jesse White proved to be false.

House Republican Conference Chair David Welter (R-Morris) and freshman Rep. Mark Luft (R-Pekin) both lost. The Bailey campaign and people like Jeanne Ives put a big target on Welter's back. Welter's opponent Jed Davis was also a very hard worker and won by 9 points with all votes counted except what was still in the mail.

Durkin also backed Arin Thrower in the primary to take on Rep. Suzanne Ness (D-Crystal Lake). But Thrower is trailing the much more rightward Connie Cain by just 64 votes.

Jennifer Korte, another Bailey/Ives candidate backed to the hilt by Sen. Jason Plummer (R-Edwardsville), is defeating HGOP-supported Joe Hackler by a 34-point margin for the right to take on Rep. Katie Stuart (D-Edwardsville).

The Durkin crew thought Korte was too far-right to have a chance against Stuart. Now they're stuck with her.

Of the five House Republican candidates endorsed by Bailey, four won, with only Kent Gray losing badly to Rep. Tim Butler (R-Springfield).

Sen. Bailey supported two Senate Republican candidates. One won. Bailey-backed Sen. Win Stoller (R-East Peoria) beat the Jim Durkin-backed Brett Nicklaus by about two points. Durkin jumped into this race for Nicklaus after Travis Weaver announced against Rep. Luft as a way of pushing back against the Senate Republicans and

Weaver's father, whom he blamed for the younger Weaver's candidacy.

The Senate Republicans backed a candidate who ended up with bad opposition research trouble, so they got out of the race.

Also, the ultra-conservative Chicago Fraternal Order of Police endorsed three conservative and not all that talented challengers to sitting Democratic legislators and all three incumbents won by huge margins.

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## Investigation of mob action against State Trooper

Illinois State Police (ISP) are investigating a mob action that occurred just before 2 a.m. on Sunday, July 3, at Division St. and Elston Ave. in Chicago.

An ISP trooper was driving southbound on I-90 near Division St. and noticed congestion on the exit ramp and eastbound traffic on Division completely stopped.

When the trooper approached the intersection of Division and Elston there were several vehicles blocking the intersection and people

engaging in reckless driving stunts.

At that time, people from a mob of about 100 people began to swarm the ISP trooper's squad vehicle, jumping on the hood, breaking the windshield, kicking the vehicle, and throwing rocks, bricks, and fireworks.

ISP is fully investigating the incident, including deploying crime scene evidence technicians. Anyone with information related to this mob action, please call the ISP District Chicago office at 847-294-4400.

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Photo by Eric Fisher

REDEDICATION of the WWII arsenal worker statue recently took place near the Iron Bridge Trailhead for the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie near Elwood. The base for the statue includes the names of 53 civilian workers who died during an explosion and accidents at the ordinance assembly plant.

## Midewin holds re-dedication for WWII arsenal worker statue

The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie recently held a rededication of a statue to honor 53 civilian arsenal workers killed during World War II.

In 1940, the United States Army acquired over 43,000 acres of land in southern Will County to build a large explosives manufacturing plant, called Kankakee Ordnance Works, and an ordnance assembly plant, called and Elwood Ordnance Plant.

By late 1941 the plants were in full production to support America's efforts in World War II. There were 77 other similar plants built by the U.S. military, yet at the time of its construction, this manufacturing procurement was revered as one of the largest and most sophisticated.

The Elwood facility loaded over 926 million bombs, shells, mines, detonators, fuzes, and boosters. The Kankakee facility set a national record producing over one billion pounds of TNT. Over 20,000 mostly local residents were employed at both plants.

In the early morning hours of June 5, 1942 an explosion occurred in Load Assemble Package Group 2 of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. In the accident, 48 civilian arsenal work-

ers lost their lives in an instant.

Subsequent accidents claimed the lives of five more workers at the plants. These two separate plants were combined in 1945 to create the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant which helped in the manufacturing of munitions for the Korean War and the Vietnam War. TNT production ceased in 1975 and the facility was declared inactive in 1976.

The statue and its base includes the names of all 53 workers who were killed. It has been placed in a wayside exhibit on the Group 63 loop trail, which encompasses one of the many bunker fields that were built throughout the arsenal era, along with interpretive signs telling the story of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant.

Approximately 40 people attended the 20 minute rededication. This is the second arsenal worker statue dedicated as the original one, located near the Abraham Lincoln Veterans Cemetery near Elwood was stolen.

Visit Iron Bridge Trailhead where you will be guided to the wayside, located at the west Group 63 loop trail and the Group 63 spur intersection.

## Cairns earns dean's list honors at Utah

Luke Cairns has earned dean's list honors at the University of Utah for the 2022 spring semester.

Cairns is among more than 8,900 students receiving the academic honor granted to those who achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours.

Located in Salt Lake City, the university serves over 32,000 students enrolled in over 100 majors. Cairns, who will be a junior this fall, is studying video game design.

He is the son of Shannon and Ben Baer, of Coal City, and John Cairns, of Wilmington.

## CCHS class of 1972 50th reunion

Coal City High School class of 1972 will gather at Babe's Tap in Coal City on Friday, July 22, 2022 from 5 p.m. until? All classmates and their guests are invited to celebrate. Food and drink not provided.

## University of Iowa dean's list

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## Welcome Center reopens at Midewin

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The center has been closed since COVID-19 first hit.

Summer hours are Mondays through Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until Saturday Nov. 5, which is National Bison Day.

"The Welcome Center is a good starting point for your visit. Stop in and say hi and pick up some maps and other information," said Visitor Information Assistant Laura Lewis. "We hope to see you

soon."

The center allows visitors to view interpretive displays about the cultural and natural history of the area, pick up maps and informational brochures and more.

Other highlights include:

- A spotting scope aimed in the direction of an active bald eagle nest. Other birds occasionally seen include great egrets, great blue herons, and red-tailed hawks.

- Picnic tables are available on the front patio.

- Books and gifts that interpret the native Illinois prairie, plants and wildlife are offered by the Midewin

Interpretive Association.

- Federal Lands Passes are available, please call ahead and ask for a Collections Officer.

Midewin for Kids programs will be held on the front patio beginning with "Crayfish Corner" on Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m. to noon. View the full schedule of programs at <http://bit.ly/ws/seaj>. To register for programs, including Midewin for Kids and upcoming webinars, please call 815-423-6370 or e-mail [SM.FS.Midewin\\_RSVP@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.Midewin_RSVP@usda.gov).

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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# The continuing decline of Emperor penguins

Dear EarthTalk: I hear Emperor penguins are on the brink of extinction... How did they get there and what can we do to save this species? —J.W., Westport, CT

Emperor penguins in Antarctica have been declining for two decades as climate change melts the sea ice they depend on for survival. Credit: Pexels.com.

Two words explain the decline of Emperor penguins: climate change. Like many wildlife species across the globe, Emperor penguin populations have been declining for years due to the repercussions of a warming planet, such as melting sea ice and rising oceans. According to a 2021 population survey and assessment in Global Change Biology, “If Sea ice declines at the rate projected by climate models under current energy system trends and policies ... almost all [Emperor penguin] colonies would become quasi-extinct by 2100.”

“Antarctica is not escaping climate change at all. It’s warming, it’s melting, it’s contributing to sea-level rise,” Tim Naish of the Scientific

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Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) tells Newshub.

Scientists from the British Antarctic Survey and the non-profit Oceanites estimate that approximately 238,000 breeding pairs of Emperors, or 595,000 adult birds, live in Antarctica. Although these numbers have held relatively steady over the past several decades, new studies warn that the penguins’ future is tied directly to that of the sea ice on which they depend; as the ice melts, so too do the penguins’ chances of survival.

Emperor penguins are not the only Antarctic species with uncertain futures. As a sentinel species of the Southern Ocean—the proverbial canary in the coalmine—declines in Emperor populations indicate larger ecosystem disruptions that affect other wildlife, as well. Krill, a small shrimplike animal that floods the Southern Ocean, serves as a major food source for baleen whales, seals and fish, as well as penguins. But krill populations have been declining in recent decades and may decline by as much as 30 percent by the year 2100.

One way to save Emperor penguins is to study how they

CLIMATE CHANGE is taking a toll on the population of Emperor penguins in Antarctica where the adult count is down to 595,000 birds.

adapt to their changing habitats. “In contrast to what people think, the Emperor penguin is a species very poorly studied,” Céline Le Bohec from the Hubert Curien Pluridisciplinary Institute in Strasbourg, France tells Popular Science. “...any data, especially from the sea, is exciting and precious.”

Scientific research recently got a boost in the form of a yellow data-gathering robot that roams among the Emperor colony. ECHO’s data will allow researchers to “define and map marine biological ‘hotspots’ and Marine Protected Areas,” Le Bohec said. Such information may prove invaluable to informing where and how to implement conservation efforts.

Additionally, any actions that reduce climate change

will eventually help the Emperors and all Antarctic wildlife. Reducing our carbon footprint and plastic waste present two immediate opportunities. Eating less fish and cutting down on krill oil may also help. Many fish farms use krill scooped from Antarctica for fish food.

Krill fishing not only reduces the penguins’ food source, but can also catch hungry whales, seals and penguins in the fishing nets. Finally, non-profit organizations that protect penguins and their habitats are always in search of additional funding—a small donation can’t hurt!

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## Midwin offers kids summer activities on Zoom

Midwin National Tall grass Prairie in Wilmington will provide virtual 30-minute informational sessions tailored especially to children through Aug. 10.

Each session will be from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. offered on Zoom. They will feature different natural resources or conservation topic and be led by a National Association of Interpretation-certified interpreter.

To register, send an email to SM.FS.Midwin\_RSVP@usda.gov or call 815-423-6370. Please provide your name and email address so we can send you information about how to connect on Zoom.

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**July 7 - Just Batty**  
Learn about the flying mammal that eats mosquitoes. Become an expert and know the difference between myth and fact. These wonderfully shy creatures of the night help people in many ways.

**July 13 - Prairie Detective**  
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**July 27 - Bird is the Word**  
What makes a bird a bird? How do you identify a bird? Where do they live? Can you point them out in a tree? Get all the answers in Bird is the Word.

**August 4 - Dragonflies**  
This fierce insect hunter is our friend because they love to munch on mosquitoes. Discover all the colors they come in, how fast they fly, all the ways they can move in the air, and why they hang out around water. Learn all the things that make dragonflies so amazing.

**August 10 - Coyote Call**  
They live around us and yet we seldom see this illusive canine. Learn how to spot the signs they leave behind, what they like to eat, how they communicate, and what time of day they roam and call out to each other.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Ancient Greek sophist
5. Genus of insects
11. Culinary herb
12. Neutralizing antibody
16. Plan
17. Pa’s partner
18. A city in S Louisiana
19. TNT sportscaster
24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
25. Well-known bug
26. Body parts
27. Monetary unit of Albania
28. Kids’ play things
29. Coastal city in Malaysia
30. Famed French physician
31. Flourishing
33. Excessively overweight
34. Pampered

38. Emerged
39. Order of tailless amphibians
40. Indian term of respect
43. Shift sails (Brit.)
44. Beloved Mexican dish
45. Scottish tax
49. Health insurance
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
51. Move about
53. Execute or perform
54. Taste property
56. Unit of dry measure
58. Blood group
59. Something you can up
60. In great need
63. Breezes through
64. Spoke
65. Become acquainted with

**CLUES DOWN**

1. A particular part
2. Spanish neighborhood
3. Business
4. Reddish browns
5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
6. Disney town
7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
10. In a moment
13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
14. Submerge in a liquid
15. Yellowish cotton cloth
20. —, denotes past
21. Hoopster Morant
22. Not
23. Indian title of respect
27. Horsley and Marvin are two
29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
30. Hoover’s organization
31. Round globular seed
32. University officia

33. Spherical body
34. Iraq’s capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen lymph node
37. Anger
38. Technological marvel
40. Peruvian district
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. What Santa says
44. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
45. Late Heisman winner
46. Reveal the presence of
47. Long upholstered seat
48. Most wily
50. Sword
51. Respiratory disease
52. The Ocean State
54. Fleshy water fruit
55. Lying down
57. Superheavy metal
61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
62. Indicates position

# Leftover photos from Future Comet Camp



**FOOTBALL CAMP WINNERS**—The Reed-Custer High School Future Comet Camp came to an end this past week and five campers were awarded for winning camp competitions. The winners included (from left) Graham Talty (1st-2nd grade winner), Landon Atwell (3rd-4th grade winner), Camden Schott (5th-6th grade winner) and Jesse Tresouthick (7th-8th grade winner).

Courtesy Photo



Photo by Shawn Long

**NO QUIT**—Braidwood's Bryce Lamb powers through camper Landon Atwell for a first down during Future Comet Football camp held on the high school football practice field.

# Six tagged fish caught so far in river derby

BY SHAWN LONG  
SPORTS WRITER

"A Shady Deal" provided a Mومence man some shade during the first day of the Kankakee River Fishing Derby. "A Shady Deal", a fish sponsored by Tholen's Garden Center was landed Friday by Todd Lebeau of Mومence who will have two brand new Sunset Maple trees delivered to his house.

The second tagged fish caught, a Tri Pod sponsored by

Colonial Studios, was claimed by Eric Drabeck of Oak Forest, who will have \$500 to spend in photography services and portraits.

The third of six tagged fish reeled in, "a Chach Cho" sponsored by Limestone Park District, was caught by Denise Wessman, who will pocket \$500.

William Czajkoski of Custer Park reeled in "a Padre Pio", a fish sponsored by Richard's Building to earn \$500 of spending money in

Richard's Building.

"A Bob's Bass, a tagged fish sponsored by Nucor Steel, was claimed by Bourbonnais' Mike Zwahlen, who is now \$1,000 richer.

Kankakee's Jim Tofte hooked the sixth tagged fish, "A Juke Box" sponsored by Renville Gaming, who gifted him \$777.

There are 82 tagged fish still out there for the taking from the river until 6 p.m. Sunday when the derby concludes.

Probably the biggest addition to the derby will be Faber Financial's tagged fish 'David Faber'. If hooked, an angler will receive \$2,500 in cash. Grape Expectations sponsored by Flight 102 stepped up their game as well.

"Faber Financial stepped up. They were a \$1,000 sponsor the last two years," said Northern Illinois Anglers Association chairman, Ken Munjoy. "They're a \$2,500 sponsor so if you catch their fish, it's worth \$2,500. Grape Expectations their price was always \$10 of food per week for one year, they bumped it up to \$20."

The top prize is 'Sparky', a boat, motor and trailer sponsored by I.B.E.W Local 176. It was caught last year and the recipient, who already owned two boats, opted instead to take \$5,000 cash instead.

On top of that, there are six new tagged fish that have joined others. IFix "e" sponsored by IFix, "Elite" sponsored by Elite Community Credit Relations, "Opies" sponsored by Good Vibrations, "Klem" sponsored by Herscher Auto Tech, "Reel Justice" sponsored by State's Attorney Jim Rowe, "Richard Sanders Sr.", and "Shorty" by Kankakee County Building Trades will be the new tagged fish.

Munjoy also wanted to give credit to sponsors who have been there since the beginning.

"All the sponsors that have been there forever like Dave Merkel from Colonial Photography Studios. He told me he'd sign a 10-year contract

so that's a huge supporter to what we do and it's people like that who are so important to us."

All of which will be worth \$500 in cash prizes.

"I think there's just a lot of interest in this event," added Munjoy. "This is our 39th year so it's been around a long time. People know how important it is for the community. Most of them have probably fished in the tournament or know somebody who has so it's a big deal."

Registered anglers can hook onto some cash by catching a tagged or heaviest fish from the river or its tributaries between the Indiana state line through Wilmington.

There will be 88 tagged fish, or about two tagged fish per mile, each worth a minimum of \$500. There are 10 fish worth \$1,000 cash.

This year's tags are blue and any fish caught with a previous year's tag is worth \$50. A combination of two tags will earn the angler a \$100 bonus. Big Board leaders so far include: Channel catfish 12 lbs. 10 oz., crappie 13 oz., flathead catfish 24 lbs. 1 oz., largemouth 3 lbs.-6 oz., northern pike 9 lbs. 11 oz., rock bass 13 oz., rough fish 18 lbs. 0 oz., smallmouth bass 3 lbs. 5 oz. and walleye 5 lbs. 13 oz. Wilmington's Josh Plucinski is first in channel catfish and third in Rough Fish.

Along with the biggest fish over the 10 days, the NIAA will also award fishermen who catch the heaviest fish on a given day.

Derby Dollar Days where you still have a chance to win

\$100 include: northern pike (6th), crappie (7th), walleye (8th) and any species excluding catfish and rough fish for kids under 12 (9th).

A family must be pre-registered, for \$20, before turning in a tagged fish. Anglers can obtain a registration card with complete rules at Angelo's Outdoor Sports, 708 W. Baltimore St., Wilmington.

Young fishermen can win cash if they catch a tagged fish from the Bird Park Quarry in Kankakee.

Kids under the age of 16 can fish in the "Little Haulers" bracket. There are 10 fish specially tagged for children, and those fish will be worth \$100 each, with a two-fish maximum per registered family.

"One of our main missions is to pass along the art, science and love of fishing to the next generation," added Munjoy. "The fishing derby is just one of the ways that we do that and the kids seem to enjoy it more and more every year. Some of the people on the Big Board are kids and that's not uncommon but it is very nice to see."

Lucky anglers who catch a tagged fish must take it to a weigh station for verification. Tags may not be removed, and it is the angler's responsibility to keep the fish fresh or alive.

Anglers can obtain a registration card with complete rules at Angelo's Outdoor Sports, 708 W. Baltimore St., Wilmington.

For more information, call 815-802-5030 or visit [www.kankakeefishingderby.com](http://www.kankakeefishingderby.com).

# Adult, Youth Cup-in-Hand Kickball looking for teams

BY SHAWN LONG  
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Cup-in-hand kickball was a hit during its debut to Catfish Days in 2019 and again in 2021 so organizers are bringing it back for 2022.

The tournament will begin Friday, July 21 at 4 p.m. and run through Saturday at 9 p.m. when the champions will be determined. It will be played on the South Island ball field with proceeds to benefit the grassroots Community Foundation for Wilmington Parks, Recreation and Improvement.

Co-ed players must take the field holding a solo cup more than half-filled with liquid. At all times the players must maintain the level of liquid whether it be while kicking the ball or fielding it. If a players spills too much the umpire may nullify a play.

The cost is \$300 per team. A team can consist of up to 14 members age 21 or older, seven male and seven female. The minimum number

of players a team can have is six with a 50/50 mix of male and female players.

In 2021, the Cup-in-Hand Kickball Classic was won by Rinse-and-Spit, the Grand Dental team for the second straight year.

There will also be a youth Cup-in-Hand kickball tournament starting on Thursday July 21 running from 4-9:00 p.m. for anyone ages 12-17.

Both tournaments are currently in search of teams.

The Adult Cup-in-Hand tournament currently has two teams signed up and ideally, 12 more are needed.

Teams must sign up at [Islandparkdistrict.com](http://Islandparkdistrict.com).

The Youth tournament only has one team and is in need of seven more. The fee for a team of up to 14 players is \$100.

Tournament organizer Glendon Daniels said teams from surrounding towns are welcome to compete.

# Time to register a team for CFD mud volleyball

Mud volleyball is returning for Catfish Days!

The 20th annual mud volleyball tournament will be held at Route 66 Barr and Grill, 113 E. Baltimore St., Wilmington. The entry fee is \$50. Sign up at Route 66 Bar and Grill.

"Yes, we're still on," said Chuck Hairald, tournament director. "We're definitely 100% in search of teams."

Hairald is expecting six to eight teams. In that case, he'd run a round robin tournament Friday and Saturday night. After that, they will

rank the teams and do a double elimination tournament afterwards to determine a winner.

A captains' meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at 7 p.m.

First, second and third place prizes, and cash will be awarded.

Charities this year will be VCA Animal Hospital Animal Adoption Program. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

For more information on the event call Chuck Hairald at 815-955-4366.

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A WORKER from D Construction uses a Bobcat to haul stone to the center of the Reed-Custer High School football field which is in the process of turning into a turf field.



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A SEMI TRUCK dumps a load of small rock in the center of the football field as part of the project to build an artificial field at Reed-Custer High School. The new turf field is set to be completed in early August.

# So far work on new \$2.4 million turf field is right on schedule

BY SHAWN LONG  
SPORTS WRITER

Reed-Custer High School is switching from natural grass to artificial turf for its football field as part of \$2.4 million in improvements.

The Reed-Custer High School Board of Education decided to move forward with the multi-purpose turf field project late in 2021.

The turf field is not going to be used for just football. It will also be used for soccer games, marching band practice, cheer practice, spring sports practice as needed due to weather, PE class activities and the occasional community events like youth sports, and ceremonies.

Along with the turf, the school district will also have the track resurfaced, a new video scoreboard and exterior bleacher, and press box improvements.

"The Board of Education looked at the costs related to improving the current soccer field and bring the current bleachers to code and decided it was more cost effective to move forward in this manner," said Reed-Custer CUSD 255 Superintendent Mark Mitchell.

The multi-purpose synthetic turf field will include the installation of a shock pad under the turf to meet the current safety standards set by the National Football League.

The work began in May and has followed a very tight schedule. Presently, the field base stone is being set to final grade with turf installation scheduled to begin later in the week.

The bleacher and press box renovations will bring the home bleacher seating to safety/handicap code, increase seating capacity by almost 50%, and provide a much more comfortable seating environment. This work will not be completed until after the 2022 fall sports seasons due to supply chain issues (especially related to aluminum). The Board of Education chose to



Photo by Shawn Long

A CONTRACTED WORKER works on the brand new turf at Reed-Custer High School on Thursday.

approve this portion of the project early on to lock in better pricing.

The improvements will be funded by a combination of money that remains in the Capital Projects Fund from coming in under budget on the construction of both Reed-Custer Elementary School and the Reed-Custer High School Cafeteria addition and budgeted Operations and Maintenance Fund (District Improvement) expenditures from fiscal years 2022, and 2023.

The Capital Projects and Operations, and Maintenance funds are separate from the Education Fund, the fund used to support academic expenses.

The improvements will

have no negative impact on the District's tax rate. Reed-Custer CUSD 255 has the lowest K-12 tax rate in Will County, thanks to the property tax base paid by Constellation's Braidwood nuclear power plant.

Both projects will be completed by companies with extensive experience in sports construction, Byrne & Jones Sports Construction for the field portion and Dant Clayton for the bleacher/press box portion. Local union contractors have been subcontracted and/or directly hired by the District for both electrical and excavation work.

"These exciting exterior renovations will be enjoyed by students, parents, and visitors for many years to come," commented Mitchell.

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Dalton Pafford, Project Manager for D Construction, said the first thing that had to be done was to protect the present track.

"The first step is to build a track crossing to protect the track," said Pafford. "You saw cut the inner edge of the track to try to get a clean area to put that curb in. You take out a section of the track without getting a lane line."

After that, Pafford and his team excavated the natural turf eight inches from the edge of the track down to make room for a drainage system, followed by a rock base and then the laying of the actual turf.

"We put in a new collection pipe system and if the subgrade is solid we can build on it. Reed-Custer has a lot of sand underneath that is a little soft so we do something called cement stabilization. Basically we fill in cement dust and then that gives you a concrete-like foundation without having to pour a concrete slab. It's much more cost effective and helps you get a better product long term."

Next, they will spread four inches of a one-inch clean rock. On top of that, they will put on a smaller rock, a three-eighths inch chip, pat it down and grade it. That provides a smoother surface for the turf to lay on.

A new concrete curb will be poured around the outside of the field which is useful for three things.

Athletically, it will help the perimeter of the track look better. It's a clean barrier between the turf and the track.

It also protects the asphalt underneath the track. It keeps all of the aggregate and the asphalt tied in there so it's not getting undermined.

It allows Pafford and his company to place the pressure treated 2x4 all the way around enabling them to tie the turf down along the perimeter of the field.

The shock pad will go down next to provide a buffer and 25-year guarantee for the life of the turf to pass a GMAC test. It's a test that says the field is soft enough to where kids aren't going to get concussions on it.

After that, they will roll out the turf for the top layer. Sand and rubber will then be spread on top of the turf.

"That's what you actually stand on. That's what you actually play on so it's designed as close as it can feel to a natural grass field. Once the infill is done, that's pretty much it and you can play football."

Pafford said so far there have been no problems with supply shortages.

"It has not affected us. We were kind of concerned with the quarry strikes going on right now but we've been able to get rock from a quarry owned by D Construction. They've been a lot of help on this project."

The field and track improvements have an estimated completion date of early August. If all goes as planned the Comets will be playing their first home game on Friday, August 26 when they host Elmwood Park.

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