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## Coalition aims to reach out, expand membership

BY MARNEY SIMON  
EDITOR

The Braidwood Area Healthy Communities Coalition (BAHCC) has spent more than a decade working to build local alliances and implement drug and alcohol use prevention strategies for local youth.

Now, as the coronavirus pandemic continues its grip on the nation, the group is looking for creative ways to expand its reach in Braidwood and beyond.

The members of the BAHCC met virtually on Monday, Nov. 9 for their regular monthly meeting.

Project Coordinator Pete Dell'Aquila said the organization has been delving into the data for youth

in southern Will County.

Dell'Aquila said in addition to current strategies that the BAHCC promotes to reduce abuse of misuse of tobacco and alcohol, the organization now hopes to add similar projects related to marijuana.

"We've seen with the legalization and the decriminalization of marijuana in the state of Illinois, we've seen an increase [in use] and we also know from other data trends in different states that once something is available regularly, like alcohol, it's a lot more likely to be abused by the youth," Dell'Aquila said.

"So, we decided to stay on the prevention route and talk about marijuana to our middle schoolers. So, we are in the process of utilizing the state

campaign that is being developed by Prevention First through our state grant. We'll be implementing that probably, we're working on our timeline and we'll be implementing it sometime next year."

Dell'Aquila said adding prevention efforts for marijuana is just one more way to reach out and engage the community, particularly the younger generation.

"We've been really focused, as far as our substance abuse grants go, we've been focused on alcohol and prescription drugs," he said. "Alcohol is the most abused substance in our area... and the opioid and prescription drug problem has been running rampant in our area for 20 years now. We don't want to see our kids who are

in high school now, we don't want to be going to their funerals."

With marijuana set to be the third major substance targeted by the BAHCC's prevention efforts, the group will also engage in its 12-month action plan in an effort to reach out to area youth.

Dell'Aquila said that plan showcases how the BAHCC has taken the "whys" of their mission statement and turned them into long term goals.

Those goals include:

- Increase in community collaboration — Dell'Aquila said the BAHCC hopes to make this a priority, by increasing the number of folks who participate in the organization via outreach, education, and training.
- Recruit and retain members —

The BAHCC hopes especially to increase youth involvement.

"If we're a youth prevention coalition, we really want to have our youth have a say," Dell'Aquila said. "We might not think the way that youth do, so, having their buy-in and having their opinions will definitely help move our practices forward."

Dell'Aquila noted that the restrictions of the pandemic have made outreach difficult.

But, he said, one project that the group hopes to expand upon and include local youth is the community garden.

The garden, which had its inaugural year this summer, netted more

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## Honoring our veterans



Photo by Marney Simon

VISITORS TO THE ABRAHAM Lincoln National Cemetery enjoy a peaceful moment at the Memorial Walk on Friday, Nov. 6. While the cemetery remains open for visitors and burials, there are measures in place to protect those who come to the cemetery during the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic. Visitors must abide by cemetery limits on the number of individuals attending services. With Region 7 currently in Tier 1 of resurgence mitigations, funerals are limited to 25 people. Cemetery team members, funeral home personnel, and military honors providers do not count toward the limited number of attendees. All visitors to the cemetery are asked to wear face coverings and adhere to social distancing guidelines. The cemetery is open every day during daylight hours. The cemetery is closed on all federal holidays except Memorial Day. Find this year's special Veterans Day Section inside this edition.

## As COVID numbers grow, area faces stricter rules

BY MARNEY SIMON  
EDITOR

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced on Monday that Region 7, which includes Will and Kankakee counties, has entered Tier 2 of resurgence mitigations in an effort to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The 7-day rolling average positivity rate for Region 7 as of Tuesday was 17.5%. Over the past 30 days, there have been 28 days of positivity increases in Region 7.

"As the weather turns cooler and more activity is driven inside, we may have a real problem on our hands," Pritzker said during Monday's

joint press conference with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

"The national experts at Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, the University of Illinois, and other leading major healthcare institutions say it's only going to get worse. They've challenged Americans to understand that we're at war and to act accordingly."

Pritzker said new daily cases were up nearly 380% since Oct. 1, and hospitalizations and deaths per day were up by 150% in that same timeframe.

"The virus is winning the war right now," he said. "The

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## Drug Take Back event a success

Local event collects 27 pounds of unused drugs

BY MARNEY SIMON  
EDITOR

Members of both the Wilmington and Braidwood communities gave a hand to law enforcement and local drug abuse prevention organizations in the effort to combat the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs last month.

The Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community and the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition teamed up to host a drug take back event in Wilmington on Oct. 24. The event was held at the CVS in Wilmington, with assistance from the Wilmington Police Department.

The event was part of the

bi-annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, hosted in April and October each year and sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Wendy Hill of the Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community updated members of the Braidwood coalition during their regular monthly meeting on Monday of the haul the event brought in.

"We had 27 pounds turned in that day," Hill said. "I guess from the take back bin at the police department, they ended up turning in over 40 pounds. So, we're glad for that because that's just medicine that's not out there being

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## Wilmington to hold public hearing on annexation proposal

BY MARNEY SIMON  
EDITOR

The city of Wilmington will review plans to expand the site at Elion Logistics Park along I-55 and Lorenzo Road, which includes some changes to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district.

On Nov. 24, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a special meeting via the teleconferencing platform Zoom, to hold a public hearing regarding the site.

Elion Logistic Park recently entered into an agreement to construct a new building, Dynamic Property.

The petitioner, Adar RPLL, LLC, of Delaware, plans to construct a 504,000 square foot building, with plans to expand an additional 608,800 square feet.

The 80-acre property sits just north of the intersection of Murphy and Kavanaugh Roads.

The hearing will seek to add the site rezoned to the

city's Large Scale Planned Industrial District.

Because a portion of the property is not within the city limits or the TIF district, the city council will need to take several actions.

First, the Wilmington City Council will follow the planning and zoning public hearing with another public hearing on the annexation at its Dec. 1 meeting.

At that time, the city council is also expected to approve an amendment to the

Annexation Agreement so that the property is bound by the Annexation Agreement, as well as an ordinance approving the annexation.

The city will also need to modify the TIF boundaries to remove some property from the TIF district and then add the Dynamic Property and other property to the TIF district.

This last action will require a major amendment

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# BAHCC

than 68 pounds of fresh vegetables and herbs for local food pantries.

Dell'Aquila said now the group will seek assistance from the Reed-Custer High School student RAD group to help out. The plan is to enlist RAD (Reed-Custer Against Drugs) members to help plant and harvest the garden, as well as to promote the effort to their peers.

# Covid

situation has worsened considerably in certain areas of the state, with massive increases in rates of community transmission."

Region 7 entered into Tier 1 mitigations on Oct. 23 after a three-day rolling positivity rate above 8%.

Those restrictions mandated no indoor service at bars and restaurants, however, throughout the area, local bars and restaurants have continued to allow for indoor dining.

Tier 2 resurgence mitigations include the following:

- All bars and restaurants must close at 11 p.m. and may reopen no earlier than 6 a.m. the following day.

- No indoor service at bars and restaurants.

- Tables should be outdoors placed 6 feet apart.

- Guests are limited to 6 per table.

- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.

- No dancing or standing indoors.

- Meetings, social events and gathering are limited to 10 guests in both indoor and outdoor settings.

- Organized group recreational activities, including sports, but excluding fitness centers, will be limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors.

- Groups are limited to 10 or fewer people.

- No party buses.

- Gaming and Casinos close at 11 p.m., are limited to 25% capacity, and must follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable.

The BAHCC said while it seems small, the community garden can have a big impact, encouraging youth to help out, donate their time, and ultimately have a ripple effect that can help turn the area into a more healthy, safe place to live.

- Annual scholarship — Dell'Aquila said the BAHCC scholarship helps to recognize and engage local youth on the organization's mission.

- Increase community resources — Dell'Aquila said the BAHCC is currently

working on developing a "text to tip" hotline.

"It's all these little things that add up to a lot," Dell'Aquila said.

"Even if you think your role is very small, if you only do one or two things with the coalition, your role is very important to the bigger picture."

Information on initiatives and monthly meetings can be found on the BAHCC Facebook page, at [www.facebook.com/braidwoodareahalthycommunitycoalition](http://www.facebook.com/braidwoodareahalthycommunitycoalition).

Since the start of the pandemic, Illinois has had a total of 511,183 cases and 10,289 deaths.

IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike delivered the same ongoing guidance — wash hands, social distance, and wear a mask.

"I know it sounds like the same message, but we will continue to reiterate the same message because it is these exact actions that will help us slow the spread of COVID-19," she said. "We all want an end to this pandemic. We are all on the same team."

Across the entire region, mayors, elected officials, and law enforcement noted that they would not be taking any specific steps to stop those businesses from holding indoor services, but have asked for folks to continue social distancing, mask wearing, and washing their hands.

It's that attitude that drew ire from Pritzker on Monday.

"Too many local officials across the state are ignoring their local public health departments and doing nearly nothing to assist their residents in following even the most basic COVID-19 guidelines," Pritzker said. "Some elected leaders are allowing this continuing rise in positivity to balloon out of control while taking no action. These mayors and city councils and county boards and States Attorneys need to take some responsibility for keeping their constituents safe."

Tier 2 mitigations will also go into effect in Region 8, DuPage and Kane counties, as well as downstate Region 5.

Pritzker said should the Tier 2 mitigations not have an effect on the spread of the virus, the public can expect some tougher restrictions

should any region enter into Tier 3, which would return to shutdowns like what were seen in the spring.

Tier 3 resurgence mitigations include all of Tier 2 mitigations, plus the suspension of elective surgeries and procedures at hospitals, suspension of organized indoor and outdoor recreational activities, suspension of all non-essential retail, suspension of salon and personal care operations, and moving to remote work for all non-essential workers.

But, he added, the issue isn't necessarily whether the restrictions are enough, but rather, whether people are taking COVID-19 seriously.

"It's not the mitigations that aren't strict enough, it's whether people are following them," he said. "...We really need local officials to take this more seriously, to take some responsibility on their own shoulders. The idea that you're not going to enforce the mitigations, and then the idea that when it does get enforced with a citation that the states attorney is not going to follow through on that, I know that locally they think that is immediately good politics, but it's good politics for a very small, very loud minority. The vast majority want us to take strong actions."

The city of Wilmington will move its public meetings back to an online format in the wake of the move Tier 2 mitigations.

On Monday, the pharmaceutical firm Pfizer announced that preliminary results of a vaccine trial show that a COVID-19 vaccine being developed with German company BioNTech appears to be more than 90% effective against the virus.

# Drugs

abused and that's during COVID."

Hill said even better news is was there were some items that were refused — items that could instead be disposed of safely by the people who brought them in themselves.

Hill said some folks even asked to turn in medication that was for their animals, but were referred to local medicine drop boxes or the police rather than the Take Back event.

That, she said, is a good sign that folks are actively looking to clear their medicine cabinets of any potentially harmful substances that are no longer needed.

"We theoretically would have had more or could have had more if we had accepted everything that came in. But, not a bad take, 27 pounds for two hours," she said.

According to the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, as many as 9.9 million Americans misuse controlled prescription drugs. A majority of those abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

Take Back Day helps to provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

Nationwide, the Oct. 24 National Prescription Drug

Take Back Day brought in nearly a million pounds of unused, expired, and unwanted medications across the country, the largest amount ever collected in the program's ten years.

The DEA, along with its law enforcement partners, has now collected nearly 13.7 million pounds of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications since the inception of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative in 2010.

On Oct. 24, the public turned in 985,392 pounds — almost 493 tons — of medication to DEA and 4,153 of its community partners at 4,587 collection sites nationwide.

"This year's event, with a record-setting 493-ton collection, is a sure sign that DEA's Take Back Day events continue to provide a vital public service that keeps loved ones safe — an opportunity to rid homes of potentially dangerous unused, expired, and unwanted medications," said DEA Acting Administrator Timothy Shea. "Every day is Take Back Day and we encourage the public to continue to address this urgent safety and public health issue by using the thousands of existing drop-off locations throughout the year."

In addition to the bi-annual national event, prescription drugs can also be disposed of locally year round at drop boxes at the CVS stores in Wilmington, Braidwood, and Coal City.

# Deadline Monday to apply for Will County nonprofit, small business grants

Local nonprofit agencies and small business owners are encouraged to apply for funding from the federal coronavirus relief program, CARES Act. Will County received \$121 million to assist local nonprofits agencies, small business owners, and local government with significant impacts resulting from the COVID-19 crisis.

"I strongly encourage any nonprofit agency or small business owner to apply for this funding," said County Executive Denise Winfrey. "We still have federal funds available and we want to get them into the hands of the people that need it the most. We have created a simple link on our county website to walk people step by step through the application process."

Nonprofit 501 (c) organizations, including places of worship and faith-based institutions that automatically qualify as a 501 (c) (3) organization, are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$2000 to cover COVID-19 pandemic expenses such as Personal Protective Equipment, sanitation services or other costs to help comply with public health mandates, and/or enhance their delivery options to meet increased demand for services.

The eligibility criteria for small business has increased. Now businesses with up to 50 employees and less than \$5 million in annual revenue are eligible to apply. Applicants must document revenue loss and/or an increase in expenses

directly related to COVID-19.

The business must have been operating on or before February 15, 2020 and be in good standing with the State of Illinois and Will County. Home-based businesses and sole proprietors located within the county are eligible to apply.

For complete eligibility criteria, more information, or to submit an application, visit [www.willcountyllinois.com/CARES-Act](http://www.willcountyllinois.com/CARES-Act). Select the tab on the right side of the page for nonprofit or local business.

All nonprofit and small business assistance grant applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16.

# When to quarantine

Individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results must remained quarantined. This means they should not report to work or school, should not visit public places or events, should not invite non-household members into their homes or visit other people's homes. Wearing a face covering does not negate the quarantine order.

Guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state individuals who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 should self-quarantine for 14 days from the last day of potential exposure to the virus.

Self-quarantine means staying home, monitoring one's health and maintaining social distance from others in the residence.

During quarantine, individuals may be outside on a balcony, in their yard and if feeling well can go on an individual walk or bike ride so long as they are away from other people.

Individuals should follow quarantine guidelines when ill or experiencing COVID like symptoms, awaiting COVID-19 test results (even if asymptomatic), after being in close contact (closer than 6-feet for 15 minutes or more, cumulative in one day) with someone

who is symptomatic or has tested positive, or if they have tested positive.

The symptoms consistent with COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, tiredness, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

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**Nov. 18**-Felted Flowers Zoom Class, 6-7 p.m. Create a beautiful floral accent for your home while learning the basics of felt flower making. Craft Kits will be available for pick up at the library by 11/1. You will be

emailed a link to this program after registration.

**Nov. 25**-Retirement Planning, 7-8 p.m. Join this virtual workshop on Zoom. Learn about: Common mistakes people make regarding their investments, underestimating the years your retirement might last, withdrawing too much too soon, and the proper way to spend down your assets. Make sure you have the proper planning in place. Registration is required. You will be emailed a link to this program after registration.

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# The mad stone myth, believe it or not

One of the most common complaint in small towns was the great number of stray and owned dogs that were allowed to run loose. Besides the gifts they leave behind, many of them contracted rabies, a huge health issue in the day. If bitten there was no cure, or was there?



TIME WAS....  
Sandy Vasko

In March of 1875 the editor of the Wilmington Advocate printed the following: "A drive through Braidwood demonstrates the fact that we can boast of more dogs to the acre than any other town in the State; allowing two dogs for each family, which is really less than actual average, the number can be estimated at 2,000. "The amount of food necessary to keep a Braidwood dog would keep a hog in a thriving condition, averaging the hogs growth at 200 lbs per year; this would give about 400,000 lbs of pork per year, which at 6 cents per pound would be worth sufficient after a while to generously pay off the national debt for Uncle Sam."

A few months later we read, "Death to dogs. The Mayor has issued his procla-

mation in regard to dogs. Let the dogs beware." Apparently the war on dogs was not successful because we read in 1880, "An Englishman arrived in town today and expressed surprise on seeing so many dogs here. Said he hadn't seen so many "damnation bow-wows" since leaving Liverpool."

By 1882 Braidwood had a "pound master," whose job it was to round up the strays, and shoot them dead. We read, "Joe Myers, poundmaster, has a bill before the council on Monday night. It was for burying dogs, and, like other bills, it was referred to a committee."

"Joe supposed that action meant to reject his bill, so he braced himself and thus addressed the board: "Gentlemen, I buried them dogs; I can live, whether you allow that bill or not; but if you don't, you can bury all your d--d dead dogs in the future yourselves - and don't you forget it."

Although rabies was rare, it was almost always fatal. Rabies symptoms and signs occur after exposure and may consist of some or many of the

following: odd behaviors, delirium, combativeness, loss of muscle function, muscle spasms, drooling, convulsions, pain, and other problems.

But there were many who thought that it could be cured. We read in the September 22, 1877 Joliet Weekly Sun, "We haven't the slightest idea that any person in Joliet will be called upon to use this recipe during the year 1877, but, like a washtub, it is a good thing to have in the house, so we print it."

It is the recipe for curing the hydrophobia, the product of M. Cassar, a noted French physician: Mix two tablespoonful of fresh chloride of lime with a half pint of water, and with this wash keep the wound constantly bathed and frequently renewed.

The chloride gas possesses the power to decompose this tremendous poison, and renders mild and harmless that venom against whose resistless attack the artillery of medical science has been so long directed in vain. It is necessary to add that this wash should be applied as soon as possible after the infliction of the bite."

We have no idea if this remedy was effective. But there was another, one that depended more on a sort of witchcraft than medicine. In the July 7, 1877 Joliet Weekly

Sun we read, "Albert Sykes is the latest victim of mad dogs. He was out walking on Comstock Street, Sunday, when a small black dog, evidently mad, attacked him, and bit him in two places on the forefinger of the right hand. Sykes will go to Bloom, Ind., and consult the mad stone owned at the place. The victim does not seem to be much concerned about his wounds."

Another article read, "In Monday's Tribune there is an extended account of a mad stone in the possession of a party in Dyer, a village situated on the Michigan Central Cut-Off."

"It is claimed that it is a talismanic cure for, or rather a preventive of, hydrophobia. This stone came from Germany, and is owned by Mrs. Sauter. A man by the name of Drisco, of Chicago, was bitten by a dog very badly not long since. He became very despondent and was fast sinking under the effects of the bite when a friend suggested that he be sent to Dyer and try the effects of the mad stone."

"He was taken and the stone applied, and in twenty-four hours he felt a change and was as cheerful as he ever was, and is now getting well."

"The reporter in his interview elicits several cases that have been cured. To one of his



A PHOTO OF mad stones taken from a deer.

questions as to the efficacious effect of the stone after very serious symptoms had set in, Mrs. Sauter replied: "I don't know how far a person must be advanced in hydrophobia for the stone not to do him good."

"The nearest approach to a madman we ever applied it to was a man named John Thompson, of Plainfield, IL. He was so mad that at first they would not let him get on the cars to go to Joliet."

"He reached here finally, however, but the poison was so thoroughly through his system that the stone would not at first work. At last it took hold and in three weeks that man went back home happy, and com-

pletely cured." So what is a mad stone? Its other name is a bezoar, and it is a mass found in the stomachs of ruminants such as deer, goats, cows (though rare) and several other species including elephants.

It is made up of indigestible stuff that somehow gets stuck in the stomach or intestines. It can be many colors, sometimes smooth as glass, while other times it is rough and looks sort of "brain-like."

It is said that you must find it, or get it as a gift, but it can never be bought or sold, otherwise it loses its power. Well as I said, believe or not.

# Reed-Custer Students of the Month



RCMS WINNERS for October's student of the month (left to right): Samantha Bruns, Lily Heuer-Caton, Mendi Aliu, Sydney Billingsley, Michael Padera, Nathan Cohen-Marshall, Halie LaGrange, Ryan Tribble, Jamon Spikings.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for October were recently named at RCMS. The characteristic of month was respect. Starting from the left: Reese Brown (6th grade), Miley Morris (7th), Gillian Byerley (6th), Mark Martinez (7th), Logan Bean (6th), Taylor Bova (6th), Drew Emanuelson (8th), Alice Gruber (8th), Owen Dooley (8th), Chandler Lowe (8th), Kamryn Marschner (7th), and Brock Billingsley (7th).

## What's for lunch at Reed-Custer schools?

**Mon., Nov. 16:** pancake/sausage on a stick, hash-brown, yogurt, fruit and milk

**Tues., Nov. 17:** chicken patty, tater tots, carrots, fruit and milk

**Wed., Nov. 18:** early dismissal, no lunch

**Thu., Nov. 19:** turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit and milk

**Fri., Nov. 20:** pizza, corn, pudding, fruit and milk

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## City of Braidwood to hold hearing on proposed budget

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## RCMS names October Ace students

REED-CUSTER MIDDLE School named the ACE winners for the month of October. They include (from left) Mark Martinez (7th grade), Kaaden Wood (6th), Payton Isaac (8th), Peyton Walczak (6th) and Miley Morris (7th).

## PETITIONS FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Petitions will be available beginning on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for any Resident Member of the Braidwood Recreation Club who wishes to be placed on the Ballot for the Position of Director. Petitions may be obtained at the Club Office during the regular hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Tuesday-Friday and 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Saturday. The office is closed between 11:00 A.M. and 12:15 P.M. on weekdays. Petitions must be picked up and returned by the individual who is running for the position. All Petitions, whether for Director or a By Law Change, must be turned in at the Club Office before the deadline of 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

The Braidwood Recreation Club will hold its Annual Meeting and Election on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Club Office at 7:00 P.M.

Mary Beth Davis  
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**Mask up or pay**  
WILMINGTON—Springfield is planning to fine people \$50 if they do not wear masks into businesses. Heck, Wilmington could cut the Illinois pension debt if they ever mandated those fines here. Wilmington has had over 337 positive cases of this virus since this pandemic started. Come on, people. Mask up. If kids can wear them for over 5+ hours at school, you can certainly wear one for the short time you are out in public.

**Do what's best**  
COAL CITY—Now that Joe Biden has won it's time for the hatred to end. The past four years have brought America to its knees as civility and kindness were tossed aside by the White House. It's time for all that to end with the new president-elect. Joe will unify our nation if you just give him a chance. It's time the Democrats and Republicans put aside their differences and do what's best for our children.

**Thanks voters**  
BRAIDWOOD—This is to the 2.8 million voters who said no to the graduated income tax. Thank you for sending Pritzker, Madigan and all the lawmakers in Springfield a message that the citizens of this state no longer feel they can be trusted. Had it passed it would have given the governor \$3 billion more to spend in any way they wanted. There was no guarantee they were going to pay down debt or use it to fund pensions. Instead it was another way they were asking for a blank check to spend as much as they want. The Democrats have controlled both branches of state government for 18 years without any accountability. Now the voters have said it's time for it to stop. It's also time for them to do their job and make the cuts to balance the budget, stop the spending and work toward a better future for our children and grandchildren.

**Overspending**  
BRAIDWOOD—Guess we can't believe the rosy picture being presented during the Braidwood City Council meetings. Just look at the city's Treasurer's report printed in the Nov. 4 Braidwood Journal. This administration overspent from the general fund by \$204,134. While that may not seem like a lot, when you consider they started the fiscal year \$3.15 million in debt, now we're \$3.31 million in debt. Gotta do better than that.

**Inflated deaths**  
SHADOW LAKES— Here it is election day and I'm watching a special on Covid-19. After President Trump came out and said hydroxychloroquine would help cure any Covid-19 the media and the Democrats pulled together and the medical community and said that this stuff will kill you. This drug has been used for malaria, arthritis and many different things since 1955 and it hasn't killed anybody. So this is obviously a big political ploy that scared people away from using it. On the other hand the hospitals got an extra twenty percent from Medicare for any death, whether it was heart, lung, liver, pneumonia or people that died from a car accident, if they had tested positive for Covid even though killed in a car accident that is how it had to be listed. If it's listed as Covid-19 they got an extra twenty percent from Medicare. Well that sounds very political to me. Because if you stop and think about it, I have a heart condition. I could die from a heart condition at any time. But if I die from a heart attack and at the time of death tested positive for Covid-19 they wouldn't say it was a heart attack they would say it was Covid-19 to get extra money. Dan Hill

**End birthright citizenship**  
BRAIDWOOD—Anywhere from 300,000 to 400,000 babies are born in the U.S. every year to illegal immigrants. Our government policy: All children born on American soil are citizens. It's called birthright citizenship. The hospital bills for illegal immigrants' births almost always are paid by U.S. taxpayers. The immigrant mothers of birthright babies are rarely deported. No European country grants birthright citizenship. Britain and Australia ended it in the 1980s. Ireland and New Zealand ended it in the past few years. Birth tourism is a term for pregnant women taking a trip to the U.S. so their babies are born here. News reports have pointed to businesses in Asia and California that promote and cater to birth tourism. One out of every 12 babies born in the U.S. (one out of every six in Texas and California) is to illegal immigrants. This can be changed by the courts or Congress. An amendment to the Constitution was passed after the Civil War in order to make clear freed slaves were U.S. citizens. That was understandable. The amendment wasn't for birthright citizenship.

**Throw away the key**  
WILMINGTON—Regarding Trump, first lock him out, then lock him up. Penny Lane

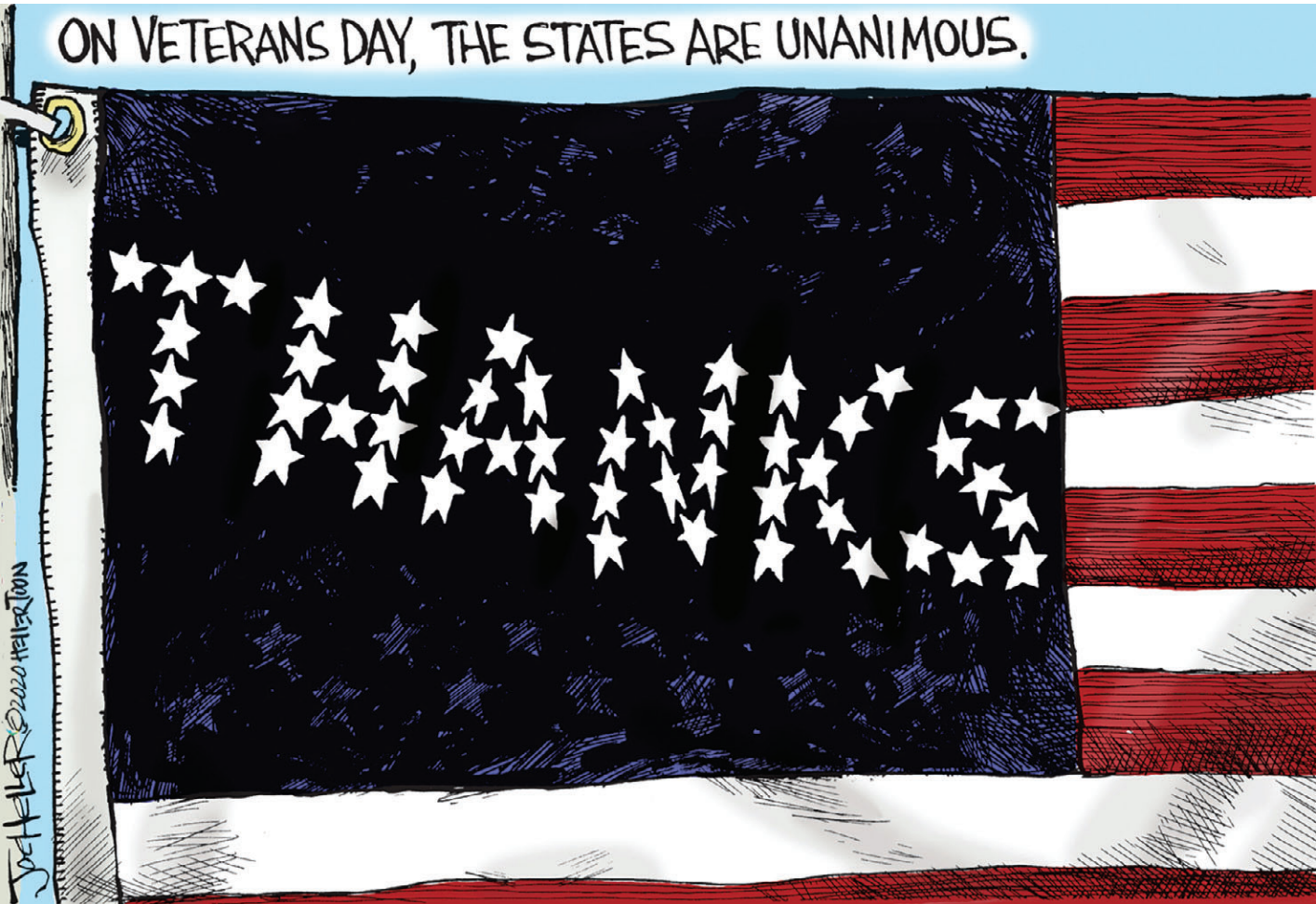
**Step down**  
ELWOOD—Mark Brown from the Chicago Sun Times makes the case: "Sooner than later, for his own self-preservation but more importantly for the sake of his state and political party, Pritzker needs to see - and say - that Madigan has gotta go." I couldn't agree more. The graduated tax vote, which would have taxed the rich, failed because the voters in Illinois no longer trust the Democrats in charge. All you have to do is mention Madigan and people think of corrupt leadership. So now we'll all see an increase in the state taxes. It's not fair to all the other good Democrats, who are not corrupt, to be associated with Madigan. Time for him to step down.

**Warning to landlords**  
BRAIDWOOD—Attention to building owners looking to rent out their home or apartment. There's a bad batch of renters looking for a new place because I finally got them kicked out after not getting rent for the past 14 months. Now that they've left, my rented has to be practically gutted and rebuilt. Holes in the drywall, cat urine carpet (even though the lease said not pets), damaged kitchen tile, every room in the house damaged. While I can't tell you their names, I can tell you to be careful on

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who you rent to, get references and a big deposit up front because I'm frustrated I couldn't kick them out (thanks J.B) sooner and now I am footing the bill for utilities and damages.

**Voters have spoken**  
WILMINGTON—The voters have spoken. Their unprecedented non-retention of Justice Kilbride is a win for Illinois' economy and small business community. His rejection is due in no small part to his authorship of the opinion that prevented voters from having a say on a fair redistricting process limiting their ability to choose their own elected officials. His non-retention creates a fresh landscape for the people of the Third Judicial District to elect a more unbiased, even-handed justice in 2022.

**Commercial watch**  
Hey Valley Girl, USAA is the one that gags me with a spoon. USAA sucks. What's the AA valley girl? Sue B. Haytown

**Get ready**  
SHADOW LAKES—Now that it shows that Joe Biden is the president-elect, I do hope everyone is happy with their selection because there's a phrase that states that you reap what you sew. So watch your bank books because the Green New Deal may enhance your taxes. Now the American citizens' lives will be deemed useless to the new administration and the flood gates will be open to allow every individual from every foreign country to receive the taxpayer funds. We can't even discuss what is going to happen with China or the other foreign countries since Joe Biden was involved with giving Iran a billion dollars and other questionable things. An American citizen will only be used as a labor force for other countries. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves so now who is going to free the American citizens from this new form of slavery that will occur shortly.

**Too much candy?**  
COAL CITY—Kids still have Halloween candy around the house? Then it's time to box it up and ship it overseas to the soldiers fighting for our country. You can buy a flat-rate box at the post office that ships to all APO/FPO addresses. To find a name and address to ship to visit anysoldier.com, that gives you names and addresses with short personal letters from soldiers from all branches of the military with their current address, needs/wants, and usually a brief description of what a day is like for them. Have the kids write a note or draw a picture thanking the soldiers, put it in the box with the candy, along with your address, phone number and e-mail address. You'll be surprised how much it's appreciated and the kids will be thrilled to get a letter from an actual soldier. Your children will learn an incredible life-lesson and maybe have a few less cavities.

**Stop the hate**  
COAL CITY—Over the last four plus years, hate and violence has increased extensively without guidance from the Executive Branch to quell it. In fact, the opposite was condoned. We, as the United States, function much better when we can agree and compromise. Yes, disagreement is great; it is often needed for our Democracy to function properly like our forefathers envisioned it to be. It is time for the haters to let go and help find a solution or compromise to whatever bothers them. Now, after the election, I look forward to the US being a respected world power again instead of portraying itself as a dictatorship as it has progressed to be. We, as citizens of the United States, can help stop the hate. Let's do it.

**Durbin surprise**  
WILMINGTON—Wow, I guess Senator Dickie Durbin has some backbone afterall. He actually came out and said Speaker Madigan need to resign as chairman of the Democratic Party. While that won't do much of anything as far as corruption goes, at least Durbin called him out. Good for you Dick.

**Biden's big plans**  
COAL CITY—Well, well. Election day has come and gone. We're to believe sleepy Joe Biden got more votes than Obama. We're to believe all those mail in ballots, all the bags of found ballots just happen to be all Biden votes. The main stream

media has declared Biden the winner, even though votes are still being counted, and all the legal battles to fight voter fraud to come. They just can't wait to get rid of big bad Trump. The same main stream media that couldn't care less about Biden's intervention in foreign investigations of corruption. With his son, Hunter Biden, sitting on the board of an energy business, his only qualification his last name. Biden publicly bragged about withholding over \$1 billion in aid to said country. So Biden has big plans once he is sworn in, that's if the crazy leftist Democrats let him stay in office, which is highly unlikely. Biden wants to rapidly reinstate the US to the end of the Obama administration. Executive orders to join Paris climate accords, rejoin the World Heath Organization, cancel travel ban on certain Muslims, from certain countries, reinstate OBAMA Care, open our borders. Which means the green new deal, no fracking, no oil, no coal, high gas prices, no cars, no planes, high electric prices, loss of jobs to rejoin the WHO the same people that said China was doing a good job with Wuhan virus. Go back to Obama care which everyone knows can't work, and no border wall. Biden's other grand plans include fixing our broken foreign policies, (WHAT-peace in Mideast, new trade deals, stronger military) he wants a international summit where Democratic leaders will discuss ways to push back against corruption and authoritarian practices as well as expand on human rights? Biden also wants a new coronavirus package vowing to coordinate with state governors, mayors and other politicians. Meaning bailing out all the crazy leftist Democratic cities and states, the same ones that allowed rioting, looting, killing, wide spread crime for months. He also wants to forgive \$10,000 for every student loan. Really, what about my mortgage, car loan, credit cards? Biden will immediately invest in engines of sustainable job creation (what) new industries ( wind and solar power, reinvigorate regional economies (how without unlimited unemployment checks?), national police oversight (hand cuffing the cops, telling police to stand down during riots) free healthcare, free college (who's going to pay for all this?). Last but definitely not least, fixing systematic racism (which he didn't do, when last in office) so more rioting, looting, high crime, and white privilege claims. So to all you happy Biden voters get ready, the crazy leftist are coming and it isn't going to be pretty. KL

**No interference now**  
SHADOW LAKES—It's very interesting how the Democrats have screamed Russian interference and rigged elections when Trump got elected in 2016, but now that Biden is so close to winning there's nothing rigged. How could that possibly be? Well, I think the Weidners can understand it. After all, they get two articles in the sound-off column every week and so do the Dahlses and I am limited to one that I put my name on which is why I haven't put my name on all of them. So maybe the Weidners and Dahlses can explain why there is no election rigging going on this time. I will be very happy to read the response. Dan Hill

**Mailbox vandals**  
CUSTER PARK—Who would have thought that teenagers are still bent on destroying private property such as mailboxes? You may not realize this but mailboxes are government property. My mailbox was damaged, not once, but twice in two days. I pray for those who did this not only to me, but two other neighbors. Why not do something productive with your life like writing a letter to a sailor, Marine or airman serving our country to protect our rights? These men and women risk their lives every day for our liberties to even walk down the street in the United States.

**Locked out**  
SHADOW LAKES—This is directed to the Weidners and the Dahlses. I'm sure you are highly intelligent people. Why is it the polling places would not allow Republicans to come in and watch the vote counting? They even locked the windows. Maybe one of you highly intelligent people can answer me that. Dan Hill

# Illinois businesses look for ways to survive new restrictions

BY KEVIN BESSLER  
THE CENTER SQUARE

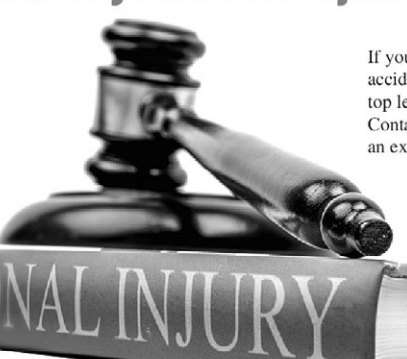
As businesses continue to deal with state-imposed COVID-19 restrictions, Governor J.B. Pritzker used his daily briefing Monday to highlight business assistance grants. Pritzker said the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has allocated more than \$1 billion in economic relief to state businesses, including more

than \$270 million into its Business Interruption Grants program. "To date, nearly half of our awards have gone to minority-owned businesses, 39% have gone to women-owned businesses, and 49% have gone to disproportionately impacted areas," said Pritzker. Pritzker also took a jab at other states that haven't been as strict with business closures. "The COVID-19 economy has been cruel to our workers and our entrepreneurs and

their families in every state, yes even those that have recklessly chosen not to implement any health restrictions," Pritzker said. Actually, five of the six states with the nation's lowest unemployment rates are in the Midwest, have Republican governors and have almost no restrictions intended to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Nebraska leads the nation with a 3.5% unemployment rate, with Iowa and Missouri close behind. The DCEO reports of the

funds distributed so far, nearly \$47 million have gone to about 1,900 restaurants and taverns in Illinois. At a recent news conference attended by restaurant and bar owners in Springfield, state Rep. Mike Murphy said businesses don't want hand-outs, they want to stay open. "You guys don't want programs," Murphy said. "You want the ability to work, to provide opportunities to your employees so they can better themselves. Just give us that opportunity."

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# Forest Preserve's calendar dog needs home

A French bulldog named Johnny, who loves to snack on crickets and can fall asleep in any position, has been chosen as the cover dog for the Forest Preserve District of Will County's 2021 Dog Park Calendar.

The New Lenox pup is one of 32 dogs that will be included in the calendar project. Featured dogs also come from Channahon, Joliet, Plainfield, Manhattan Minooka, Monee, Naperville and Dyer, IN.

The calendar is raising funds for the Will County Humane Society for the second year while also featuring some of the many adorable dogs from the Forest Preserve's dog parks. Last year's calendar raised almost \$6,000 for the shelter, which is the oldest no-kill shelter in Will County and survives on donations alone. The deadline to order calendars at [willcountydogs.org](http://willcountydogs.org) is Friday, Nov. 13. Calendars cost \$15 and will be mailed the first week of December in time to give them out as holiday presents to all those canine-loving friends and family. Around \$10 from every calendar goes to the humane society and the



A FRENCH BULLDOG named Johnny was chosen as the cover dog for the Forest Preserve District of Will County's 2021 Dog Park Calendar. Also included are photos of 30 other dog park patrons' pups. Calendar sales benefit the Will County Humane Society.

price includes shipping and handling.

Ordering calendars is a fun way for people to learn about the Forest Preserve's six dog parks while supporting a local animal charity that has been placing animals in their

forever homes year after year for almost 50 years. Visit [will-countyhumane.com](http://will-countyhumane.com) for information on homeless pets that are available for adoption.

Caitlin Moyer, who owns Johnny, said she is happy to help with the project and

thrilled her pup is on the cover. "I'm really proud of him and so glad that I am able to share his cuteness with all of the supporters of the Will County Dog Park Calendar." She said she's glad to see people adopting animals during the COVID-19 quarantine. "But we still need to work hard to continue to support the ones who have yet to find their forever homes," she said. "So I'm happy to be able to contribute to such a great cause."

As for Johnny, he loves exploring Messenger Marsh Dog Park in Homer Glen and he loves bringing Moyer presents. "Johnny has recently picked up the habit of catching bugs and bringing them to me ... crickets specifically," she wrote in an email. "I don't know if it's the thrill of the chase or their shiny bodies, but prying crickets out of his mouth has become a daily occurrence. Every time he comes in from being outside, I have to check to see if little black legs are hanging from his cute chops. I don't find it funny at all but everyone else seems to get a kick out of it."

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# Fuller, Ragan announce engagement



Jacob Ragan and Cylee Fuller

Julie Beatty and Michael Fuller, both of Tennessee and Angela and Rodney Ragen, of Channahon are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Cylee Fuller, of Wilmington and Jacob Ragan, of Wilmington.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plainfield Central High School and Joliet Junior College with three associate degrees in hospitality management, special event and meeting coordination and another general degree. She is employed by Servpro of Morris/Ottawa as a marketer.

The prospective groom is a Minooka Community High School graduate and is employed by Local 597 Pipefitters.

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# A Coal City legend remembered

BY ANN GILL  
EDITOR

In the words of the superintendent, John Dzuris was a Coal City Coaler legend who's contributions to the Unit 1 School District and community will be missed.

Dzuris, a 37-year employee, died last month at the age of 95.

"It was a huge loss not only for the school district, but the entire community," said Unit 1 Superintendent Dr. Kent Bugg.

"From a personal standpoint he took me in from day one and made me a Coaler from day one, and I will always be indebted to him. What a wonderful person," Bugg continued.

Dzuris' contributions to the school and community began in 1950 when he was hired to teach business education courses at Coal City High School and coach the school's baseball and basketball teams. He spent 25 years on the baseball field and led the Coaler basketball team for 20 years.

After 14 years in the classroom, Dzuris moved to the school's front office where he assumed the job of guidance counselor, a position he held until his retirement in 1987.

Ken P. Miller, president of the Unit 1 Board of Education, took over the guidance job when Dzuris stepped down.

As Miller shared during the funeral for his long-time friend, colleague and mentor, it was Dzuris who encouraged him to apply for an opening at the high school. He told the story for his fellow board members last week.

Miller was teaching in a third floor classroom at Cornell High School when he was called down to the office for a phone call which never happened. So he headed to the office and picked up the phone to find Dzuris on the other end of the call.



Courtesy photo

MOURNING BUNTINGS WERE draped over the Dzuris Athletic Stadium sign at Coal City High School in honor of the late John Dzuris. The long-time teacher, coach and guidance counselor died last month at the age of 95.

"He said, 'get your resume to me yesterday, there is a job open up here,' so I told people if you liked what I did that's OK, and if you didn't like it, blame John," Miller said.

Miller continued, "I said there were four people in this district I would like to fashion myself after, Lucille and Joe DeGulie, Shad McCawley and John Dzuris. If I could be half as good as those four people I would make a difference."

Many would agree with Miller about the influence Dzuris and the others had on the school district—students and staff—and the legacy they created within the walls of Coal City High School.

Dzuris' service and dedication to the school district, along with his many contributions to the students and staff at the high school, were recognized when the outdoor athletic stadium was named after

him.

On the day of his funeral, the procession passed by the stadium with the sign bearing his name draped in purple and black mourning bunting.

"It was neat to come by the field with the casket, it was a nice tribute to John," Miller said. "John was a great friend."

Dzuris is survived by his wife, Freda, a fellow retired Unit 1 educator, and his daughters, Lauri Dzuris and Carol Swearingen.

Along with his service to the school district, Dzuris served his country as a member of the United States Army serving in World War II and was honored several years ago with an Honor Flight. He was also a long-time member of the Coal City Lions Club and Coal City United Methodist Church.

## State releases contact tracing data

BY JERRY NOWICKI  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker's administration unveiled a new central location for COVID-19 contact tracing data on the Illinois Department of Public Health's website Friday, Nov. 6.

While the data contains outbreak and exposure information, the location of an outbreak is more difficult to identify than the location of an exposure, according to the governor's office. New data will be released every Friday.

In Friday's release from the governor's office, an outbreak is defined as five or more cases that are linked to a specific setting during a 14-day period. Those cases must be from different households with no known links to other potential sources.

"While certain settings like a college campus, a factory, or group home make it easier to determine an outbreak, most establishments that are frequented by the public, like restaurants or grocery stores, are harder to determine as the

setting of an outbreak," according to the governor's office.

Exposure data, however, shows where individuals have visited in the 14 days prior to a diagnosis. The locations are places where exposure may have—not definitely have—occurred.

Per the data, "other" was the most frequent category, as it was a term encompassing such exposures as hair salons, funeral homes and warehouses. That category was cited by 11.6% of those contacted, or 4,179 people.

Directly behind that was restaurants and bars with 3,877, school with 3,794, workplace other than an office at 3,693, a hospital or clinic at 3,106, business or retail at 3,080, an office setting at 2,049, and private homes at 1,301. Grocery stores accounted for 1,243 exposures and colleges 1,085.

Individual cases can show up in multiple categories if a person has visited multiple locations.

"The day before a person tested positive for example, she might go to work, and then stop at a grocery store, and then stop and get drinks with

friends at a bar. That's three exposure locations and that's just one day," Pritzker said. "Why is this important? Because exposure data is going to give you a sense of where you're at the greatest risk for catching COVID-19, and particularly when we see community transmission as high as it is around the state, the risk is going to scale up across the board."

Pritzker said that 57 of the 97 local health departments in the state are reaching out to at least 90% of individuals who test positive as of late October,

and 86 of 97 are reaching out to at least 75% of positive cases.

The state has distributed \$237 million to the local health departments to hire contact tracers and get programs up and running.

As for outbreaks, Pritzker said data show "a pattern of formal group gatherings making up the majority of our confirmed outbreaks."

"Again, these are the settings where it's easiest to trace the origins of someone's illness and declare a situation, a formal outbreak," he said.

## Free COVID-19 testing available in Minooka

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has several mobile testing teams dispatched to various locations around the state each week to provide COVID-19 testing.

Anyone can be tested, regardless of symptoms or immigration status. There is no cost to the individual for testing, but they should bring their insurance card if they

have one. However, insurance is not required.

Specimens will be collected using a simple nasal swab. Drive-through and walk-up testing are both available at most locations.

In Grundy County the mobile lab will be at Minooka Community High School - Central, 301 S. Wabena Avenue, Minooka on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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# Cheers to the Irish with a Blarney Stone

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are 7-0 and now occupy the #2 spot in the AP top 25 poll after defeating top-ranked Clemson 47-40 in a double overtime thriller. There will be plenty to toast in South Bend this week, let's weigh our options.

Before we toast the Irish, a few notes on the win over Clemson. This is Clemson's first regular season loss since 2017, and you have to go all the way back to 1993 vs. Florida State for the last time that the Irish bested a No. 1 ranked team.

The Irish are off to a great start, and are all but guaranteed a spot in the CFB playoff picture if they can keep rolling. Before we talk of popping corks on championship champagne, let's take a look at what's quenching the thirst of Irish fans in South Bend.

Earlier this season, Guinness entered into a partnership with the Irish becoming the official beer of Notre Dame's Fighting Irish alumni and fans.

The partnership between the two Irish institutions is a win-win as Guinness estimates the number of Notre Dame fans and alumni to be over 40 million across the US.

The fans also get something out of the deal, be on the lookout for special edition Notre Dame 8-packs of Guinness Draught cans in select markets.

You could enjoy your Guinness at home, or you could stop into any number of South Bend bars (when it is

safe to do so) for a post-game drink.

It's tough to pick a "best" bar in South Bend, but most Irish faithful will agree that the top two haunts are Corby's Irish Pub and The Blarney Stone (aka Finnigan's or Finnie's).

We will start with Corby's. The pub is a South Bend landmark that is equally famous among locals and tourists. Even if you have never been to Corby's, there is a good chance that you have seen the pub as it served as the location for the bar scenes in the movie Rudy.

What's not to love about this place? Live music, cold drinks, plenty of Notre Dame nostalgia, and a kitchen that will bring you a delicious hand-tossed pizza at 3 am. Remember college? Sometimes you need a pizza at 3 am. The staff at Corby's kindly asks that you have your pizza order in by 2:30 am, something to consider if you're still able to stay up that late.

The Blarney Stone is another Irish institution, and the inspiration for this week's cocktail. Finnie's is a true "dive bar".

The floors are sticky. It's crowded. In fact, it's pretty much a sauna after sunset due to the number of patrons crammed together in the time before COVID-19, of course.

The outsider may not think much of this place, but like many dive bars it's the patrons that give it identity.

Why walk into a hole in the wall that you know is going to be jam packed, noisy, and

there is a good chance that someone is going to spill beer on you?

Because there aren't many places like this left in the world and you are going to have a great time, that's why. Finnigan's is a South Bend tradition, and nearly everyone who attends Notre Dame will have a story that starts with "this one night, at Finnie's..."

Let's pour something Irish, shall we? This week we will go with the Blarney Stone, a delicious ginger-based cocktail using Irish Whiskey. The drink is similar to the Moscow Mule minus the vodka, with a slightly different preparation.

Grab your favorite Irish whiskey, but not the one that you have set aside for sipping. Standard Jameson, Bushmills, Powers, or Paddy will get the job done here.

I prefer Powers, and so do the actual Irish as Powers is the #1 selling whiskey in Ireland.

Once you have selected your whiskey, pour 2 ounces into a shaker, followed by the fresh lime juice. The ginger beer is not added yet as it is carbonated and definitely not an ingredient for shaking. In this case the shaking phase helps to calm the whiskey down a bit and take some of the tart edge off of the fresh lime juice.

Once you shake the Irish whiskey and lime juice with ice, strain into your ice filled glass and top with chilled ginger beer. The end result may surprise you, this could be the best whiskey drink you've never had. The availability of



**The Blarney Stone** is built in a shaker and served in an ice-filled Highball glass.  
Combine in shaker:  
2 oz. Irish whiskey  
1 oz. fresh lime juice  
Shake with ice until chilled  
Strain into ice-filled Highball glass, top with ginger beer  
Garnish with lime wedge  
Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

ginger beer brands varies from state to state, the Gosling's and Fever Tree brands are widely available and perform well in "Mule" cocktails.

The Fighting Irish look to continue their playoff push at Boston College this weekend, 2:30 kick on ABC.

# The magic of Christmas



Courtesy photo

AS THE CHRISTMAS season nears the On Broadway Dancers are preparing for company's 9th annual Christmas show, "Signed, Sealed, Delivered." Because COVID-19 restrictions that limit indoor gatherings, OBD determined it would get the message of Christmas out by going in a different direction. The dancers will now be presenting the annual holiday show as a drive-in movie. Filming has been taking place for several weeks at multiple locations through the Coal City area and this week, the dancers filmed at Sunshine Garden Center in Diamond. "Signed, Sealed, Delivered," tells the story of how Santa was deemed non-essential, therefor the letters from children were not getting delivered to him. As a result, two elves are sent to Coal City to retrieve his mail. The drive-in movie is set for Saturday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Coal City High School parking lot. Tickets go on sale today, Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. through the Broadway Dance Center website at onbroadwaydancers.com The annual Christmas show is a fundraiser to support the dance company and local families in need. To date, OBD has generated over \$35,000 from the shows that have been used to provide food, clothing and toys to local families during the holiday season.

# Circle jam Nov. 14

There will be a circle jam on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the rec hall under the water tower at the Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee Street, Godley.

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# OBITUARIES

## James L. Howell Sr.

WILMINGTON—James L. Howell Sr., “Jim,” 83, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020.

Born May 19, 1937 in Oconee, IL, James Lewis was a son of John C. Howell Sr. and Fern (Rhodes) Howell. He moved with his family when he was young to Wilmington, where he was raised and educated.

On June 9, 1956, Jim married Louella Waldron in Wilmington, where together they made their home and raised their family. Jim worked his entire life as a mechanic and held employment with Stonebridge, Celotex, Cel-Fibe and Johnson & Johnson Personal Products, from where he retired.

One who loved the outdoors, Jim enjoyed fishing and hunting, but most of all loved mushroom hunting. He also took pleasure in both reading westerns, as well as watching them on television. Family was always of utmost importance, and he cherished spending time with his family and spoiling his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Lou; four children: Christine (Calvin) Flint, of Braidwood; James Jr. (Gina) Howell, of Coal City; Daniel (Kathy) Howell, of Woodridge and Peggy Novy, of Reddick; 10 grandchildren: Brandy (Joe) Scheer, of Coal City; Nicole (Doug Richey) Flint, of Braidwood; Tiffani (Ron) Picco, of Bolingbrook; Ashley (Sean) Kendall, of Wheaton; Amber Howell, of Hobe Sound, FL; Kayla (Cole) Schoolman, of Kenwood, TX; Jackie Flint (fiancé, Brian Hedrick), of Wilmington;



Ashton Borden, of Crest Hill; Abby Novy (fiancé, Joey Etzkorn), of Braceville and Collin Borden, of Woodridge; nine great-grandchildren: Austin, Hayley, Kylee, Cody, Cayden, Nathan, Emmett, Liam and Quinn, with another expected; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Dan Murphy, of Wilmington; Lester (Betty) Waldron, of California; Lorraine Vilt, of Carbon Hill and Leila Rhodes, of Wilmington and numerous cousins.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, John C. Howell Jr. and William Howell; one sister, Karen Murphy and his son-in-law, Cary Novy.

A private family service was held Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were Jim's grandchildren.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Jim's memory to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Jim's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: [www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/James-HowellSr](http://www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/James-HowellSr)

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

## Donna Novy

GODLEY—Donna Rae Novy, 90, of Godley, passed away Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 at Aperion Care of Wilmington.

Born April 18, 1930 in Wilmington, Donna was the daughter of William and Mary Jane (nee Tyler) Garrett. She was raised in Wilmington, and graduated from Reed-Custer High School with the class of 1949. Donna previously owned and operated Donna's Beauty Boutique in Coal City and then worked for 20 years at Mr. B's Restaurant in Elwood until she retired in 2012. She enjoyed making handcrafts such as embroidery and knitting, and loved to play bingo and to read. Donna's greatest joy of her life was raising her family and leaves behind a legacy of love and affection for her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include four children: Dennie Novy, of Wilmington; Dean Novy, of Godley; Danny (Tammy) Novy, of New Mexico and Dale Novy, of Port Huron, MI; nine grandchildren: Heather (Tim) Lowe, Candace Tryner, Marvin Tryner III, Jamie Novy, Tracie (Brian) Olson, Christopher (Whitney) Novy, Sara Novy, Ashley Novy, Leann Novy, and Madison Novy; 13 great-grandchildren: Carson and Chandler Lowe, Terrell and Payton Garner, Angelina Novy, Hunter Duering, Rylee, Shawn Jr., and Dixie Schuster, Dean and Natalie Olson, and Rhielynn and Gannon Tryner; one son-in-law, Marvin Tryner Jr., of Braidwood; one daughter-



in-law, Lisa Novy, of Sterling Heights, MI and her dear friends: Alberta Novy, of Godley and Erlene Crater, of Minooka.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter, Debbie Tryner; two children in infancy, Timothy and Kim and her grandson, Dean Novy Jr.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd., in Wilmington from 4 to 7 p.m. Due to recent updated mandates issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, face mask requirements and measures of safe social distancing practices will be in order. The funeral home staff will assist the family not to exceed the newly lowered safe number set forth for the visitation.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the service, and a private graveside service will be held at Wesley Cemetery.

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

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

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

## Wilbur L. Lewis



WILMINGTON—Wilbur Lee Lewis “Wib,” 96, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020.

Born March 16, 1924 on the family farm in rural Fairbury, Wilbur Lee was a son of Matt and Ida (Hoegger) Lewis. He was raised and educated in Fairbury, and moved to Wilmington at the age of 17 when he acquired the Wilmington Mobil Service Station. Wib owned and operated Lewis Complete Service for 20 years, which during that tenure he went away to honorably serve in the United States Army with the 93rd AAA Battalion (1943-1946).

On Jan. 16, 1943, Wilbur married Laura “Jerry” Bullock in Wilmington, and together they made their home and raised their family in Wilmington. Wib was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington and as a proud Veteran, volunteered for the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad on the Monday team. He was past Commander of the Wilmington VFW Post 5422, and served as past president of various community organizations including: the Jaycees, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington Rotary, First United Methodist Church of Wilmington Board and the Wilmington Park Board. He belonged to the Braidwood Recreation Club; was a lifetime member of the Mazon Creek Project, and was honored to assist in the building of the Bailey Bridge at Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie. Wib, along with Jerry were avid square dancers for over 50 years; he was an amateur Paleontologist, who enjoyed working on a dinosaur dig, and in his free time he took great pleasure in gardening, woodworking, playing golf, fossil hunting, wine making and lapidary arts.

Wib was a true ‘Jack of all trades’, who was a proud Veteran and leaves behind a priceless collection of memories for his children, grandchildren and the community to cherish.

Survivors include three daughters: Carol (Jack) Miller, of New Lenox; Joyce (Ken)



Janowski, of Oswego and Merry Jo (James) Montgomery, of Wilmington; seven grandchildren: Lori (Greg) Dumroese, of Orland Park; Jeffrey Miller, of Joliet; Jacob (Amanda) Janowski, of Plainfield; Leanne (Carl) Ross-Works, of Sterling Heights, MI; Victoria Adamczyk, of Scottsdale, A, and Laura Adamczyk and Rose (Moses) Elias, both of Chicago; 12 great-grandchildren: Wyatt, Cole, Kaylee, Hannah, Lily, Beckham, Camden, Aria, Asher, Astoria, Benicio and Javier; one sister-in-law, Mary (the late Charles “Bud”) Bullock, of Wilmington and several nieces and nephews including his special niece, Nancy (Mick) Burnes, of Wilmington.

Wib was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jerry on March 17, 2014; one brother, Glen and one sister, Betty.

Due to Covid restrictions, the family had a private visitation and funeral service at Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington with Reverend Harriette Cross from the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington officiating. Burial with full military honors provided by the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad and the United States Army followed in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Pallbearers were: Jack Miller, Ken Janowski, James Montgomery, Greg Dumroese, Jacob Janowski, Carl Ross-Works, Moses Elias and Wyatt Dumroese.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Wib's memory to Kuzma Care Cottage, 635 S. Main Street, Wilmington, IL 60481 or to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad, P.O. Box 6, Elwood, IL 60421.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share his memorial page online through social media by logging onto: [www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/Wilbur-Lewis](http://www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/Wilbur-Lewis)

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

## Riverside Healthcare offers option for women with dense breasts

Riverside Healthcare in Kankakee is now offering a state-of-the-art breast cancer screening option (given in addition to a mammogram) for women with dense breast tissue.

"We are excited to add the Automated Breast Ultrasound system (ABUS) to our comprehensive breast imaging program," said Ravi Ramakrishna, DO, lead interpreting physician for the Riverside Breast Center. "By offering ABUS in addition to 3D mammography

for our patients with dense breast tissue, we anticipate improving early detection for small cancers that may not be seen on a mammogram alone in these women."

Dense breast tissue has been found to increase the risk for the development of cancer and also makes cancer more difficult to detect using mammography, studies show. As breast density goes up, the sensitivity of mammograms goes down.

On mammograms dense tissue can result in a masking affect, making cancers more difficult to visualize. With ABUS, suspicious findings appear dark against the surrounding bright dense tissue.

In early 2019, a national density inform law was passed that mandates that the FDA update mammography reporting so that women be notified if their breasts are dense. Providers may offer supplemental imaging as appropriate to help find cancers hiding in dense breast tissue.

"Screening mammogram still remains the gold standard for the early detection of breast cancer; however dense breast tissue can result in limitations to the sensitivity of mammograms making cancers more difficult to detect.

ABUS will become an important tool to improve detection," added Dr. Ramakrishna.

Designed and built specifically for screening, research shows that ABUS technology as a supplement to mammography has the potential to find additional cancers that would not have been found with mammography alone.

It is recommended that women get regular mammograms as suggested by their doctor, and if they have been informed that they have dense breast tissue, they should talk to their doctor or radiologist about their specific risk and additional screening tests that might be appropriate.

The Invenia ABUS 2.0 system from GE Healthcare is FDA-approved for breast cancer screening in the U.S. as an adjunct to mammography for women with dense breast tissue. The system is designed to enhance the consistency, reproducibility, and sensitivity of breast ultrasound, demonstrating a 35.7 percent improvement in cancer detection (sensitivity) in women with dense breasts without prior breast intervention. (FDA PMA Approval P110006, Sept. 18, 2012.)



Photo by Eric Fisher

STEVE AND HOPE SIBSON are the new pastors at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. It will be the first time the couple have co-pastored a church.

## Wilmington oldest church has newest pastors

The Reverend Steve Sibson and the Reverend Hope Sibson are ministering the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, the city's oldest church.

It will be the first time the married couple have co-pastored a church.

Steve has 42 years in ministry, his most recent position as interim minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Morris. He has a Master's Degree in Pastoral Counseling.

Hope has 15 years in the ministry, including interim minister at Wheatland Presbyterian Church in Plainfield/ Before entering the seminary she was a teacher

and an executive fundraiser.

"Many in the congregation have volunteer positions around the area in addition to their day jobs," Hope commented. "It is a pleasure to be in a mission-oriented church."

Steve and Hope stay active as he enjoys working out at the Inwood Gym in Joliet, doing home repairs and yard work. She enjoys brisk walks, cooking, reading and visiting with members of the congregation in person or on the phone.

They have two grown children and three grandchildren.

Their goal is to pastor and support the community and Wilmington's oldest church.

"We welcome such a vibrant congregation and their commitment to the community and people of Wilmington," Hope said.

On July 22, 1837, the Presbyterian Society was formed in the Island City. Its first church, a pioneer structure, was built on the corner of Kankakee Street at Van Buren Street, in 1840.

The charter members of the First Presbyterian Church were among the same pioneers who laid the foundation of the city of Wilmington, including the McIntosh, Stewart and McDonald families. These founding families were primarily of Scottish

descent, and are noted in the city's history as engineers, merchants, farmers, tradesmen, teachers and politicians.

Initially, worship services were held in the homes of local families, including in the barn of Col. Peter Stewart, one of the best known early settlers.

The existing structure replaced the original pioneer church in 1903. The limestone used to construct it was obtained from the local area. In 1967, an addition was constructed on the east side of the original church for Sunday school classrooms and administrative offices

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# How “plant blindness” can hurt our environment

*Dear EarthTalk: What on Earth is “plant blindness?”*  
- Betsy Carlucci, New York, NY

Botanists James Wandersee and Elizabeth Schussler coined the term “plant blindness” in 1998 to describe “the inability to see or notice the plants in one’s own environment, leading to the inability to recognize the importance of plants in the biosphere and in human affairs.”

An additional aspect of plant blindness is the “inability to appreciate the aesthetic and unique biological features” of plants and “the misguided, anthropocentric ranking of plants as inferior to animals, leading to the erroneous conclusion that they are unworthy of human consideration.”

Wandersee and Schussler coined the term after years of discussion back and forth about a fundamental problem: if we don’t pay attention to plants and their role in supporting the rest of the lives on the planet including our own, how will we ever agree on the need to conserve them, much less support plant science research and education?

Also, letting plants die out poses an existential threat to humanity and the rest of life on the Earth. Researchers believe one in eight plant species around the globe are threatened with extinction as our (plant-dependent) human

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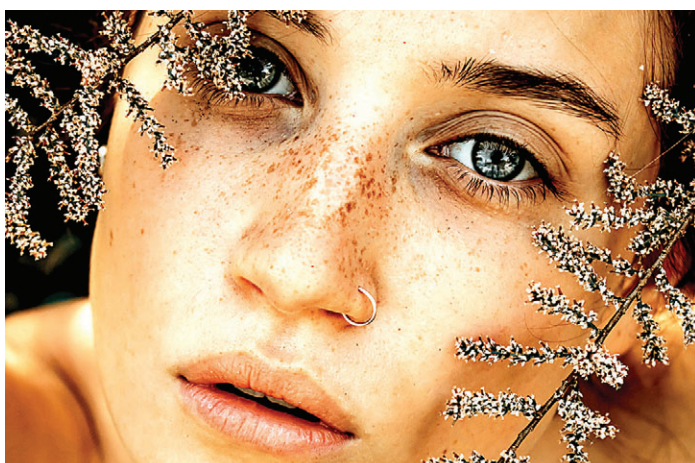
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population continues to swell.

What causes plant blindness? According to Wandersee and Schussler, social and educational biases are definitely a big factor, with so-called “zoo-chauvinistic” educators at all levels tending to use animal (instead of plant) examples to teach basic biological concepts in the classroom, lab or field.

Of course, there is likely more to it than educational biases. Wandersee and Schussler argue in an article in Plant Science Bulletin that another major contributor to plant blindness is the nature of the human visual information-processing system, in that our brains can’t possibly process everything around us immediately just because our eyes are open, and we are hard-wired to prioritize certain visual cues (like movement that may signal an animal threat) over others.

One study they cite concludes that over the course of a single second, the eyes generate more than 10 million bits of



OUR INABILITY TO notice or care about the plants around us could pose an existential threat to humanity.

data for visual processing, but the brain can only extract 40 bits during this timeframe and can only fully process 16 of them that reach our conscious attention.

Another study found that participants more accurately detected images of animals than plants in an “attentional blink” study designed to test people’s ability to notice one or two rapid-fire images. And yet another study found that children recognize that animals are living creatures before they can tell plants are also alive, and that they remember images of animals much better than images of plants.

To Wandersee and Schussler, devoting more of

our educational resources to teaching kids and adults about plants and their role in supporting life is the key to overcoming plant blindness.

Indeed, seeing the plants all around us could be key to our survival on the planet, so it behooves each and every one of us to learn more about the environment around us and start appreciating not just the other fauna we share life with but also the flora that helps make it all possible.

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# What happens to Medicare if Obamacare is overturned?

*Dear Savvy Senior,*  
*Will my Medicare benefits be affected if Obamacare is overturned by the Supreme Court?*

Concerned Beneficiary

Dear Concerned,

Unfortunately, yes. If the Affordable Care Act (ACA) - also known as Obamacare - gets repealed by the Supreme Court next year, it will weaken Medicare and increase costs for beneficiaries. Here’s what you should know.

Currently, about 60 million people are covered under Medicare, the federal health insurance program for people 65 and older and people of all ages with disabilities. Even though the main aim of the ACA was to overhaul the health insurance markets, most people don’t realize that the law also touches virtually every part of Medicare.

Without the ACA, Medicare beneficiaries will have to pay more for preventive care services, which are now free; they’ll have to pay more toward their prescription drugs; their premiums and deductibles will rise faster; and Medicare will face insolvency

much sooner because of lost funding and cost cutting measures. With the help of Kiplinger’s Retirement Report, here is a more detailed breakdown of what happens to Medicare if the court invalidates the law.

Preventive care services will no longer be free: Thanks to the ACA, there’s no co-payment or deductible for potentially life-saving screenings for cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and other illnesses. Flu shots and annual wellness visits are also free. Before the ACA, beneficiaries had to pay 20 percent of the cost for most preventive care services, after their deductible was met.

The doughnut hole will return: Since 2011 the ACA has been steadily closing the prescription drug coverage gap, also known as the doughnut hole, in Medicare Part D by requiring drug manufacturers and insurers to pick up more of the cost. The hole was final-



Jim Miller

ly closed this year with seniors paying 25 percent of the cost for both generic and brand-name medications and manufacturers picking up 70 percent of the tab, while insurers kick in the remaining 5 percent. Before the ACA, seniors paid 100 percent of Part D prescription drug expenses while in the doughnut hole.

Medicare premiums and deductibles will rise faster: The ACA also curbed Medicare payments to providers to help keep Medicare Part A deductibles and co-payments in check. Similarly, Part B premiums and deductibles are much lower than projected before the ACA became law. From 2011 to 2020, Part B premiums increased 23 percent. From 2000 to 2009 - the nine years before the law’s passage - Part B premiums rose almost five times faster, increasing 112 percent over that period.

Medicare Advantage plans will be more expensive: The ACA requires Medicare

Advantage plans to spend 85 percent of premium dollars on health care, not profits or overhead. The plans also can’t charge more than traditional Medicare for chemotherapy, renal dialysis, skilled nursing care and other specialized services.

Those restrictions dramatically lowered costs for Medicare Advantage plan enrollees. Since the ACA became law in 2010, the average Medicare Advantage premium has decreased by 43 percent while enrollment has increased 117 percent.

Insolvency accelerates: The ACA extended the solvency of the program’s trust fund by eight years to 2026, mostly by finding new sources of revenue and slowing the growth of payments to all providers. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that reversing those changes would cost the program \$700 billion over 10 years, which would make Medicare almost immediately insolvent.

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# More IL Democrats take aim at Madigan

Madigan signals plan to continue in leadership role

BY GREG BISHOP  
THE CENTER SQUARE

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, said he’s not going anywhere despite members of his own party saying it’s time for him to step down as party leader.

State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, is making a bid to replace Madigan as speaker when the next term of the Illinois House begins in January. She also said he shouldn’t be leading the Democratic Party of Illinois anymore.

“The Democratic Party

cannot be defined as the party of Mike Madigan,” Kifowit said. “The Democratic Party is the party of the people and we need to put the people first.”

It’s not just a handful of lower-ranking or freshman members of the House who are planning to not support the speaker for another term. It’s party heavyweights such as U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, who told WTTW the party is paying the price with Madigan at the top, and his presence as the party’s leader isn’t helping. U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth told the State Journal-Register the party should find new leadership.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker agreed on Thursday.

“The Republicans and the billionaires that sided with them were effectively able to

use the speaker as their foil and that hurt our ability, and the state’s ability, to get things done,” Pritzker said.

The Democrats’ progressive income tax failed Tuesday. Some believe the cloud around Madigan played a role.

“Opponents were able to tap into voters’ concern about corruption and their lack of trust in government,” Pritzker said.

While he hasn’t been charged with a crime, Madigan has been implicated in a bribery scheme ComEd admitted to. The utility said it paid \$1.3 million in bribes over nine years to Madigan associates in an effort to influence the speaker.

In a statement, Madigan said he’s proud of his record and looks forward to continu-

ing as chairman of the party.

“I am proud of my record electing Democrats who support workers and families and represent the diversity of our state,” Madigan said. “Together, we have successfully advanced progressive policies that have made Illinois a strong Democratic state with supermajorities in the legislature. Illinois is the anchor in the ‘blue wall’ that has been reconstructed in the Midwest, and I look forward to continuing our fight for working families as chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois.”

# Pritzker outlines plan for distributing COVID-19 vaccine once available

BY ELYSE KELLY  
THE CENTER SQUARE

Gov. J.B. Pritzker recently outlined in broad strokes the state’s plan for distributing a COVID-19 vaccine once such a vaccine is approved by federal regulators.

Without an actual vaccine ready, the governor only offered insight into who would receive the first wave of vaccines once available, NPR reported. The at-risk population, including health-care workers and the elderly, will be among the first to whom the vaccine will be offered.

Health Department advisor and infectious disease specialist Dr. Don Graham said that the timeline for distribution will most likely not be available until early 2021.

He said vaccine developers are currently gathering data from volunteers who have taken the vaccine and are going about their daily life.

“But what’s being done now is to look to see if the antibody levels that are seen in the people who are volunteer subjects for vaccine testing - we’re looking to see now if those antibody levels are enough to protect against the disease,” Graham said.

Once testing is complete, the FDA will have to evaluate the data to ensure the final vaccine is effective and safe, Graham said.

“That kind of evaluation will take quite a bit of time; months and months to be sure,” he said.

With a vaccine likely a year or more out, infection numbers will continue to

grow, which begs the question whether a vaccine will even be useful eventually. Graham said they are still studying the coronavirus to understand if those infected gain persistent immunity or not.

“COVID is another frankly unknown at this point whether you can get a second case of COVID,” he said. “The CDC is trying to maintain a registry of people who may possibly have had second cases of COVID, and of course this is not limited to the United States, so other countries are keeping track of that too, but we really don’t know.”

Regardless, Graham said about 97% of the population has yet to be infected. He doesn’t expect that number to change enough to affect the efficacy of developing a vaccine.

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Elwood Community Unit School District No. 203 files annual financial report

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:			
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Also by **January 15, annually** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ **www.isbe.net**.

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020										
		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	2,025,726	229,628	0	332,921	191,016	0	19,069	162,662	20,352
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	310,040	0	0	245,756	0	0	0	0	29,455
Federal Sources	4000	884,455	14,466	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>3,220,221</b>	<b>244,094</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>578,677</b>	<b>191,016</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,069</b>	<b>162,662</b>	<b>49,802</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>3,416,062</b>	<b>431,349</b>	<b>10,161</b>	<b>437,518</b>	<b>94,343</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>101,665</b>	<b>40,990</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds	(10,161)		0	10,161	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019</b>		<b>1,930,798</b>	<b>1,169,819</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>208,643</b>	<b>6,252</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,189</b>	<b>33,727</b>	<b>22,496</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020</b>		<b>1,724,796</b>	<b>982,564</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>349,802</b>	<b>102,925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,258</b>	<b>94,724</b>	<b>31,308</b>

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL	
<b>GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL</b> <b>Salary Range:</b> <b>\$25,000 - \$39,999</b>	<b>NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL</b> <b>Salary Range:</b> <b>Less Than \$25,000</b>
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<b>Salary Range:</b> <b>\$60,000 - \$89,999</b>	<b>Salary Range:</b> <b>\$40,000 - \$59,999</b>
J Bauer, L Bodem, K Corcoran, S DeMaso, K Ditzler, C Dooley, C Forsythe, M Gumbs-Hill, T Hugunin, E Koenig, T Peterson, K Rea, T Rompala	D Bosonetta, K Sitar-Nawa
<b>Salary Range:</b> <b>\$90,000 and over</b>	<b>Salary Range:</b> <b>\$60,000 and over</b>
K Fields, C. Pezanoski	J Grosso
<b>GROSS PAYMENT FOR</b>	

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500			
Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.			
Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount		
Alarm Detection Systems Inc.	2,760.00	Frontline Technologies In	3,210.00
Amazon Capital Services	11,047.00	Gassensmith & Michalesko	7,591.00
Angela Groenewold	2,824.00	GFC Leasing - WI	9,074.00
Armark Uniform Services	3,861.00	Houghton Mifflin	10,493.18
Arbor Management Inc.	54,175.00	Illinois Assoc. of School Boards (IASB).	4,037.00
BMO Harris Bank N.A.	19,529.00	IXL Learning.	4,700.00
BSN Sports, Inc.	10,536.00	Jeffrey T. Whipple	3,600.00
CDW Government	3,354.00	Joliet Public School	63,729.38
Cintas Fire Protection	7,912.00	Katie Smith	7,443.18
Clayborne & Wagner LLP	50,000.00	Klein, Thorpe, Jenkins LTD	43,987.90
Clean Gardens Maint & Landscaping.	7,780.00	Knight Security Alarms, Inc.	18,261.16
Common Goal Systems, Inc.	6,298.00	KS Statebank	10,161.00
Decker Equipment	6,591.00	Lakeshore Learning	4,885.26
DreamBox Learning	7,800.00	Laraway CCSD #70C	5,636.00
Dunne & Dunne Transport	4,840.00	Liminex, Inc.	3,275.20
EB5 Healthcare	24,555.00	Lincolnway Area Affil	227,482.44
Elliot Electric Inc.	3,387.00	Matt Murray	3,285.00
ENGIE Resources	62,648.00	Maver, Steven M	9,352.22
First Student, Inc.	430,321.00	Newsela	3,500.00
Follett School Solutions	4,259.00	NextEra Energy Serv	16,017.00
Frey, Melissa A.	8,388.00	Nicor Gas	13,962.38
		NuWay Disposal Service Inc.	4,156.71
		Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
		NWEA	4,250.00
		Precision Control System, Inc.	28,317.10
		Quinlan & Fabish	3,434.65
		Rival5 Technologies Corp	15,436.96
		Rodgers Construction Corp.	31,995.00
		Sam's Club	4,013.48
		SASC, LLC	4,897.89
		Selective Insurance Company of America	56,387.00
		Southwest Mechanical, Inc.	15,014.47
		SOWIC	406,613.02
		Special Education services	49,817.04
		Specialized Data Systems, Inc.	4,706.50
		TCI	29,205.30
		Technology Resource Advisors, Inc.	6,937.00
		The Birch Agency Inc.	4,153.50
		TRIA Architecture, Inc.	5,542.74
		TriK Supplies, Inc.	24,604.70
		U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	11,408.28
		Urban Tile & Carpet Corp.	10,640.00
		Veterans Floors, Inc.	14,540.00
		Village of Elwood	2,799.24

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# Illinois gas prices jump up 2 cents

Illinois gas prices have risen 2.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.19/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,378 stations. Gas prices in Illinois are 2.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 39.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois is priced at \$1.84/g Monday while the most expensive is \$2.93/g, a difference of \$1.09/g.

The lowest price in the state today is \$1.84/g while the highest is \$2.93/g, a difference of \$1.09/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.09/g today. The national average is down 8.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 53.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"As expected, previous weakness in oil has continued to translate into falling gasoline prices nearly nationwide as motorists cast their ballots last week, but the six week trend could reverse on optimism that President-elect Biden may move quickly to get organized and Sen. Majority Leader McConnell has said stimulus is high on his agenda, aiding the economy and oil demand," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"As of late Sunday, a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude oil was up over 8% compared to just last Monday, a solid rally that may eventually halt the decline in gasoline prices, should the optimism continue even against a backdrop of a continued global rise in coronavirus cases. It remains challenging to predict how the Presidential transition may occur, and if it drags the economy down, I could see pessimism and lower prices return, but for now, it appears that a solid dose of optimism may soon drive prices up."

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dutch word for "language"

5. Popular music style

8. Body part

11. Largely dry valleys

13. Brew

14. Ancient Greek sophist

15. Where rockers play

16. Human gene

17. One point east of northeast

18. Adversary

20. Small cask or barrel

21. About ear

22. Benign tumors

25. In a different way

30. One charged with a crime

31. Chinese principle underlying the universe

32. Long, narrow straps
33. Passover

38. Ottoman military commander

41. One who does not succeed

43. Data

45. 3D image

47. Whale ship captain

49. Japanese title

50. Made of wood

55. Yokel

56. Exercise system \_\_-bo

57. Supreme being

59. Playing card with three spots

60. Hostelry

61. Spiritual leader

62. Single lens reflex

63. Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.

64. Thomas \_\_, American cartoonist

CLUES DOWN

1. Shattered airline

2. Swiss river

3. Port city in Yemen

4. It can be straight

5. Tennis player's tool

6. Estranged

7. Garden archway

8. Assists

9. Grain crop

10. Millisecond

12. U.S. Founding Father Adams

14. Small, deerlike buffalo

19. Easily manageable

23. Male parent

24. Nearsightedness

25. Patriotic women

26. Decorate a cake with frosting

27. \_\_ fi (slang)

28. A joke rooted in wordplay
29. Attack violently

34. Keyboard key

35. \_\_ juris: independent

36. Corporate executive (abbr.)

37. Adult female bird

39. Pertains to knowledge

40. Pashtoes

41. Prefixed title for Italian monks

42. To be fired from a gun

44. A way to position

45. \_\_ process: produces ammonia

46. Follow instructions

47. Humanistic discipline

48. Throw

51. Swiss river

52. American hate group

53. Actor Idris

54. Seizes

58. Baseball stat

# PRODUCE AISLE WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ASPARAGUS
- BROCCOLI
- CABBAGE
- CARROTS
- CAULIFLOWER
- COLLARD GREENS
- COOKED
- DELICIOUS
- DIET
- EGGPLANT
- FRESH
- GARLIC
- GINGER
- GREEN BEANS
- KALE
- KOHLRABI
- PEAS
- RAW
- SPINACH
- SPROUTS
- SWEET POTATOES
- SWISS CHARD
- VEGETARIAN
- ZUCCHINI



# For Democrats it may get worse if Madigan in charge

Illinois Democrats were hoping for some big election night wins last week, but now everything has devolved into finger-pointing chaos.

Gov. JB Pritzker's graduated income tax proposal was in some doubt for a while. The governor's campaign chose not to advertise early because of the delicacies of politics during a pandemic, so they passed up a chance at total dominance of the playing field during crucial months.

When billionaire Ken Griffin finally decided to weigh in against it, the proponents had lost the crucial advantage of time to drive their message home unfettered. And the "anti" message was strong and relatable: Don't trust Illinois politicians to do the right thing. The proponents' much less focused message simply had no chance.

The ballot measure was losing as of November 6 by almost ten percentage points and about 500,000 votes.

A narrow loss would've been one thing. But after voters overwhelmingly rejected taxing a relatively few upper-income people, it's going to be hugely difficult to convince Democratic state legislators to

make up for those billions in lost revenues by increasing the state's flat tax on everyone.

Without the money generated by a graduated income tax, Gov. Pritzker's fallback was the hope that Joe Biden would win the White House and the Democrats would take control of the U.S. Senate and give big bucks to the states. As I write this, Democratic control of the Senate appears in doubt.

So, if Pritzker can't raise taxes and he can't get a federal bailout, that leaves a \$5 billion Federal Reserve loan, and the only way to make room for those payments will be to slash an already bare-bones budget to the marrow or consider shafting the public employee unions and "reform" pensions.

Pritzker is most definitely not in a good place. He put literally everything on this tax vote and he came up way short.

A big loss like that can



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easily devastate legislative confidence in a governor. As I've said for years, this business is a protection racket. You earn support by proving you can protect your fellow politicians' interests. Despite Pritzker's billions, his big win two years ago over an incumbent governor and broad public support for his handling of the pandemic, he did not hold up his end on this one.

That brings us to soon-to-be-former Illinois Supreme Court Justice Tom Kilbride, who conceded defeat in his retention bid. The opposition's message, also mainly funded by Ken Griffin, was brisk and simple: A vote against Kilbride is a vote against Madigan.

We're to the point where I don't even have to explain that "Madigan" means House Speaker Michael Madigan. Everybody knows who he is and most despise him, so the attack worked like a charm in that Downstate, blue-collar district.

Like Pritzker, Kilbride did not have an effective counter-argument. Kilbride fell way short of the votes he needed to be retained.

One of U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin's favored Democratic congressional candidates, Betsy Dirksen Londrigan, was handily defeated last week after narrowly losing to U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis two years before. The ads run by Davis and his allies constantly featured "Madigan."

And while the Griffin-funded effort to defeat the Fair Tax didn't mention Madigan in their TV spots, they did use Madigan in direct mail and

people generally hate Madigan so much that it's probably not a huge leap to say he's why the "Don't trust 'em" approach worked so well.

In disgust, the governor and U.S. Senators Durbin and Tammy Duckworth all threw Madigan under the bus after the election ended, calling on him to quit the chairmanship of the state Democratic Party. Duckworth even suggested he should no longer be House Speaker.

But if you zoom out for a moment, you'll see that congressional Democrats failed to meet expectations all over the country last week and a massive national push to elect more Democratic state legislators crashed and burned.

On election night, Madigan appeared to have lost two House seats to the Republicans when expectations were that he'd pick up several, but that might change for the better when all the votes are finally counted.

The bottom line is the "Madigan" message appears to have worked and it's probably only going to get worse for the Democrats if he remains in power.

But that doesn't let the governor, Durbin and Kilbride off the hook. And a much better than expected performance by President Donald Trump in Illinois combined with a national trend that defied expectations were also involved.

In other words, simple explanations are usually neither.

Rich Miller also publishes Capitol Fax, a daily political newsletter, and CapitolFax.com.

## Mobile food pantry coming to So. Wilmington Nov. 16

On Monday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church, 135 Rice Rd., South Wilmington, in the church parking lot, rain or shine.

Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need. Participants are asked to

stay in their cars. The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute pre-packed groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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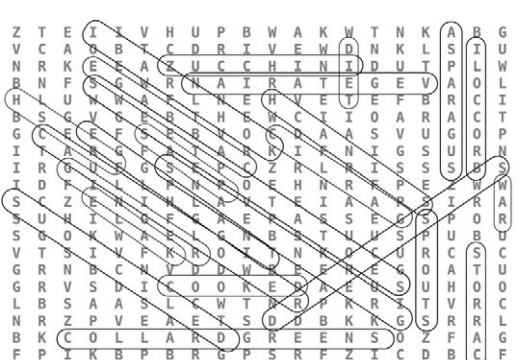
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## COMET SPORTS



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REED-CUSTER'S 2017 GRADUATE Kenna Wilkey was selected to be on the girls basketball dream team. Wilkey is the second leading scorer behind Missy Nowak.

## Lady Comets

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another girl on the outside that probably had about 48 threes and we had a couple other kids that shot in the low 20's so we let it fly and Kori was a special shooter."

Gamble's favorite memory about his time at Reed-Custer was when Kathy Smith and Kori Studley helped the Lady Comets come back to beat Seneca in the sectional



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THE 2004 GRADUATE Casey Hadley has been picked to play point guard on the girls basketball dream team for Reed-Custer High School. Hadley is still one of the top three-point shooters.



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FORMER REED-CUSTER FORWARD Caitlyn Welch was named to the girls basketball dream team. Welch, who graduated in 2014, is one of the leading scorers.

championship game.

"It was us beating Seneca in the sectional championship after they had gotten a third or fourth place trophy the year before," explained Gamble. "They were favored to go back to state and they came to our place for the sectional championship and we were able to beat them. The place went absolutely crazy.

Kori made the memory sweeter by hitting two key shots to secure the sectional championship.

"Kori had two threes in the fourth quarter that kind of sealed the deal. We were hanging on and hoping the clock would run out and they were making their run. Kori had two threes back-to-back, and that was the end of it."

### Kim & Regenia Stewart

Gamble noted the "best big man" was Kim Stewart. Her and her sister Regenia could really go get the rebounds. Kim played center.

"Kim played the center position and was a tall girl and was just very big in nature but she was very graceful and had a great outlet pass and led the team in rebounds every year she played. She was one of those girls where if she got her hands on the ball, no one else was going to get it."

Regenia played the post for the Lady Comets.

"She was an excellent post player for us," commented Gamble. "She could really go it."

### Ann Studley

Kori's older sister Ann played a few years earlier. She was also a post right when the district annexed Essex.

"She was also a great post player. She came around right when the district annexed Essex and that's when we benefited the most. All those players came that would normally have gone to Herscher. That gave us some more great talent. We had a long string of very special athletes that came through that building that made us very successful."

### Jamie Eller

Jamie Eller, who played forward for Gamble, was another standout player.

"She was a great all-around full court player that played great defense."

### Sara Bice

Bice, who played point guard for Gamble for a couple years, was an excellent defender.

She is currently mentioned in career steals, swiping 192 and also with career three-point makes, sinking 57 total threes.

### Trisha Hall

Hall, who played forward for Gamble in the 90s, was a very tall girl who could go up and get it.

"She was a big time rebounder for us and very unselfish player. Get the ball to the outlet and go from there."

### Kenna Wilkey

Reed-Custer pollers chose Wilkey, who was an out-

standing softball player but she also played forward on some pretty good Reed-Custer teams.

She is currently the second leading scorer with 1,611 points lifetime, putting up 579, and 575 during two of her season. Both were top marks in the school record books.

### Casey Hadley

Casey Hadley played point guard for the Comets during the 2002-04 season. Hadley was another top scorer for Reed-Custer, currently third on the all-time list, putting up 1,287 points during her three seasons.

### Jenny Coronelli

Another standout was Jenny Coronelli.

Coronelli was a forward during the early 2000s, playing for Gary Swartz from 2003-06.

Coronelli was one of the top scorers back then, putting up 526 and 429 during two of her seasons. And she still has the fourth most points in Lady Comet history with 1,236 points lifetime.

### Caitlyn Welch

Caitlyn Welch was mentioned as one of the top forwards for the Lady Comets.

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# Comet coaches stay for the love of the game

BY SHAWN LONG  
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Sports at Reed-Custer started in 1935 with basketball which is now 85 years old. The basketball program has had 17 coaches and two of which have made it over 10 years.

Baseball was the next sport to start, beginning the program 23 years later in 1958. Since then, the program has had nine different coaches but one has been there over half the time.

Boys track started somewhere in this era. IHSA.org has it starting up in 2000 but that information is not right. Since starting up, it's had six coaches. One coach stayed over 20 years at Reed-Custer.

Football didn't come around until 1970, exactly 50 years ago. The program has had 11 coaches, one of which who has stayed more than 10 years.

Wrestling started that same year. They've had nine different coaches but only one has stayed at least 10 years.

Girls softball started in 1980. The program has had seven coaches since with one dedicating over 20 years.

Six years later, girls basketball started in 1986. Since then, the Lady Comets have had six different coaches, none of which have stayed 10 years.

Girls track & field started in 1990 with four different coaches

Volleyball started in 1992. Since then, the volleyball program has had six coaches but no coaches have stayed atleast 10 years.

Boys soccer also started in 1992 and since then they've had three different coaches. One has been there more than 10 years in the 20 years of the program.

Girls soccer followed boys in 2002. The girls soccer program has had seven coaches, none of which have logged at least five years coaching.

**Baseball**  
 The longest standing baseball coach at Reed-Custer was Jerry Cougill, who logged 38 years from 1973-2000 and then again in 2005-2017. He captured two state titles (1985, 30-4; 2016, 29-5) with 10 regional titles.

The Comets qualified for state three times with Cougill at the helm. Cougill has 788 lifetime wins and is currently third in the state in



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**FORMER REED-CUSTER baseball coach Jerry Cougill applauds his efforts after 28 years of coaching at Reed-Custer. That makes him the longest standing baseball coach in school history.**

wins.

After him, Butch Stafford coached five years from 2000-05, capturing two regional titles with an 86-70 record (.551).

## Softball

John Varland coached girls softball from 1984-2008, the second longest standing coach with 24 years. His highlights include a second place finish (1990-91, 32-6), a third place finish (2002-03, 34-3) and seven regional titles to go along with a 452-287 win-loss record (.612).

Varland logged over 40 years of coaching in general and said the biggest thing that kept bringing him back were the athletes.

"Being a youngster at 21 years old, you get a feeling to coach young kids," said Varland. "I was in there at the

junior high. I really just enjoyed being around the kids in a different atmosphere and I would say for the most part, the kids were really good. Even when I didn't have such good teams, the kids were always really good and respectful and gave their best effort."

Ramsey Harkness was the next longest in softball, logging five years from 2013-18. During that time, Harkness had a win loss record of 84-73 (.535), winning three regional titles in the process.

## Soccer

Andy Gleixner has coached both boys and girls soccer over the past 13 years in boys soccer. Gleixner coached from 2006-19, earning 54 wins in that time.

Their best season was in 2012 when the Comets won eight games at 8-13-2.

David Acevedo, who started the program, is next in the pecking order. He coached four years from 1999-03. Only three years were recorded but Acevedo had a 30-23 record in that time with their best season coming in 2000 when the Comets were 16-2.

## Golf

Tim Ricketts, who coached boys golf for 13 years from 1994-2007, is next on the list. Ricketts compiled a 142-80 match record with two regional titles. In 2002, the Comets won the regional undefeated at 20-0.

The next coach behind Ricketts was Gary Swartz, who coached golf from 1988-94 (six years). In that time, they won 39 matches. The Comet's best season under Swartz came in 1992 when they won 10 matches.

## Wrestling

In boys wrestling Thomas "Yale" Davis coached the wrestling team for 19 years, collecting a fourth place finish in 1996 when the Comets were 22-7. They also qualified in 2000 and in 2001. Davis collected 170 wins, winning near 70% of his matches.

Gleixner coached the boys for nine years from 2005-15 and picked up 75 wins, including three regional titles (2007, 2009, 2010).

## Football

Dean Cappell was football coach from 1998-2010. During that time, he collected 57 wins, capturing 50 percent of the games they played.

They made it to the playoffs five times under Cappell (1999, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010).

Bert Kooi, who coached from 1990-96, was the next longest-serving coach for football. Kooi had 12 wins in that time.

## Boys basketball

Mark Porter is the longest standing boys basketball coach, putting in 11 years from 1994-98 and then again from 2009-20.

He captured three straight regional titles in 2014, 2015, 2016. Porter has 178 career wins in 15 years.

Behind him was Varland, who put in 10 years in boys basketball. In that time, Varland captured a regional title in 1977 with 84 wins.

## Girls basketball

Nick Klein was the longest coach for girls basketball with eight years from 2011-19. In



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**FORMER REED-CUSTER softball coach John Varland is the longest standing coach at Reed-Custer, logging 24 years with the high school softball program and 40 coaching Reed-Custer sports altogether.**

that time, Klein captured 109 wins with the 2017 season being their best (17-14).

After Klein, Bill Gamble was a Comet coach for five year, capturing four regional titles and two sectional titles. Their best season was in 1989 when the girls grabbed a sectional title with a 25-4 record.

## Volleyball

Dennis Pommier was the volleyball coach with the longest history, logging eight years from 2005-13 with his best season being in 2007 when the Lady Comets were 15-12-5.

After him, Kelly VanDuyne is next in the pecking order, coaching for four years. She captured 55 wins with a regional title in 2016 with a 16-14 record.

## Track

Data for track coaches were not fully filled out on ihsa.org although the coaches for both girls and boys track included: Trenton Roth, Scott Ward, Klein, Rich Bell and Heather Christy. Ward has captured a second and third place trophy in back-to-back years with the Lady Comets(2001, 2002). They also had two sectional titles.

As mentioned in a previous article, Todd Lockwood coached track at Reed-Custer for 35 years.

## Girls soccer

Kim Askew is the longest standing girls soccer coach, putting in four years from 2015-19. In that time, she has won 17 games.

# Gamble helps in picking Lady Comet basketball dream team

BY SHAWN LONG  
 STAFF WRITER

Who were the best of the best when it came to playing girls basketball at Reed-Custer?

We asked former Lady Comet coach Bill Gamble and Journal readers for input in creating a dream team of former Lady Comets.

Gamble, who coached the Comets from 1986-95, was very fond of the fan support at Reed-Custer. He mentioned that was his best memory about coaching in the black and gold.

"I think my best memory was seeing the school spirit," said Gamble. "Our crowds my last couple years were legendary. Everybody dressed in the yellow and black with the face paint like all the high

school kids did. And just following us in the state tournament was an amazing advantage."

## Michelle Montana & Kathy Smith

Michelle Montana and Kathy Smith are two players Gamble said would certainly be on his dream team.

Both girls were fundamentally sound at their positions.

"Michelle and Kathy were two great point guards when I was there," said Gamble. "Saw the floor, handled the ball well and weren't worried about a press and they took care of everything for us. They were two excellent players."

Their specialty was getting open teammates the ball.

"They handled the ball well and they were worried about assists. If you were open,

they would get you the ball. They'd break presses. Very unselfish players and they didn't consume themselves with trying to score. They were trying to run the offense and get the ball to the players who were working and both were excellent at it so I'm very lucky.

Montana is second on the list in career assists with 286 while Smith handed out 210.

## Dana Flint

During Gamble's first three years in the program, Flint led the Comets at forward.

"She was an outstanding shooter and she got us started. We didn't get to the post season in those years but Flint was an excellent player for me three years straight."

Flint was one of the top scorers with 466 points in the 1986-87 season and 1,019 overall. She also was a great defender with 220 career steals.

## Missy Nowak

Missy Nowak, who was a forward at Reed-Custer and the No. 1 leading scorer with 1,613 points. She was a stand-out athlete that would make any dream team.

"She started for me all four years and she was one of the best athletes I've ever coached and one of the most competitive athletes I was lucky to be around. She just played hard and could shoot the ball. Just relentless. A relentless competitor and in basketball, it was her second sport but she was really good."

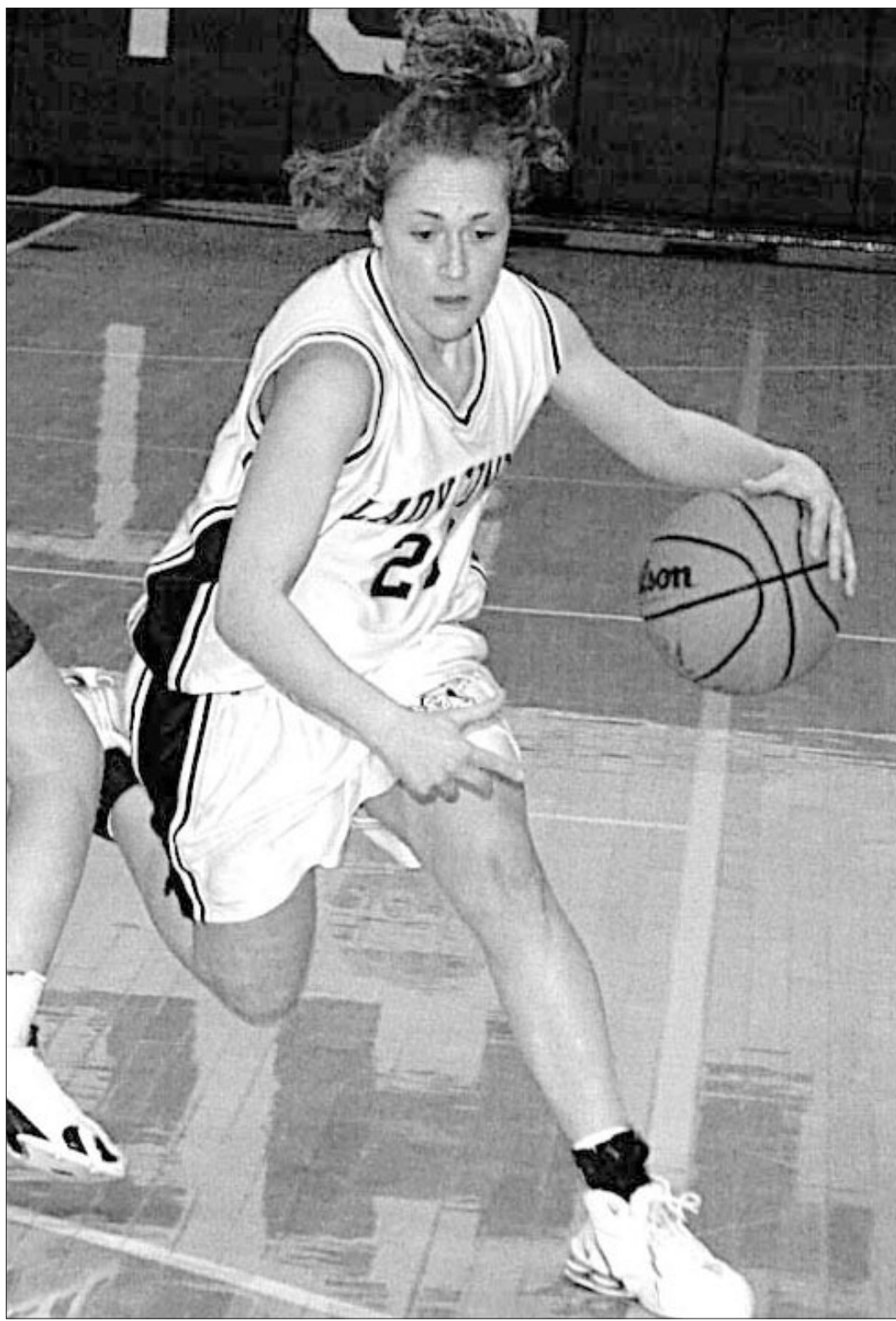
Nowak went on to play softball at DePaul University.

## Kori Studley

Studley was a solid shooting guard for Gamble, who was another one of his top scorers. Studley was great at the three ball, hitting 86 her senior season.

"We kind of went to the three-point shot and pushed the ball up the floor," added Gamble. "Kori had 11 threes in one game against Kankakee. Kori could shoot it and so we spread the ball out and we had

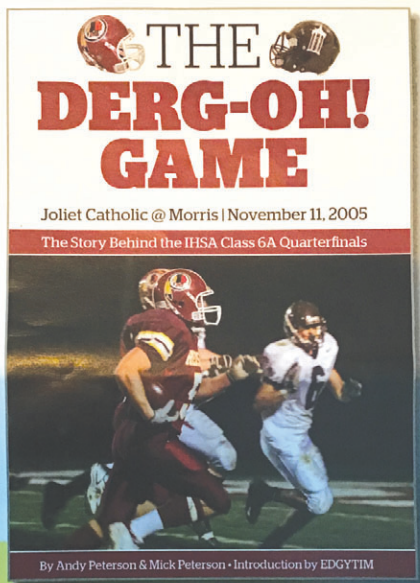
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**FORMER LADY COMET Jenny Coronelli was selected to be on the girls basketball dream team. Coronelli is a 2006 graduate, who is still one of the leading scorers.**

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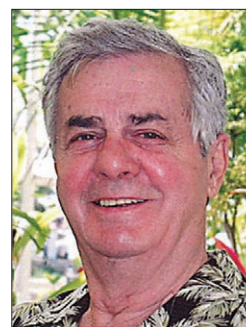
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Operations  
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# Coal City honors a Hometown Hero

Dale Scubic is a hometown hero, a veteran of the U.S. Army who honorably served his country during the Vietnam era.

It was February 1966 when Scubic received his induction notice, often referred to as a "greetings letter." As he said, he volunteered for the draft.

Scubic, the son of Tony and Ramona Scubic, was raised in a home along DeWitt Place in Coal City. He attended local schools and graduated from Coal City Township High School in 1962 where he was a standout baseball and basketball player.

After high school he enrolled at Joliet Junior College, played basketball under coach Fizz Wills from 1962-1964. During his time there the team had two winning seasons.

Upon graduating from the junior college, Scubic enrolled at Western Illinois University. However, with many of his friends and fellow players getting drafted, and the 1964 death of his best friend Tom Hanfeld in a traffic accident while serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in California, he decided to "volunteer" for the draft.

The United States did not use conscription, commonly called the draft, in peace time until 1940 in preparation for World War II. The draft ended in 1945 and was reinstated by the Cold War in 1947.

Males over the age of

18 were required to register with their local Selective Service Board and depending on the needs of the military, some were required to report for a physical at the Armed Forces Induction Center in Chicago. Those found qualified were required to serve two years of active duty, primarily in the Army.

Any draft age male could volunteer instead of waiting for his number to come up. The draft ended in 1973 when the United States reverted to its long standing policy of an all volunteer force.

For Scubic, he was sent to the induction center and upon passing his physical exam was sent to Ft. Polk in Louisiana for processing. About three weeks later he was loaded on a bus headed to Ft. Hood in Texas for eight weeks of basic training.

Upon completion of basic training and after a thorough investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI], Scubic received a top secret clearance and was ordered temporary duty to Sandia Base New Mexico for training as a Basic Nuclear Weapons Maintenance Specialist [MOS 55G20].

At Sandia he was trained to perform maintenance and surveillance of tactical nuclear weapons including the Honest John, Nike Hercules, Pershing and Davy Crockett nuclear



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**DALE SCUBIC'S CLASS A uniform, which replaced the World War II/Korean War Olive Drab uniform, was adopted in 1961. The Class A uniform consisted of a single breasted, shade 41 green, four button coat with notched lapels and matching trousers worn with a tan shirt and black tie, black shoes and socks. Head gear was either the Overseas or Garrison Cap with green piping or the visor cap shown here with black visor and chin strap. Scubic, and his wife Pat, have lent the uniform to the Coal City Public Library for its Hometown Hero display.**

weapons systems.

After successfully completing the course, the Army transferred him back to Ft. Hood to D Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, 1st Armored Division—first of the first of the first—which had no nuclear weapons according to its Table of Organization and Equipment [TO&E]

Since they had no

nuclear weapons and Scubic had qualified as 'expert' with a rifle he was assigned to teach basic rifleman skills with the M14 rifle to new recruits.

While stationed at Ft. Hood the 1st Cavalry received orders to deploy to Vietnam, however, with only a few months left on his required active duty and due to his MOS, Scubic stayed at Ft. Hood.

He took leave shortly before his required active duty obligation ended to return to Coal City. He later drove back to Ft. Hood where he was separated from the Army, and from there he headed west to visit a few good friends in Albuquerque, NM.

Scubic was fortunate to not have been subjected to the attacks from the anti-war faction that greeted some of those who returned after serving their country.

Separated from active service in February 1968, Scubic returned home and was accepted into the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 422 Apprentice program and became a

Journeyman Pipefitter with an Illinois Plumber's License.

He married Patricia Halliday in May 1972 and together they raised three daughters—Toni, Alice and Cori. His life revolved around family, work, his daughters' activities, and restoring old cars.

The couple enjoyed many cruise nights and car shows and all the everyday things that occupy most families.

In June 1998, Pat passed from cancer.

Six years later in 2004, Scubic retired from Local 422, which is now Local 597.

And, in March 2005, Scubic married Pat Vidmar in Las Vegas. The two had met a few years earlier in Joliet. The Scubic's currently live in Carbon Hill and enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

Like every veteran featured as a Hometown Hero, Scubic doesn't consider himself one.

"I'm no hero. I have

been blessed to not have seen combat, many have not been so lucky. If someone asks me if I served, I am proud to say yes, and God bless the United States of America," said Scubic.

Charlie Brown, past commander of St. Juvins Post 1336 said, "Everyone that raises their hand and takes the oath and honorably serves our country is a hero. Without remembering our hometown heroes, our history as a community gets lost, and as much as we who have served try to make the memory of service to our country stay alive it's slipping away."

Scubic's Army Green uniform, which he can still wear, is on display at the entrance to the Coal City Public Library District, along with photos taken during his service to our country.

Hometown Heroes is a joint project of Coal City Public Library District and St. Juvins Post 1336 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

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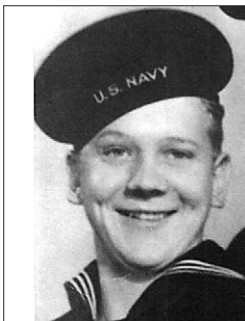
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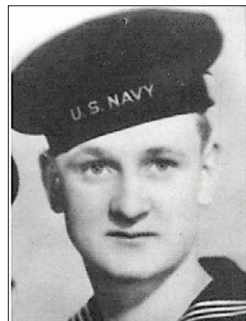
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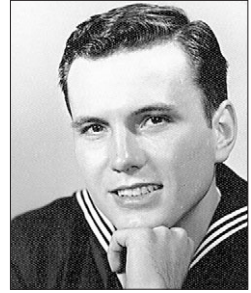
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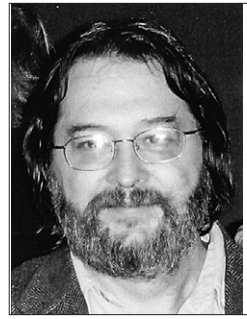




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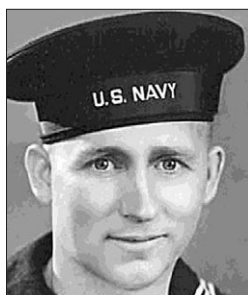

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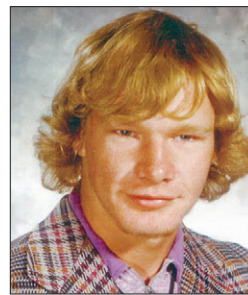
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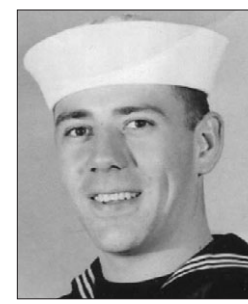
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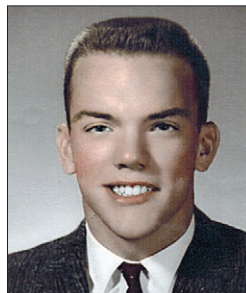
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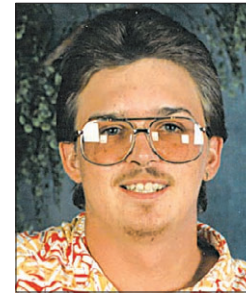
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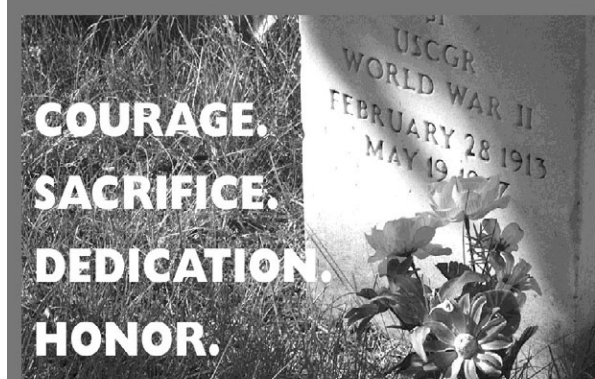
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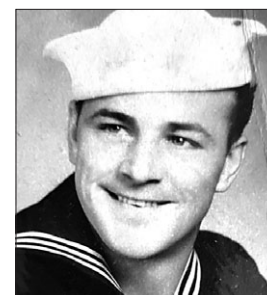
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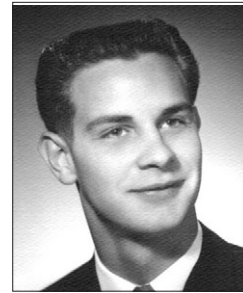
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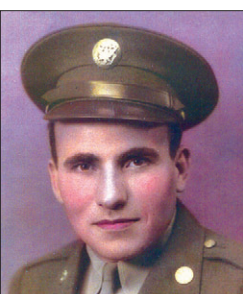
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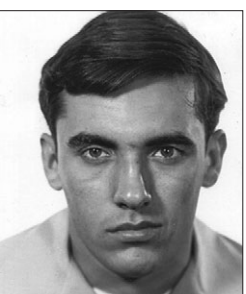
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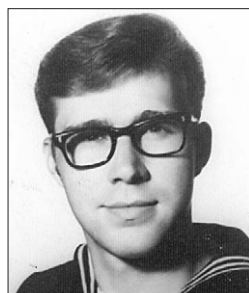
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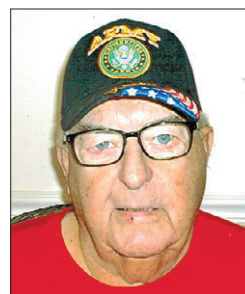
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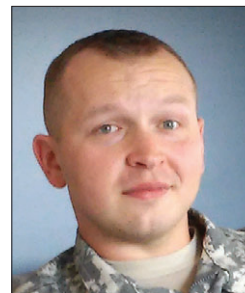
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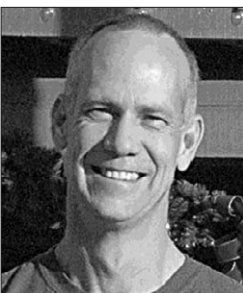
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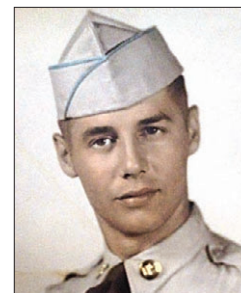
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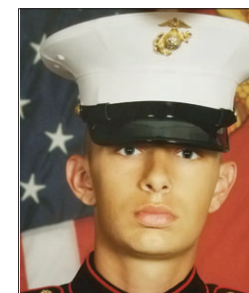
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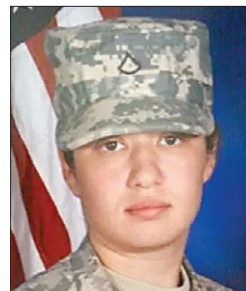
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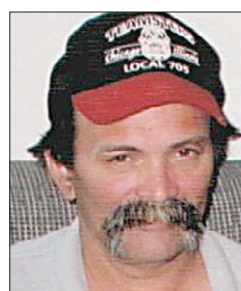
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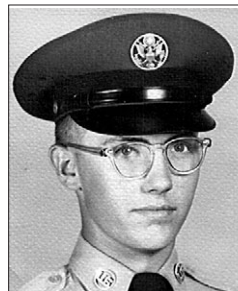
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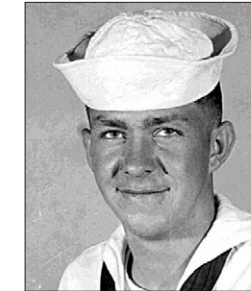
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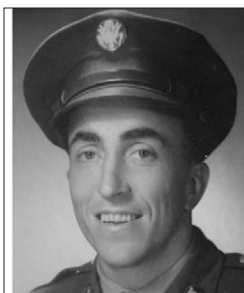
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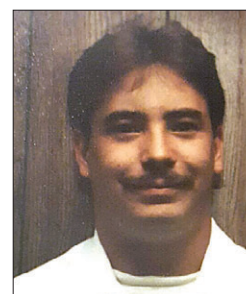
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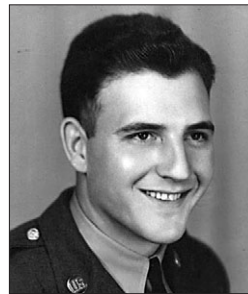
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# Wilmington man saw the world from below the sea

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Sixty two years ago, as a man of just 20 years old, Wilmington resident Carlos Wayne Earl was aboard the U.S.S. Guavina (AOSS 362), deep below the surface of the ocean.

Memories of Earl's time aboard the ship were brought up once again last September as a memorial was erected for 28 submarines that had passed along the Illinois River after their construction during World War II. On the day of the opening, Earl decided not to attend to avoid gatherings due to COVID-19.

Earl's time in the U.S. Navy is well documented, but he says it's been a while since he's gone through his keepsakes.

Even so, he is an organized man, with his Navy memorabilia well taken care of. He has a yearbook from his time at bootcamp, numerous certifications, photos and patches.

He even has a map with lines crisscrossing the Atlantic Ocean and in the Caribbean Sea, marking where he traveled during his time in the Navy.

And he's seen many places.

Such places include, Spain, France, England, Italy, Trinidad, and Cuba. In fact, his favorite memory of his time in the Navy was having the opportunity to travel the world, which he said he never would have been able to see otherwise.

Now, at age 82, Earl says he is more of a homebody.

Earl grew up on a farm in Texas, the youngest of 11 children. After high school, he attended college for some time but then made the decision to join the Navy.

At age 19, he enlisted in the Navy where he began an eight-year journey working in engineering aboard both conventional and nuclear submarines.

After completing boot camp in San Diego, CA, where he was appointed as a leader, Earl went on to attend Class "A" school for IC electrician and then submarine school.

It was in basic submarine school that he had one moment he said he will never forget: taking emergency training on how



**CARLOS WAYNE EARL** is a U.S. Navy veteran who served for eight years on conventional and nuclear submarines. In September, he viewed the new memorial in Morris for 28 submarines built in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, that passed along the Illinois River, through Morris, to the Pacific Ocean theater of World War II. A submarine he worked on at a later time, the U.S. Guavina, was one of those submarines.

to make a 100-foot free ascent in a submarine.

"At 100 feet, you can step out and they hit you in the stomach to make sure that you exhale all your air... When you go up by free ascent, you blow out oxygen all the time while you go up. If you don't, you could explode your lungs because of the pressure," Earl explained. "That was the scariest part of the whole thing for me."

The first submarine he worked on was the Guavina. It was the only submarine oiler that refueled sea planes while underway and submerged.

It was there that Earl earned his Dolphins, which he earned for demonstrating his knowledge of submarines.

His pin is still displayed on his wall in his Wilmington home along with other markers of his accolades.

Earl helped to complete the decommissioning of the Guavina in 1959. He was then transferred to the U.S.S. Puccuda (SS 382) where he served for about a year before being discharged to civilian life in 1961.

He didn't stay away from the Navy for long, though. As the job market was tough at the time, Earl decided to re-enlist just 89 days after discharging.

During his first enlistment, Earl was assigned to conventional submarines, which are run on diesel-electric, but his second enlistment was largely spent on nuclear submarines. His nuclear training would go on to set the foundation for a future career in nuclear power after his time in the Navy.

He served on the U.S.S. Trout (SS 566) while awaiting to enter Navy Nuclear Power School in Groton, Connecticut.

After he completed schooling, he was assigned to the Blue Crew on the nuclear submarine, the U.S.S. James Monroe (SSBN 622) while it was under construction.

When completed, they did initial sea trials and he completed patrols in the North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, which alternated between Blue and Gold Crews. Patrols aboard on the Monroe meant Earl spent 60 days at a time beneath the sea.

Whether he liked conventional submarines — which are run on diesel-electric — or nuclear better, Earl said he liked nuclear much better.

While there are many reasons why people can argue that nuclear submarines are superior to conventional submarines, one of the reasons why Earl likes nuclear is simply the longer and more frequent showers.

"The water consumption on a nuclear ship is much better. You could take a shower every day if you wanted to," he said with humor in his voice.

On conventional submarines, he recalls having to take a quick "spitz" bath out a "pan or bucket or whatever you could find."

After he was discharged from service in 1965, Earl worked for Texas Instruments in Texas, and then worked for General Electric in Arkansas as a reactor operator at the Southwest Experimental Fast Oxide Reactor (SEFOR) plant until it closed after four years. He was transferred to General Electric Morris Operations where he worked in operations.

He moved to Wilmington in 1972 and in 2000 retired after a total of 32 years with General Electric. Earl has one son and two grandchildren He's enjoying his retirement with his wife Paulette in Wilmington.

Although Earl could not attend the opening of the marker that commemorates the Guavina and other submarines that passed along the Illinois River, he made the trip to Morris to see the memorial alone with his wife — a small reminder of his journeys past.



## Lets Put Our Hands Together for Our Veterans

For their service and their sacrifice,  
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to this great country and  
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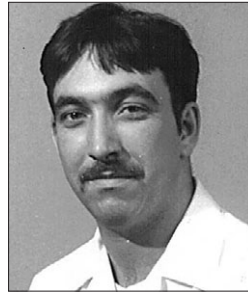




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1954-1972  
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1972-1974  
Coal City, IL



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## Remember our veterans by sponsoring a wreath

Sponsor a wreath for a veteran's grave at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. The wreath laying will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Wreaths are placed after a brief ceremony. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help place wreaths, dress appropriately for the cold.

Sponsorship is a tax deductible donation and may be made for a specific veteran or any veteran.

Complete the form below. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Wreaths Across America and mailed to: Will County Farm Bureau, c/o OCP Wreath Project, 100 Manhattan Rd., Joliet, IL 60433 Group# IL0013P

Sponsorships are being collected through Nov. 24 for the year 2020 campaign. Donations after Dec. 2 will be for 2021. Order online at Wreaths Across America and include cemetery ID: ILALNE. For updates pertaining with wreath placement and coronavirus precautions visit the Facebook page: Wreaths Across America Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

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Enlisted 2013  
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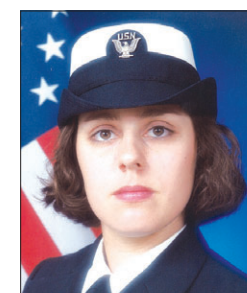
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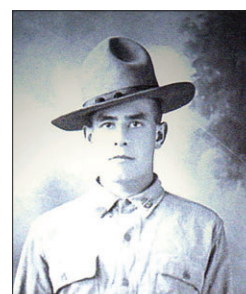
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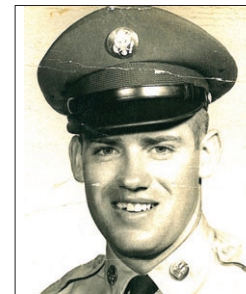
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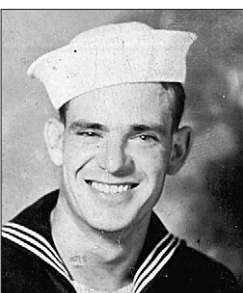
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European Theater  
1943-1945  
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**DWIGHT LEWEY**  
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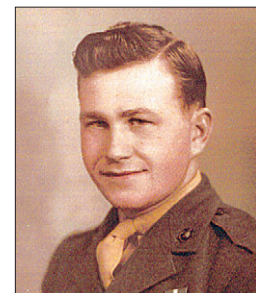
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Awarded Navy Cross



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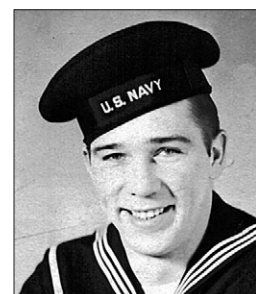
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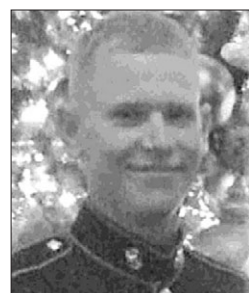




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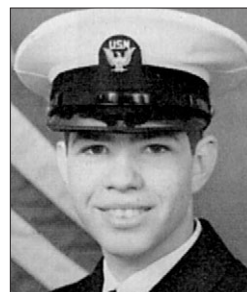
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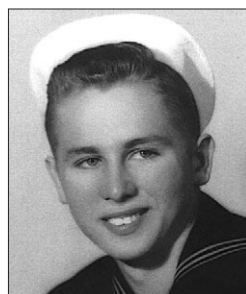
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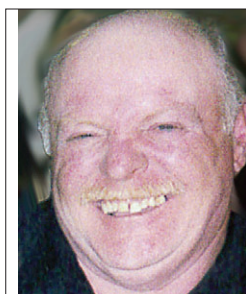
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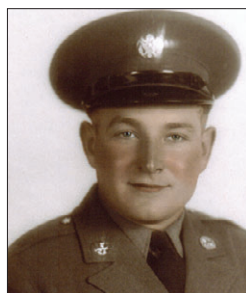
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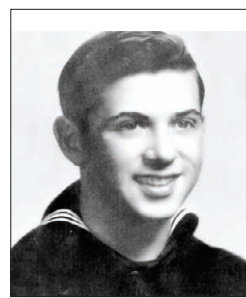
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1984-1988  
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1958-1962  
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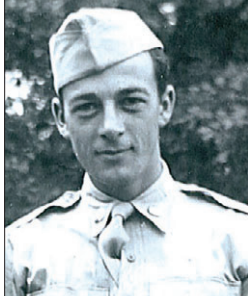
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U.S. Navy  
1974-1978  
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1975-1979  
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U.S. Army  
1950-1953  
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**JOSHUA NUGENT**  
U.S. Air Force  
2014-2018  
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1976-1980  
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U.S. Army  
1943-1945  
Coal City, IL



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U.S. Army  
Gardner, IL



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U.S. Army  
Gardner, IL



**JESSE PARTRIDGE**  
U.S. Navy  
Enlisted 2013  
Seneca, IL



**GERALD PARTYKA**  
U.S. Army Reserves  
1957-1965  
Custer Park, IL





**JAMES PARTYKA**  
U.S. Army  
1964-1967  
Custer Park, IL



**ROBERT PARTYKA**  
U.S. Army Reserves  
1956-1964  
Custer Park, IL



**ROBERT N. PATTERSON**  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Reserve  
Iwo Jima, Okinawa  
1943-1946  
Braidwood, IL



**BRAD PAULSEN**  
U.S. Army  
1978-1984  
Coal City, IL



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U.S. Army POW  
1942-1945  
Coal City, IL



**SGT. RICHARD W. PEMBLE**  
4 years  
U.S. Army  
Crest Hill, IL



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U.S. Marines  
Braidwood, IL



**JOHN M. PERSIC III**  
U.S. Navy  
2000-2004  
Wilmington, IL



**RICHARD A. PERSIC**  
U.S. Navy  
1990-1996  
Gainesville, GA



**LT. CMDR. LEROY E. PETERSEN**  
U.S. Navy  
23 years  
Elwood, IL



**SGT 1ST CIASS ERIC PETERSON**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
5.5 years  
Braidwood, IL



**CLARENCE PHILLIPS**  
U.S. Army  
1943  
Braceville, IL



**JOE PHILLIPS**  
U.S. Marines  
1953-1955  
Coal City, IL



**JOHN "JACK" PHILLIPS**  
U.S. Marines  
1953-1955  
Coal City, IL



**JOSEPH T. PHILLIPS SR.**  
U.S. Navy  
1943-1945  
Coal City, IL



**GERALD PIERARD**  
U.S. Air Force  
3 years  
Coal City, IL



**JOHN PHILLIPS JR.**  
U.S. Navy  
1976-1979  
Coal City, IL



**FRANK PICCIARIELLO**  
U.S. Army  
1960-1962  
Coal City, IL



**SGT. KENNETH PIEHL**  
1987 to 1992  
U.S. Marine Corp  
Coal City, IL



**EDWARD L. PIERARD**  
U.S. Army  
1957-1959  
Coal City, IL



**DEAN PLESE**  
U.S. Army  
1956-1958  
Wilmington, IL



**LCPL KYLE PLOTTS**  
U.S. Marines  
Enlisted 2010  
Wilmington, IL



**JAMES PLOUGH**  
U.S. Navy  
Korean Conflict,  
Vietnam War  
Diamond, IL



**WALTER PLUME**  
U.S. Marines  
1951-1961  
Wilmington, IL



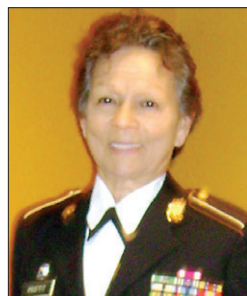
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U.S. Army  
World War II  
Wilmington, IL



**PO HAROLD WAYNE POORE JR.**  
U.S. Navy & U.S.  
Civilian Air Force - 6  
years  
South Wilmington, IL



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U.S. Army  
33 years



**LETICIA PROFFITT**  
U.S. Army  
22 years





**THOMAS R. PROFFIT**  
U.S. Air Force  
1970-1972



**CORPORAL  
GEORGE PTACEK**  
U.S. Army  
1953-1955  
Braidwood, IL



**VIRGINIA L. PUCKETT**  
U.S. Navy Reserves  
Wilmington, IL



**WT3C RICHARD J.  
PULASKI**  
U.S. Navy  
1943-1946  
Wilmington, IL



**SGT. ROYCE QUAYLE**  
U.S. Army  
1942-1946  
Carbon Hill, IL



**DELL RARIDON JR.**  
U.S. Air Force  
1950-1954  
Wilmington, IL



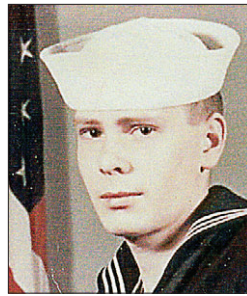
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U.S. Navy  
Enlisted 2012  
Braidwood, IL



**LCPL ERIC J. RATH**  
U.S. Marines  
Enlisted 2012  
Braidwood, IL



**PAUL RATH**  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2005-2011  
Braidwood, IL



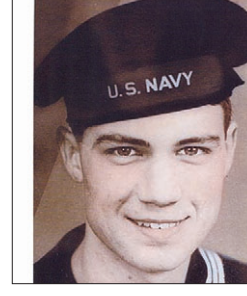
**SAMUEL C. RATH**  
U.S. Navy  
1967-1976



**CORPORAL HALEY  
RAYMOND**  
U.S. Army  
173rd Airborne Special  
Troops Battalion  
Active, Braidwood, IL



**FREDDIE S. READ**  
U.S. Army  
Wilmington, IL



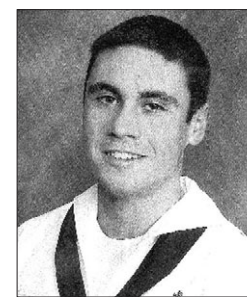
**FRANCIS M. REANO**  
Navy Air Corp  
1944-1946  
Diamond, IL



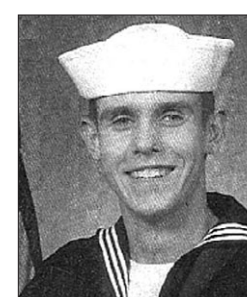
**PC3 DENISE L.  
REDLICH**  
U.S. Navy  
8 years  
Carbon Hill, IL



**JAMES I. REEVES**  
Army Air Force  
1943-1945  
Coal City, IL



**JAMES W. REEVES**  
U.S. Navy  
Enlisted 2003  
Morris, IL



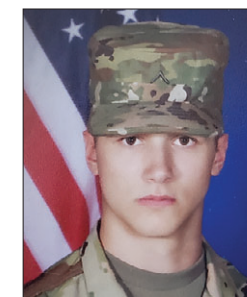
**JOSEPH L. REEVES**  
U.S. Navy  
Enlisted 2009  
Morris, IL



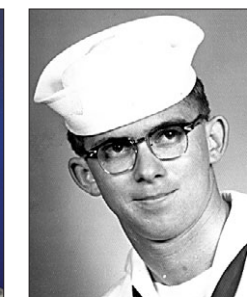
**KEITH REICH**  
U.S. Army  
Korean Conflict  
Custer Park, IL



**GEORGE F.  
RENNINGER SR.**  
U.S. Army & Air Force  
World War II & Korean  
Conflict



**PVT AUSTIN  
RICHARDSON**  
U.S. Army  
4 months  
Verona, IL



**CHIEF PETTY OFFI-  
CER LARRY E. RILEY**  
U.S. Navy  
1960-1980  
Wilmington, IL



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U.S. Army  
1943-1944  
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U.S. Army  
1942-1945  
Wayne, NE



**RICHARD A. RIZZO**  
U.S. Army  
1973 to 1976  
Wilmington, IL



**DAVID ROBBINS**  
Lance Corporal  
U.S. Marines  
2 years  
Morris, IL



**NATE ROCK**  
U.S. Marines  
Enlisted 2014  
Wilmington, IL



**RICHARD S. ROCK**  
U.S. Army  
2 years  
Wilmington, IL



**PFC LOUIS "SPIKE" RODAWOLD**  
Missile Bat.  
1955-1956



**GUNNY SGT. RODRIGO ROMAN**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Enlisted 2001



**JOHN J. RONCHETTI**  
U.S. Air Force  
1944-1946



**JOHN B. ROSS**  
U.S. Army Air Corp  
WWI • 1918-1919  
Coal City, IL



**TIFFANY ROWELL**  
U.S. Air Force  
Coal City, IL



**1st Lt. WILLIAM ROWLAND**  
U.S. Army  
1954-1966  
Wilmington, IL



**CPL GEORGE M. ROZAK**  
U.S. Marines  
1966-1968  
Braidwood, IL



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U.S. Marine Corps  
1961-1965  
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Chennault Flying  
Tigers  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
Wilmington, IL



**LOUIS RUFFATTI**  
U.S. Army  
1954-1956  
Coal City, IL



**MAJOR CARRI SALAS**  
U.S. Air Force  
21 years  
Wilmington, IL



**ROY SAMMONS JR.**  
U.S. Air Force  
1992-1996  
Wilmington, IL



**ANTHONY SANTERELLI**  
U.S. Army  
1962-1964  
Braidwood, IL





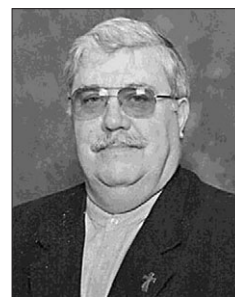
**DEAN SAVAGE**  
U.S. Army  
1942-1943



**LCPL ANTHONY SCAGLIONE**  
U.S. Marines  
Braidwood, IL



**JOHN F. SCHIMANDLE**  
U.S. Army  
World War II  
Coal City, IL



**JOHN J. SCHIMANDLE**  
U.S. Army  
1968-1974  
Coal City, IL



**LOUIS SCHMIDBERGER**  
U.S. Navy  
1953-1959  
Joliet, IL



**SMSgt BRADLEY SCHMITT**  
U.S. Air Force  
25 years  
Coal City, IL



**A1C JOSHUA SCHMITT**  
U.S. Air Force  
Enlisted 2013  
Morris, IL



**2 LT. MICHAEL SCHMITT**  
U.S. Air Force  
16 years  
Coal City, IL



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U.S. Air Force  
4 years  
Morris, IL



**DONALD SCHMITZ**  
U.S. Army  
1951-1953  
Morris, IL



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U.S. Marines  
8 years  
Wilmington, IL



**KARRIE SCHNEIDER**  
Airman E-3  
U.S. Air Force  
Enlisted 2015  
Wilmington, IL



**KENNETH J. SCHNEIDER JR.**  
U.S. Marines  
Chief Warrant Officer  
2  
12 years  
Wilmington, IL



**DEREK M. SCHOTT**  
U.S. Air Force  
Braidwood, IL



**PAUL W. RYAN, JAMES J. PHILBIN,  
JAMES F. RYAN, HAROLD E. RYAN**  
USAAF and U.S. Army, World War II  
Coal City, IL



**KENNETH A. SCHULTZ**  
U.S. Navy  
1956-1960  
Wilmington, IL



**SSGT COLIN SCHWIER**  
U.S. Air Force  
4 years  
Coal City, IL



**ARLEN D. SCOTT**  
U.S. Army  
2 years  
Wilmington, IL



**DALE SCUBIC**  
U.S. Army  
1966-1968  
Coal City, IL



**RICHARD SEBBY**  
U.S. Navy  
2005-2011  
Coal City, IL



**DAN SEDLACHEK**  
U.S. Navy  
22 years-Vietnam  
Wilmington, IL





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U.S. Marines  
Enlisted 2013  
Elwood, IL



**ARNOLD (JIM) SHENK**  
U.S. Air Force  
1959-1963  
Custer Park, IL



**DOUGLAS A.  
SHEPHERD**  
U.S. Air Force  
1996-2011  
Wilmington



**HEATHER L.  
SHEPHERD**  
U.S. Air Force  
1997 to 2003  
Wilmington, IL



**ROYCE L. "SHEP"  
SHEPHERD**  
WWII - USAAF  
Wilmington, IL



**COLIN M. SHERIDAN**  
U.S. Navy  
Enlisted 2007  
Coal City, IL



**MICHAEL T.  
SHERIDAN**  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
1943-1946  
Joliet/Coal City, IL



**JAMES SHEWMAKE**  
U.S. Navy Airman  
4 years  
Wilmington, IL



**JERRY R. SHIRTINO**  
U.S. Marines  
Enlisted 2010  
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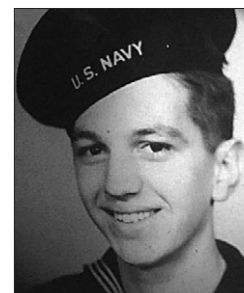
**MATTHEW L. SIEVERT**  
U.S. Army  
2 years, 10 months  
Carbon Hill, IL



**JOSEPH SIKORA JR.**  
U.S. Army  
1942-1945  
Braidwood, IL



**GARY A. SIMONS**  
U.S. Air Force  
4 years  
Coal City, IL



**WILLIAM "BILL"  
SKOFF**  
U.S. Navy  
1943-1946  
World War II  
Custer Park, IL



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SKORYI**  
U.S. Navy  
Wilmington, IL



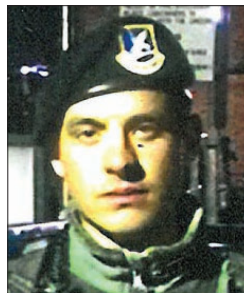
**GARY SKUBIC**  
U.S. Army  
Vietnam War



**DICK R. SLAYTON**  
U.S. Navy Seabee  
4 years  
Wilmington, IL



**ALVIN SMITH**  
U.S. Navy  
World War II  
1944-1945  
Piper City, IL



**A1C DAKOTA SMITH**  
U.S. Air Force  
2013 - present  
Custer Park, IL



**LT. GARRETT SMITH**  
U.S. Navy  
Wilmington, IL



**JAMES E. SMITH JR.**  
U.S. Navy  
1952-1956  
Wilmington, IL



**ETCS LAWRENCE J.  
SMITH**  
U.S. Navy  
23 years  
Coal City, IL



**PVT. MELVIN A. SMITH**  
U.S. Army  
1956-1958



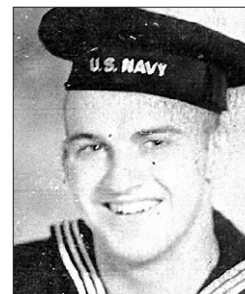
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U.S. Army  
World War II  
Wilmington, IL



**KURT SORENSEN**  
U.S. Army  
Enlisted 2009  
Wilmington, IL



**WAYNE SORENSEN**  
U.S. Army  
1942-1945  
So. Wilmington, IL



**RICHARD J.  
SPANGLER**  
U.S. Navy  
1944-1946  
Wilmington, IL



**LT. VFA 27 JEFF  
SPENCER**  
U.S. Navy  
12 years  
Wilmington, IL



**SSGT JAMES A.  
SPINK**  
U.S. Marines  
3 years  
Wilmington, IL





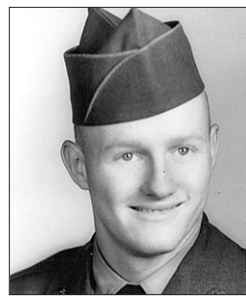
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BRYAN SPREITZER**  
IL Army National  
Guard  
17 years  
Diamond, IL



**GAIL A. SPRINGER**  
U.S. Army Tech Sgt.  
1943-1946  
Fort Morgan, CO



**KEITH A. SPRINGER**  
U.S. Tech Sgt.  
1952-1954  
Topeka, KS



**LARRY J. SPRINGER**  
U.S. Army Spec.  
4th Class  
1956-1958  
Waterville, KS



**LEE M. SPRINGER**  
U.S. Army Spec.  
4th Class  
1957-1959  
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**LYLE MAX SPRINGER**  
U.S. Army Sgt. 1st  
Class  
1951-1954  
Elk City, Idaho



**NEIL M. SPRINGER**  
U.S. Army Sgt.  
1952-1954  
Grand Junction, CO



**SGT. HERBERT "BUD"  
SPUCK**  
U.S. Army Air Force  
1946-1948  
World War II  
Bridgeview, IL



**THOMAS SPURLOCK**  
U.S. Army  
1963-1966  
Wilmington, IL



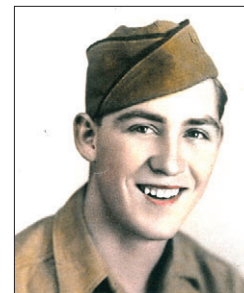
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U.S. Marines  
1975-1980  
Wilmington, IL



**MR2 TIMOTHY STACY**  
U.S. Navy  
8.5 years  
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U.S. Navy  
1944-1946  
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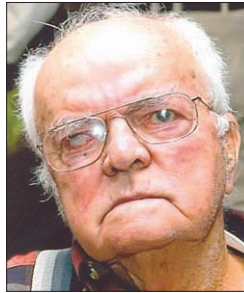
**HAROLD G.  
STAINBROOK**  
U.S. Army  
1942-1946



**TED STALLARD**  
U.S. Navy  
1965-1968  
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**CHARLES H.  
STAPLES**  
U.S. Navy/Army  
1943-1973  
Wilmington, IL



**LOUIS STARK**  
U.S. Army  
Korean Conflict  
Braceville, IL



**SSG. ANTHONY STE-  
FANCIC**  
U.S. Marines  
7 years  
Wilmington, IL



**LYLE "TUFFY"  
STEVENS**  
U.S. Army  
Pacific Tour, WWII-  
TECH 5  
Gardner, IL



**JIM STICKEL**  
Airborne Paratrooper  
1951-1953  
Wilmington, IL



**ASHLEY STRONG**  
U.S. Navy  
Wilmington, IL



**PFC DELANEY  
STUTZKI**  
U.S. Army  
Enlisted 2016  
Morris, IL



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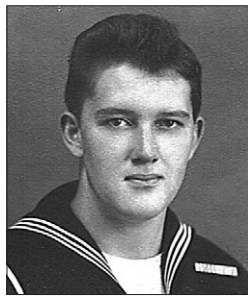
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U.S. Navy  
1944-1946  
Coal City, IL



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U.S. Army  
1942-1946  
Wilmington, IL



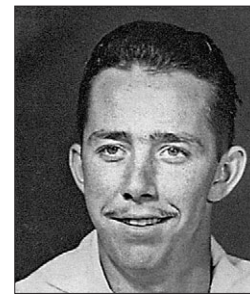
**FRANK SWARTZ**  
U.S. Army  
3 years  
Coal City, IL



**JOSEPH SWARTZ**  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
3 years  
Coal City, IL



**CURTMAN L.  
SWICK SR.**  
S. Sgt. U.S. Marines  
World War II &  
Korean Conflict  
Wilmington, IL



**RICHARD TARMAN**  
U.S. Navy/Marines  
Coal City, IL



**RYAN TAYLOR**  
U.S. Navy  
1 year  
Coal City, IL



**SGT. JEREMY  
TEAGUE**  
U.S. Marines  
2000-2004  
Diamond, IL



**WAYCEE TEMPLET**  
U.S. Army  
Enlisted 2017  
Morris, IL



**MICHAEL TESSLER**  
U.S. Navy  
Vietnam War  
Braidwood, IL



**JAMES E. TESTA**  
U.S. Air Force  
1953-1957



**DEWEY THOMAS**  
U.S. Navy  
World War II  
1942-1946  
Wilmington, IL



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U.S. Air Force  
1969-1973  
Wilmington, IL



**MICHAEL V. THOMAS**  
U.S. Air Force  
1977-1981  
Wilmington, IL



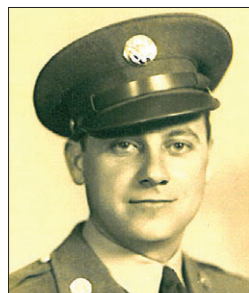
**DONALD S.  
THOMPSON**  
U.S. Army  
2 years  
Wilmington, IL



**AZ3 CAROL FARRERO  
THRAEN**  
U.S. Navy  
4 years  
Coal City, IL



**LT. COURTNEY  
THRAEN**  
U.S. Navy  
5 years  
Coal City, IL



**DOMENIC TIRA**  
U.S. Army  
World War II  
1942-1945  
Coal City, IL



**DONALD TIRA**  
U.S. Army  
Vietnam War  
1969-1971  
Coal City, IL



**LOUIS TIRA**  
U.S. Army  
World War II  
1941-1946



**MICHAEL TOGLIATTI**  
U.S. Marines  
1942-1946  
Coal City, IL



**DAVE TOGLIATTI**  
U.S. Army  
1965-1967  
Coal City, IL



**RYLAND TONDINI**  
U.S. Air Force  
Enlisted 2018  
Coal City, IL



**MAJ. NATHAN J.  
TRIBBLE**  
U.S. Army  
2008 to present  
Braidwood, IL



**ELWYN A. TROTTER**  
U.S. Army  
1941-1946  
Coal City/Morris, IL



**DONALD TULLEY**  
Korean War - 4 Years  
U.S. Navy E5 RD2  
Korean Conflict-  
4 years  
Wilmington, IL



**REBECCA TULLY**  
U.S. Navy  
Wilmington, IL





**STEVEN G. TURAN**  
U.S. Navy  
1961-1963  
Wilmington, IL



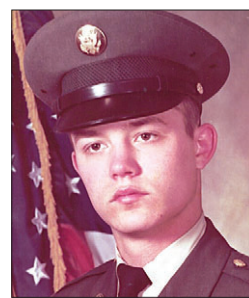
**TURNER G. TURAN**  
U.S. Navy  
1944-1946  
Wilmington, IL



**CORY TURNER**  
U.S. Air Force  
6 years  
Braidwood, IL



**JERRY TURNER**  
U.S. Army  
6 years



**RONALD TYRAKOWSKI**  
U.S. Army  
101st Airborne  
1976-1979 & 1982-1985  
Wilmington, IL



**FRANK B. ULMANEK**  
U.S. Navy  
World War II  
Pacific Theater of Operations  
Manteno, IL



**CHARLES URBAN**  
U.S. Army  
1942-1946  
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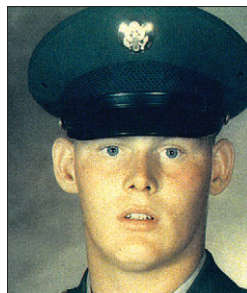
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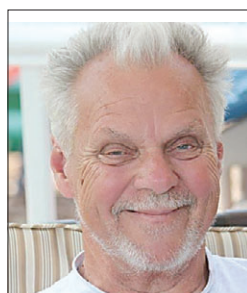
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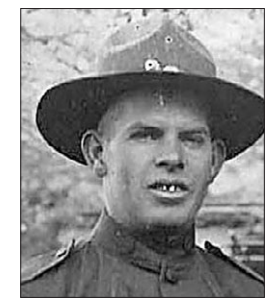
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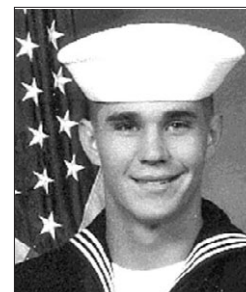
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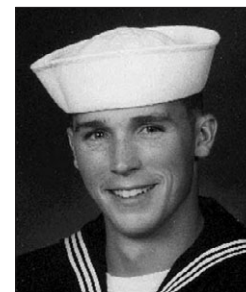
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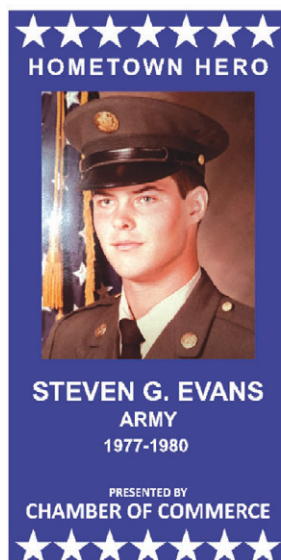


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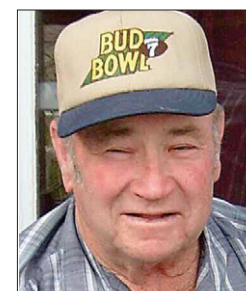
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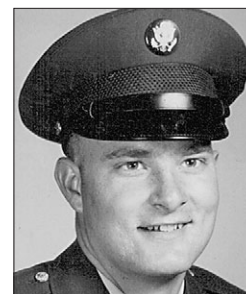
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World War II  
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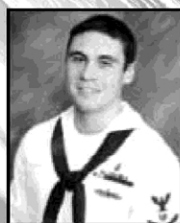
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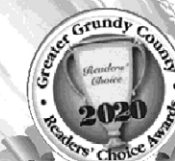
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