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A RUN TO REMEMBER — Players and coaches from the RCMS State Champion Girls Softball Team each were given a commemorative softball and lauded for their championship run during the Dec. 21 regular meeting of the board of education.

State champs honored by Reed-Custer School Board

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

The members of the Reed-Custer Middle School Panthers state champion girls softball team received a well earned thank you this month from the board of education.

The Panthers claimed the school's first-ever IESA Class 2A state championship by defeating Metamora 4-1 in 12 innings during the championship game at Champion Fields in Normal this past September.

On Dec. 22, the board invited the players and their families to the regular monthly meeting to thank them for their efforts that brought the hardware back to Reed-Custer this fall.

"Everybody sitting in here contributed in one way or another," Superintendent

Mark Mitchell told the members of the team assembled at the meeting. "It could have been something that happened in practice, it could have been words of encouragement from the dugout, it could have been a homerun over the wall, it could have been a strikeout of one of their key hitters. You all contributed in some way, so be very proud of that."

Mitchell said the team's run created a way for the community to bond, show up, and give support to Reed-Custer.

"I'll start by thanking all of you girls for what you brought to the school, and what you brought to this community, and I think you really noticed that," Mitchell said. "It was crazy, in every game the crowd grew and the crowd grew, and you get to that championship game and that place was

packed and it was black and gold down in Bloomington."

Mitchell also reminded the students of the pride that comes with a great run.

"You get a chance in life sometimes to write a sports story or to write some sort of story about what you're good at," Mitchell said, recalling championship runs like the '85 Bears, the 2016 Cubs, and the Miracle on Ice.

"These are stories that resonate and stay with you forever," Mitchell continued. "What you did was, you wrote your own. Because you're going to remember this forever. It will stick with you, and that's something for you to be an amazing memory to share with your families, to share with your kids, hey we were the first state champs in school history."

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REED-CUSTER SUPERINTENDENT Mark Mitchell tosses out commemorative softballs to members of the RCMS State Champion Girls Softball Team during the regular meeting of the board of education on Dec. 21. The team was honored for their efforts that claimed the school's first ever softball state title.

Blue Santa delivers in Braidwood



Courtesy photo

A BLUE CHRISTMAS MEANS SOMETHING different in Braidwood than it does in the old Elvis Christmas carol. Members of the BPD took time out of their holiday Sunday on Christmas afternoon to deliver treats and presents to area families in need. The annual Blue Santa event is paid for through fundraising efforts that take place year round by the BPD, as well as through donations by local businesses. The department selects families who could benefit from the program each year. In addition to providing presents and cheer, the families are also provided with a warm Christmas meal, courtesy of Walter "Freak" Kozielski (center), owner of Top Fuel Saloon. BPD Chief Todd Lyons said the annual event is part of the department's community outreach efforts, to let the public know that the police are part of the community and always around to help.

Paying utility bill online could cost extra

Fees, late charges common when using certain websites

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

City leaders in Braidwood are reminding residents that paying their utility bills online

through third party websites might be causing more trouble, and cash, than needed.

During the Dec. 13 regular meeting of the City Council, Finance Commissioner Doug Money told the public that residents are getting hit with extra fees and late charges for utilizing third party payment websites to pay their bills, rather

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Candidates file for spring election

STAFF REPORT

The stage is set for the April 4, 2023 consolidated election, with four of five seats on the Braidwood City Council set to be hotly contested races.

The following residents have filed their petitions to run for City Council in the spring:

- Mayor — Doug Money, Chris Earley, Matthew Beard
- Streets and Alleys —

Dale Walsh, Jim Vehrs, Sunny Hassett

- Public Buildings and Property — Warren Wietting, Jeff Saltzman
- Accounts and Finances — Karen Hart, Sue Grygiel

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than going through the city's website directly.

The sites work as a middle man, where residents submit their payment to the website company not associated with the city. That company charges a fee, then turns around and sends the city a check on the resident's behalf.

Money said the city has several options to pay bills, and only one has a small fee.

"If you provide cash for your water bill, there is no fee. If you provide a check for your water bill, there is no fee. If you use a credit or debit card in person, where you bring the card with you to the drive up window or the walk up window, there is no fee," Money said. "If you call City Hall and make a payment over the phone on a credit or debit card, there's a \$2.50 fee. These are fees that the bank charges us that we pass along. There's a 24 hour drop box in the drive up, any of the no-charge fees apply to the drop box. If you go to our website, www.braidwood.us, and look on the blue menu bar on the far right you'll see pay my bill. If you click that button it will give you the instructions for how to sign up so that you can pay your bill on our website where you can avoid these third party fees."

Money said the third party service

not only charges higher fees, but since they cut an actual check and mail it to the city, payments often come in late, even if the customer paid on time. That late fee means yet another charge to the account.

Money noted that the city began offering online payments through the city website several years ago, which can be used for one time payments, or for auto-pay.

"There's no cost to sign up. You can do a one-time payment through the website, there is a \$2.50 fee for that. If you sign up [for auto pay] then there is no fee for that. It's just a way to avoid a possible \$20 late fee, and [the third party fees] which are often around \$2.90," Money said.

The online billing option is available through the city's website, www.braidwood.us, by clicking on "pay my bill." First time users need their account number, located on their paper bill.

In other business before the City Council on Dec. 13:

- The council approved a special service area along EZ Street. The special service area will help the city collect tax dollars to pay for bonds used to purchase land for two new car dealerships.
- D'Orazio and Bauer LLC made a deal with the city earlier this year to move both dealerships to Braidwood by the end of 2024.
- "It's a special service area that's going to impose a tax on one specific parcel. This is not a tax that would be on any per-

son's tax bill except for D'Orazio and Bauer LLC," city attorney Bryan Wellner explained. "It's consistent with the agreement that was entered into by the city of Braidwood and [the LLC] and what it generally says is that in exchange for conveyance of the property that the city made to the developer, that the developer will support creating the special service area to help pay the bond that was issued to purchase that property originally."

The special service area will allow the city to tax the developer to help pay for the bonds that were issued to help purchase the property. Once the dealerships are built and operational, tax dollars produced by those businesses will pay for the remainder of the bonds.

The special service area goes into effect in tax year 2023, payable in the year 2024. The special service area will terminate immediately after the dealerships are complete.

A public hearing was held on the creation of the special service area during the regular meeting of the city council on Dec. 13. There were no comments during that hearing.

The council approved the special service area unanimously.

- The council approved the payroll in the amount of \$95,564.
- The council approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$151,142.

Champs

So, it's something to be absolutely, amazingly proud of."

To thank the team, each of the girls was given a commemorative softball with the school colors and logo, each personalized with each player's name.

"It was a lot of fun to watch," Mitchell said. "The companionship and the work ethic out of all of you is what got you here. So, be very pleased and

very happy."

The members of this year's team are Gracie Robinson, Amber Syc, Reese Brown, Caycie Esparza, Kamryn Wilkey, Peyton Landgraff, Kamrynn Skonetski, Sophie Moyers, Kirstin Klein, Taylor Bova, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Mackenzie Foote, Atiana Hood, and Harlie Liebermann. The assistant coach is Taylor Meents and head coach is Lynn Zoltani, and team helpers are helpers Addi Brown and Mya Beard.

Road repairs sidelined in Braidwood

BY MARNEY SIMON EDITOR

Braidwood Streets and Alleys Commissioner Fay Smith said that as the new year approaches, he's still frustrated by the lack of road work planned or completed around town.

During the Dec. 13 regular meeting of the City Council, Smith once again raised the issue of roads going unaddressed, something he has brought up numerous times over the past year.

Smith said he has asked to have bids put out for various road repairs since last spring, but nothing has been planned.

But, city engineer Dave Weber said Braidwood, as well as other towns in the region, have had to put some road work plans on hold over the past year due to the high costs of materials.

"I would caution that last year we had the highest asphalt prices on record. They went from about \$56 per foot to about \$90," Weber said. "So, looking at it, it was a terrible time to do it. But, the current plan is to put bids out in February, collect them in March, and still get it done first thing in the spring."

Smith said the issue has become frustrating, because

the roads continue to need patches or fixes, and it gives the impression that the city isn't fulfilling its duty.

"In this [year] it seems like I didn't get any streets fixed, and people are talking about it," Smith said.

But Weber added that the prices simply would not have gotten enough of the needed roadwork addressed.

Smith also added with winter weather upon us, the city's plows could use some work, asking for funding to make sure that equipment stays operational all winter.

The commissioner also suggested the city consider offering a helping hand to those who might need assistance this winter.

"If a man's got real heart trouble and he can't shovel the snow, I feel that the city wouldn't be doing anything wrong cleaning his driveway for an ambulance to get to him," Smith said. "So, I want them to notify City Hall so they'll know who is in bad shape. I'm too old to shovel snow myself but I would be happy to help somebody if they needed it."

Smith said people should contact him at City Hall if they are looking for extra assistance from the city.

Election

• **Public Health and Safety** — James Mikel

The city of Braidwood runs on a Commission form of government. That means rather than elect members at large or within geographical districts, as seen with aldermen or trustees, each elected official runs a commission, which oversees a department of the city.

The duties of each commission includes, but are not limited to, the following:

- Mayor — Chief executive officer of the city and commissioner of public affairs

as well as liquor commissioner, the mayor appoints, with the advice and consent of the city council, the city clerk, the city attorney, the city administrator, the chief of police, and members of the board of fire and police commissioners, zoning board of appeals, and the planning commission. The mayor also supervises those appointees.

- Commissioner of accounts and finances — Serves as vice president of the Council, hires and supervises the city treasurer/finance department employees, and supervises the financial operations of the city including all tax increment financing districts.
- Commissioner of public health and safety — Supervises the conduct and

operation of the police department, emergency dispatching and telecommunications, code enforcement, animal control, and health regulations, and oversees employees who exercise duties for the police department, code enforcement, animal control, and health regulations except those employees under the jurisdiction of the board of fire and police commissioners.

- Commissioner of streets and public improvements — Acts as the superintendent of the street department and all matters pertaining to the city streets, alleys, sidewalks, drainage, storm sewer system, and roadways, and is ex-officio commissioner of public works. Oversees all employees in the streets department, and provides for the annual streets department budget.
- Commissioner of public property — Acts as the superintendent of the department of public property, supervises the conduct of the water and

sanitary sewer departments, all real estate, including the city hall, and all personal property which is not used by a specific department, appoints, with the advice and consent of the city council, the water and sewer plant operator, and oversees water/sewer employees.

At the Reed-Custer School District, four candidates have also filed for the three 4-year terms up for election on the 255U Board of Education. Current board members Greg Boyer and Chris Cavanaugh will run to retain their seats, while newcomers Melissa Micklos and John Guistat will also vie for a term.

Each candidate will be provided a candidate questionnaire regarding some of the top issues they will face should they win the election. The results of those questionnaires will be printed closer to election day.

Attorney Wysocki files Ware estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SHIRLEY T. WARE, Deceased; No. 22 PR
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CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of SHIRLEY T. WARE. Letters of Office were issued to Hugh J. Ware whose address is 1624 Heiden Ave., Crest Hill, IL 60403 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 28th day of June, 2023 if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Deceased

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Attorney Wysocki files Zelinski estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
THEODORE J. ZELINSKI, Deceased; No.
22 PR 735

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of THEODORE J. ZELINSKI. Letters of Office were issued to Steven J. Zelinski whose address is 1808 Addleman St., Joliet, IL 60431 as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 28th day of June, 2023 if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Attorney McGrath files Elder estate notice

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS -
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA ELDER, Deceased. Case No.: 22 PR 494

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors, of the death of LINDA ELDER, of Frankfort, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued August 19, 2022, to JAY ELDER, whose address is 3304 Yellowstone Dr. SW, Grandville, MI 49418 and MOLLY KUBA, whose address is 21 W. Avenue F, Lewistown, IL 61542, Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney of record is Timothy J. McGrath, of 440 S. State Street, Manhattan, IL, 60442. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (IL. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755 par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date of June 28, 2023, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and that any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org.

Jay Elder and Molly Kuba,
Independent Co-Administrators of the
Estate of Linda Elder, Deceased.

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Attorney McGrath files Kochel estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS -
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of CLARENCE F. KOCHEL, Deceased. Case No.: 22 PR 749

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors, of the death of CLARENCE F. KOCHEL, of Joliet, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued December 12, 2022, to KIMBERLY A. CLARK, Independent Administrator, whose address is 230 Lee St., Manhattan, IL 60442, whose attorney of record is Timothy J. McGrath, of 440 S. State Street, Manhattan, IL, 60442. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (IL. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755 par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date of June 28, 2023, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and that any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Kimberly A. Clark,
Independent Administrator of the
Estate of Clarence F. Kochel, Deceased.

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Attorney McGrath files Bush estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS -
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of CAROYL BUSH, Deceased. Case No.: 22 PR 692

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors, of the death of CAROYL BUSH, of New Lenox, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued December 9, 2022, to BRADLEY BUSH, Independent Executor, whose address is 1714 W. Thorndale Ave., Chicago, IL 60660, whose attorney of record is Timothy J. McGrath, of 440 S. State Street, Manhattan, IL, 60442. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (IL. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755 par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date of June 28, 2023, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and that any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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REED-CUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL named the students of the month for December. The characteristic was caring/generosity, students include (from left): Rhylee Todd (7th grade), Kamrynn Skonetski (8th), Mason Vasil (8th), Quinn Bandy (6th), Sophie Schroeder (7th), Eddie Bryan (7th), Alex Fierro (8th), Mackenzie Loveland (6th), Charlie Plummer (6th), Aidan Dubbert (7th), Ashlen Lovett (6th) and Arlethe Leyva (8th).



From Ireland to Braidwood, the story of William Connor

The subject in today's column is, in the grand scheme of things, a nobody. Although prosperous in his time, he is little remembered. But his story is one that was typical of the time - that of poor family that comes to the States and makes good, but not without a lot of sorrow and pain.



TIME WAS....
Sandy Vasko

The biography comes from one published in 1900 as a who's who in Will County, but no author attributed to it. Here is the story of a common man.

"In the subject of this article Braidwood has one of its most prosperous and successful men. The fact that he commenced life with little money speaks well for his industry and good management. It is always a pleasure to record the success of a man who, beginning with but small means, has received a substantial position as the owner of a good business."

"Mr. Connor is an excellent manager, as all who know him can testify. In addition to being the owner of a large meat market in Braidwood, he has accumulated more than one thousand acres of land in Will and Kankakee Counties and in Iowa."

"Mr. Connor was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, April 11, 1838, a son of Thomas and Bridget Connor. Of the family of seven children, two are living, Thomas and William, both of this county. The father was twice married and by his first wife had one child, now deceased. Afterward he married Miss Waldron. Some three years after his death his widow, in 1845, became the wife of Patrick Carroll, a farmer. In 1847 Mr. and Mrs. Carroll brought their family to America, settling in Grafton County, N. H.

"A short time later they removed to Norwich, Vt., but soon came west

to Illinois, arriving in Joliet October 1, 1848. They remained in the city only one month, and then went to Wilmington Township, settling eleven and one-half miles south of Wilmington and buying government land.

"Besides improving their land, they engaged to work on the dam across the Kankakee River. In May, 1849, they removed to Kankakee, and there Mr. Carroll died in 1851. The mother removed with the family in 1853 to Reed Township and bought a tract of land on section 4, where she remained until her death in 1885.

"In their various removals our subject accompanied his mother and stepfather. He received a common school education and grew up familiar with farm work. In 1869 he married Miss Mary Callahan, who was born in Joliet.

"After his marriage our subject remained for three years on the home farm, after which he removed to Braidwood and gave his attention to the meat business established by himself and brother the year previ-

ous."

While it would seem that the meat business was a much safer trade than saloon keeper, in Braidwood all jobs were hazardous. We read:

"On Saturday afternoon, while officer Stewart was attaching some property of Sam Williams', to satisfy a judgment in favor of Connor Bros., Williams made a savage attack. He kicked Stewart and attempted the "Gouge game," but was finally choked off, and by the combined efforts of four men lodged in the calaboose. Williams has been a fighting man - a fellow born fists foremost - for the past 20 years. Squire Dando let him off with a fine of \$10 and costs.

"William Connor has since made his home in Braidwood, with the exception of eighteen months spent on a farm at Reddick, Kankakee County, in the early '80s. On his return to Braidwood he again engaged in the meat business, which he continues to the present. He has been very successful in his ventures,

and is rated among the most prosperous men of the city.

"He has been closely associated with the upbuilding of Braidwood and has been a factor in its progress. In political belief Mr. Connor is a Democrat. In 1870, 1871 and 1874 he held the office of supervisor of Reed Township. He has always been interested in educational matters and taught school for four winters prior to his marriage. Later, for many years, he served as school director in his district, also as trustee and treasurer."

And as a side note, I looked at William's brother Thomas, as he seemed to have dropped out of history. All I found was these two entries in my file from the fall of 1882.

"Tommy, a son of Thomas Connor, of this place, died from diphtheria Thursday." And "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connors lost another child from diphtheria on Tuesday - a fine little boy of about five years. The bereaved are indeed entitled to sympathy."

Life was not kind to everyone.

The way things were: Braidwood Year in Review 2022

STAFF REPORT

It was a busy year in the city of Braidwood, with deals struck, programs kicking off, and the city police department welcoming a new four-legged officer.

Here, a look at a few of the headlines that kept people in Braidwood talking in 2022.

Arnie Bauer and D'Orazio coming to town

A major development is slated to be built along EZ Street over the course of the next two years.

In June, the council approved a redevelopment agreement with Bauer & D'Orazio, LLC, to bring D'Orazio Ford and Arnie Bauer Chevrolet into the subdivision at EZ Street and Division Street, which is located inside the city's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) III district.

The agreement includes a total of 64 acres of land that will be purchased by the City of Braidwood for \$1.8 million, and conveyed to Bauer & D'Orazio, LLC for construction of a new Ford dealership and a new Chevrolet dealership. The D'Orazio Ford dealership is expected to be built on 11.7 acres, while the Arnie Bauer Chevrolet dealership will take up 8 acres. The new dealerships will sit adjacent to Camping World and Warren's Collision Center.

The deal includes TIF eligible incentives up to \$4.765 million, including a real estate tax incitement reimbursement, municipal sales tax reimbursement, in calendar years 2025 through 2034, reimbursement for qualifying construction projects, and waiving of all permit fees and utility tap on fees for the two dealerships. The city will also construct a left turn lane onto north Division Street, which is currently a right in/right out only.

As far as the city's \$1.8 million property purchase, funds will come from the issuance of debt certificates. This month, the city approved a special service area to help capture tax revenue to repay those certificates.

Per the agreement, both dealerships must be completed on or before Dec. 24, 2024.

Truck stop, truck parking lot approved

Despite some calls for the city to rethink development that caters to truck traffic, two businesses that serve the big rigs earned approval in 2022.

The first is a truck parking lot in the Route 66 Subdivision, at the corner of Route 53 and Division Street.

In April the city council approved a plan from the



D'ORAZIO FORD posted a sign in front of their Wilmington location in 2021 that they were moving, and in 2022 the site of that move was revealed to be in Braidwood. The dealership is expected to open by the end of 2024.

property owner to consolidate the subdivision's 12 lots into one and vacate Enterprise Drive.

The site is being developed into a gravel parking lot for up to 200 trucks. The developer has submitted a site plan to the city, to include fencing, a berm, and expansion of the retention pond.

The developer, Secure Truck Line, Inc. of Addison, said parking sites will also be available for lease for RVs, campers, or boats.

Residents expressed concerns over the potential for more truck traffic, noise, pollution, and damage to roads. To date, the business is not up and running.

The second truck related business approved is a truck stop set to be built at Kennedy Road and Kankakee Road just off the Reed Road interchange with I-55.

That development is set to include an approximate 24,000 square foot truck stop providing gasoline and diesel fuel, as well as a hotel with 22 lodging suites, a locker room with private showers, a laundry facility, 10 gaming machines, retail/convenience store sales, and multiple restaurant developments. The site plan also includes 83 standard parking stalls, four ADA parking stalls, and 83 truck parking stalls.

The site is being developed by Sam Makin, who owns the property under the name Braidwood Truck Stop LLC.

In addition to truck traffic and noise, concerned residents said they were worried about the potential for crime, as well as what a truck stop would mean for property values for homes close to the project.

City leaders said the city already has signs with flags marking that Kennedy Road is not a truck route, and will add additional signage when the

truckstop is built.

Early childhood program comes to Reed-Custer

An idea first floated for discussion in the spring came to fruition by the end of the year, as the Reed-Custer School District added a new early childhood center to the district, providing an educational child care environment for district employees.

In April, just once month after first discussing the idea with members of the board of education, Superintendent Mark Mitchell told the board that the next steps had already been taken to institute the program, which will not only provide a valuable service, but could help retain staff who might otherwise choose to leave to raise their young children.

Infants and toddlers up to 18 months are housed in a room at RCMS, while ages 2-5 utilize the old cafeteria at the high school.

The process to get the center improved included working closely with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The agency is charged with overseeing licensed daycare providers in the state. Opening the center followed a specific timeline, including market evaluation, review of standards and codes, application for a license, site evaluation, creation of a business plan, program development plans, and licensing.

The center officially opened in October.

To Zoo or not to Zoo

The animals of the Braidwood Zoo remain safe in their pen.

But, city officials said negotiations are still in the works to bring commercial business to the site of the

Braidwood Zoo sometime in the next year. The expectation is a commercial/retail business including a drive thru lane, utilizing the site entrances both off Front Street and Oak Street.

City leaders have expressed interest in relocating the animals of the Braidwood Zoo. But by year's end, the only movement was that the animals would continue to stay put in their "cage."

The Braidwood Zoo, an enclosed area holding five animal sculptures created by late Essex artist Jack Barker.

The sculptures, which include a giraffe, bull, cow, elephant, and polar bear, were purchased by local businesses from Barker's estate after his passing and donated to the city, then placed at the site in 2012.

In May of 2022, in a 3-1 vote, the council approved a resolution authorizing the sale of surplus real estate that makes up the site.

City leaders said commercial development was always the plan for the site, which was first acquired by the city back in 2008.

The potential development is expected to incorporate the entire property as a combination of the two lots.

The properties—151 N.

Front St. and 305 E. Oak St.—were acquired by the city in 2008 and 2011, respectively, and in 2012 the combined sites were turned into the zoo and picnic area and roadside attraction. The animals were purchased by local businesses from Barker's estate after his passing, and the fencing around the zoo was provided by Exelon, now Constellation Energy.

A flagpole was added in 2016.

In 2013, Braidwood was awarded \$116,800 from the state's Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development program (OSLAD). However, after the award, the state began putting more and more conditions on the funding, which the city couldn't meet. Therefore the grant funding never arrived, despite an OSLAD sign being placed on the pavilion.

Last spring, commissioners signed off on a resolution to sell the property, but have not announced who the potential buyer may be or what specifically will be developed at the site.

Four-legged officer sworn in with Braidwood Police

On March 22, Public Health and Safety Commissioner James Mikel

told members of the City Council that a new police dog would soon be joining the ranks of the BPD. And, the commissioner added, the new unit is coming to Braidwood at no cost to the tax payers, thanks to a program through Will County State's Attorney Jim Glasgow's office.

The K9, training and equipment were all paid for Glasgow's office.

Glasgow's office has previously purchased drug-detection K-9 dogs for seven police departments throughout Will County to assist local law enforcement efforts in removing dangerous drugs from communities, including departments in Wilmington, Elwood, Shorewood, Channahon, and Rockdale.

Glasgow said the K9s provided to police departments have helped take dealers off Will County streets and have helped save lives. The dogs also help prevent the scourge of drug use by assisting local schools in monitoring for the presence of drugs and providing an opportunity for intervention and prevention.

The dog, who was named Nuke, and handler Officer Phil Tyree focus on narcotics and drug detection.



IN 2022, THE CITY of Braidwood declared the property that holds the Braidwood Zoo as surplus, opening the door to redeveloping the Route 66 attraction into a retail development. City leaders said that development should see some movement in 2023, but where the animals will be rehomed has yet to be decided.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Braidwood Recreation Club will hold its Annual Meeting and Election on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at the Club Office.

Two Petitions were submitted for the Position of Director; Nicholas Stewart and Edward Wilson. The following incumbents have chosen to run for re-election as well; Rich Bolatto, P.J. O'Reilly, Troy Ehringer and Dan Belcher. Election will be for a 3-year term.

The names that will appear on the Ballot for Election will be: Rich Bolatto, P.J. O'Reilly, Troy Ehringer, Dan Belcher, Edward "Eddie" Wilson, and Nicholas Stewart.

No Petitions for By-Law Changes were submitted.

Voting hours for Resident Members will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There is one vote per Membership. The Annual Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no processing of Club Dues on this day.

Board of Directors
 Braidwood Recreation Club

Fossil Ridge Library News

Adult Programs

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Mud slinging elections

BRAIDWOOD—Braidwood residents get ready, because the political battle that plagues our city is once again going to show its ugly face above our heads. Finger pointing, accusations, rumors and more will be fired off as it usually does every four years. Street corners and public right-of-ways are going to be littered with campaign signs and the local Facebook political groups are going to be filled with people backing and bashing one candidate or another. Candidates are going to try and drag their opponents through the dirt with absolutely no truths or factual information to back up their allegations. Braidwood is famous for its mud slinging elections but the only ones who end up with a face full of dirt are the residents who are caught in the crossfire.

Don't forget them

COAL CITY—We sat down for Christmas dinner when our 8-year-old son surprised us all during payer. We spoke around the table of people who needed to be remembered in our prayers. When it came time for him to give thanks he said, "To all the men and women soldiers around the world who keep our country free." It surprised all of us that he would think to remember those in the military. We all agreed and thanked him for including them in our prayers. It was such a surprise to us all when other kids would be thinking about Santa. God Bless all those in the military.

Talk in public

BRAIDWOOD—During the Braidwood City Council meeting on December 13th, a vote was taken to approve the change of garbage and recycling providers. They were in such a rush to get a vote completed that when Commissioner Smith put the brakes on it by asking for additional information, it seems like they wanted to silence him quickly. Why not talk about what you are voting on in public before you vote on it? Just saying that the information had been set out on a counter inside City Hall for the public to view isn't good enough. Just how much is the cost for service going to change year to year? It may be less now, but will there be an increase per year over the life of the contract and how long will it be until they have to raise the cost to the residents?

We need Beth

BRAIDWOOD—Was hoping Beth Dutton (from "Yellowstone") would have filed for a seat in the city council election. Someone needs who will slap some sense into some of these commissioners. They show up and just nod their heads instead of truly bring things to the table that will better all of the community. If you're going to run for office, make it your goal to do your homework before each meeting and become a contributor to the community.

Snowy roads

COAL CITY—To all those complainers on

Facebook of snow-covered roads I ask, what do you expect? When it snows roads get slippery and icy, it's been that way ever since the first road was built. The answer is for drivers to slow down, use extra caution, especially at intersections. If you can't handle driving in snow and icy, I suggest you don't drive or move to Florida.

The wish list

COAL CITY—On Wednesday, Dec. 21 there was an article in our *Coal City Courant* about the idea of replacing the football field with artificial turf. Didn't the school district look into this years ago and decided against it because it was too costly? What has changed to make it more affordable now? It's fine and dandy to come up with a wish list of ideas but before we go any further maybe there needs to be a referendum before the voters asking if they want to spend money on things like turf fields and sports stadiums. The school board better explain how projects on the wish list will be paid for. Especially when in the same issue we read the village is borrowing over \$6 million to upgrade the water plant and we're all gonna have to pay for that. And which items will benefit the entire community? Will the Coal City Miners get to use the football field? Or how about the Coal City Area Baseball getting to play there? We've got top-of-the-line school buildings and I'm all for that with the tax dollars we get from Dresden Nuclear. And I get the idea things need to be done now before Dresden closes years from now and those dollars are lost. But what about plain and simple learning for our children? Academics should be our top priority before turf fields. Coal City has always had an excellent reputation for its schools. Don't let that slip away because the main focus should be on what's best for the students.

Volunteer audits, except

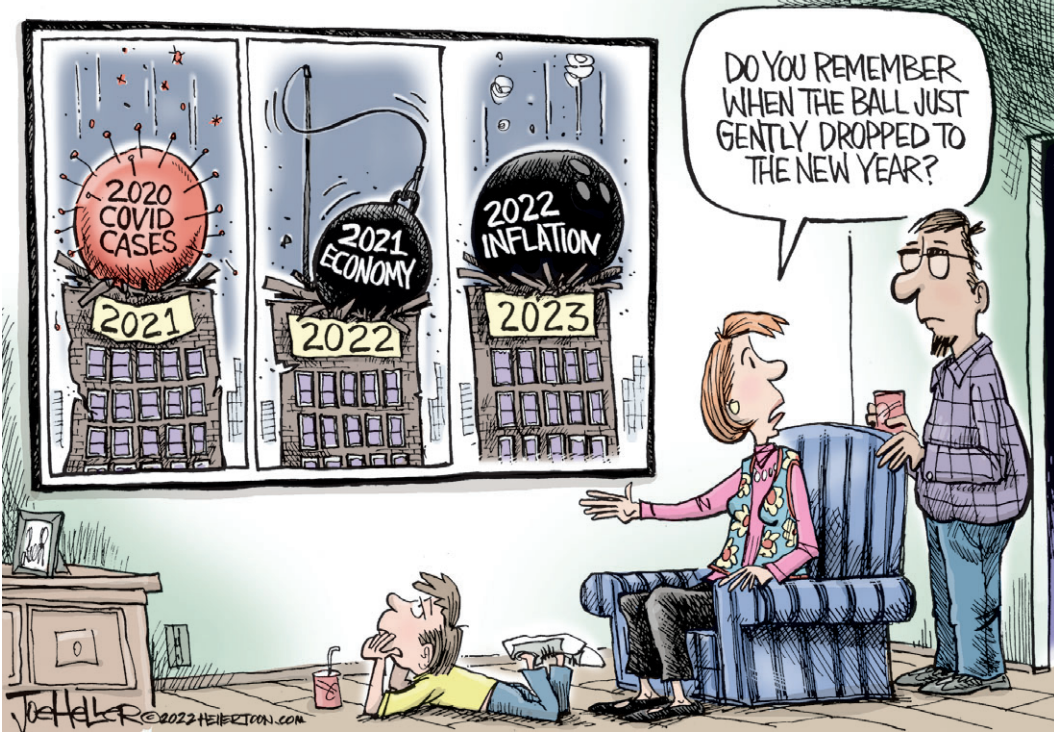
WILMINGTON—Democrat President Obama had his taxes audited all eight years while in office. Democrat President Biden has had his taxes audited in both years in office. Republican President Trump did not have his taxes audited until 2019 when it was brought to the IRS's attention. Anyone else see something fishy about this?

Don't blame Apple

WILMINGTON—You've had 51 years to record or even buy a copy of A Charlie Brown Christmas. Stop blaming Apple, this one is on you.

Resolve to vote

ELWOOD—If you're going to make any New Year resolutions be sure to include one that has to be done if we will every see any improvements in our state. Make sure you vote. Illinois has gotten so corrupt because our so-called leaders in Springfield have protected themselves with laws that benefit them most. They get into office, build up millions in their personal political funds, then do all they can to keep the status quo. For years the state unions



have promised these "keep the status quo" politicians their votes and look what it has done...bankrupted this state. They cheat us taxpayers by handing out unfunded state pensions to workers and now we'll all have to pay for it. Illinois is the biggest deadbeat state in the nation and those in office are doing little to change it. So the only way the common man can have any say is in the voter's booth. Time to become an educated voter and get these status quo politicians out for good.

See when shown

WILMINGTON—Leonardo da Vinci said "There are three classes of people: Those who see when shown and those who do not see." Pick your class.

Penny Lane

Reading on cue

SHADOW LAKES—I'm watching President Zelinski from Ukraine on the news as I've seen a few times this week and he reads what he wants to say. Very few presidents in this country, Trump included, had to read what they wanted to say. If you know what you want to say, you don't have to have it written out. Good example? Dufus Biden.

Dan Hill

Lies, lies, lies

WILMINGTON—Now that Trump's taxes have been released I hope the Trumpes out there take note that he lied about not taking the \$400,000 a year presidential salary. He also lied about being under audit. He has lied to all three of his wives and all of his children so why wouldn't he lie to his cult of believers? Grow up people, he is a bad man.

Harsh decisions

COAL CITY—Regarding "So you know" in last week's paper, that is a very poor explanation for the board's recent decision to raise the area club dues so much, especially regarding the senior citizens. A \$100 hike in dues? Where in the world did the board feel that was necessary or even fair? Are they trying to weed out the senior citizens? Not sure why they would want to do that because we all know they sure don't ever take in any new members. I, for one, feel there should have been a special meeting notice to the members so they could have had a say in making such a harsh decision. And not allowing any new senior memberships? The senior citizens have been paying dues for many years at the regular fee and now that they can finally catch a little break in their fees they can't even do that? And your increase in duck hunting, speed boat and boat dock fees does not apply to seniors so why are you pushing those things on them? I think it's insane but I guess the board can do whatever they want whenever they want and the members have no say in any of it.

Start with older buildings

COAL CITY—Are you kidding me? Didn't we just get new home bleachers at the high school a few years ago? Some questioned the home bleachers facing west. Guess no one listened. We are in need of improvements in the forgotten buildings, the Elementary and Intermediate Schools. Start spending on the buildings full of mold and are just too old. Think of the students and staff's health for once. Quit trying to compete with Morris and other stadiums.

Commentary

Illinois needs competitive tax reform

BY JOHN HENDRICKSON

Iowa taxpayers will start seeing income tax relief in just a few days as a result of the historic tax reform the legislature passed and Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law this year.

At this moment, Iowa has a progressive income tax, with nine brackets topping out at 8.53 percent. In 2023, this will change to four brackets with a top rate of 6.5 percent. By 2026, Iowa will transition to a 3.9 percent flat tax, below Illinois' 4.95 percent rate. Just like Illinois, retirement income in Iowa will not be subject to state taxation.

Additionally, Iowa's corporate tax rate of 9.8 percent will be lowered to 8.4 percent in the coming year. The corporate tax rate will eventually phase down to a flat 5.5 percent. In Illinois the corporate rate is 9.5 percent.

In 2022, Iowa led the nation in tax reform enactments, as a leader in what has become known as a "flat tax revolution." Other states whose residents will see major tax relief in 2023 include:

- Arizona, which will transition from a progressive tax rate system with a top rate of 4.5 percent to a 2.5 percent flat tax
- Idaho, whose progressive income tax with a top rate of 6 percent will be reduced to

a flat 5.8 percent

• Mississippi, where a flat tax rate of 5 percent will be implemented, replacing the previous progressive rate structure

• North Carolina, where a flat 4.99 percent rate will be lowered to 4.75 percent and the corporate tax will be eliminated by 2030

Other major state tax reforms will surely be enacted in 2023. North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, for example, has recently outlined a pro-growth tax reform that, if passed, would create a 1.5 percent flat tax – the lowest in the nation!

The United States will benefit from the continued spread of this "revolution," and states such as Iowa and North Carolina are demonstrating how tax reform can be done responsibly. For several years, North Carolina has been the gold standard in state tax reform, having lowered income tax rates while controlling spending. This is the formula for success: Prudent budgeting and gradually lower rates.

This year, Gov. Reynolds and the legislature have not only made Iowa's tax code more competitive, but also followed prudent budgeting principles. The fiscal conservatism of state officials has allowed pro-growth tax reforms. Iowa is on track for a \$1.9 billion budget surplus

and \$830 million in reserves. The Taxpayers Relief Fund will have a balance of \$1.6 billion, which is projected to increase.

The model of wise budgeting and lower tax rates has strengthened the economy and established a strong fiscal foundation for government operations. Moving forward, signs indicate that Gov. Reynolds and the legislature understand Iowa is in competition with other states, creating opportunities for further reform, such as lowering the 3.9 percent flat tax rate.

The legislature is also poised to make property tax reform a priority for action in 2023. High property taxes affect both individuals and businesses, and they deserve, and are demanding, property tax relief.

In neighboring Illinois, with its state and local tax burden at \$2,338 per person, talk last week centered on more people who have moved out of state. Meanwhile, Iowa saw a net gain in population where individuals can expect to pay half the taxes on average, per person in Illinois. And in Iowa it's about to get even lower.

It seems Illinois lawmakers could follow Iowa's example with competitive tax reform and fiscal conservatism. It just might calm the exodus.

John Hendrickson serves as policy director for Iowans for Tax Relief Foundation

Illinois researcher finds benefit of hybrid crops for strong yields

BY ZETA CROSS
 THE CENTER SQUARE

Drought resistant hybrid crops make for a successful harvest.

Picking the right genetically modified plants for an Illinois corn or soybean farm is a daunting process. Since the 1930s, researchers at the University of Illinois have been studying the different varieties and publishing their findings as a tool for producers.

"We're the 'Consumer Reports' for corn and soybean hybrids for Illinois," principal U of I researcher Darin K. Joos told The Center Square. "Our goal is to provide unbiased, third-party data so that producers can make the right selections for their farms."

This past year, U of I tested 174 varieties of hybrid plants from 18 different company-developers, Joos said.

The 2022 harvest wound up being one for the record books. Joos credits hybrid plants, in part, for the good yields. In spite of dry conditions, yields were better than what farmers and researchers had expected, Joos said. Southern Champaign County officially reached severe drought conditions on the drought monitor map. However, Champaign County had "unbelievable yields" at harvest time, Joos said.

"I can't say for certain, but

what we have seen over the past several dry years is that the crops have taken advantage of what little moisture they have gotten. Somehow the companies have increased water use efficiency," Joos said.

U of I researchers have studied corn hybrids since they were first introduced in the 1930s and 1940s. It took until the 1960s before hybrids were widely embraced by farmers. In the year 2000, Joos harvested his first 200 bushel plot, he said. Less than 20 years later, he harvested his first 300 bushel plot.

"It is a steady line up. It hasn't plateaued yet," he said.

Even with the hardy crops, decent weather remains the most important factor for a good harvest, Joos argued.

"The number one take-away from this year is the weather," he said.

Lack of rain in the spring may have helped the plants.

"Some people say that early drought will cause the

plant's root system to expand and look for moisture," Joos said. "A bigger root system will benefit the plant in the rest of the season by bringing the nutrients out of the soil."

The weather during the weeks of harvest was practically perfect.

"We had a string of weather so that we started harvesting and never really stopped," Joos said.

Yields increased because farmers didn't have to leave topped corn in the fields.

Farmers say that they "set the table" and then Mother Nature takes over.

"By setting the table, they mean putting everything in place: the right hybrid, the right fertility, the right crop protection package," he said.

After setting the table, all that is left is to hope for rain, Joos said. Because this is Illinois, the rain comes 90% of the time.

"On a consistent basis, Illinois gets the rains every year," Joos said. "It's really rare that we don't."

300,000 retiring soon

Though manufacturing remains an economic powerhouse in Illinois, manufacturers here and across the country are facing the threat of an aging workforce.

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estimated that 300,000 men and women will leave the industry as baby boomers begin to retire, presenting numerous career opportunities.

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The other half of the proceeds will be given to Kuzma Care Cottage, the local food pantry, to help fund the Christmas food drive. Button owners are reminded that if the prize goes unclaimed as of Saturday, Dec. 31 a new number will be drawn.

For a Gin lover, try this classic Martini

It's the most wonderful time of the year...unless you do not care for eggnog, Mulled Wine, or Hot Whiskey. Any cocktail is a holiday cocktail if you choose to consume it at your holiday party, and I choose classic Martinis when Jolly Old Saint Nick takes to the skies.



THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL
Brian Rung

both ideal for mixing. If you are brand new to Martinis and are looking to add a Martini gin to your home bar, pick up a bottle of B e e f e a t e r, Tanqueray no. 10, or Bombay Sapphire. All three are approachable gins that can be used in nearly any gin cocktail.

ring in small glasses. There is a proper way to hold a bar spoon, and a proper way to stir. Consult YouTube or your local bartender for some pointers on proper stirring technique. How long should a Martini be stirred to achieve optimal dilution? The proper way to stir a Martini is not a question of how long, it is matter of how many revolutions. The magic number is 21 times. Martinis, as well as Manhattans are stirred with ice 21 times (21 revolutions) to achieve optimal dilution. I'm not sure who figured it out, but "stir 21 times" seems to work well and is the number taught in bartending schools.



most popular garnish among the Martini faithful. It's more about flavor than appearance when using olives (or olive brine) in a Martini, but presentation absolutely matters.

If you're going to decorate the house and load up the playlist with Sinatra's Christmas Album, might as well have a proper Martini in hand.

Only two ingredients are needed to turn out a world class Martini, the rest comes down to preparation and presentation.

For starters, we are going to need gin and vermouth. Martinis are made with gin and dry vermouth, period. Martinis are not pink or blue, and if you make it with vodka it is a Vodka Martini.

At some point during the "Mad Men" era of the 1950s it became macho or manly to order a Martini with as little dry vermouth as possible, with some even going as far as skipping the vermouth altogether.

If you skip the dry vermouth you do not have a Martini, you have a glass of gin. Nothing wrong with the sipping gin, but gin alone is not a Martini.

What kind of gin is best for a Martini?

In general, the two types of gin that are best for Martinis are London dry gins, and Plymouth gins. Neither variety is overloaded with botanicals and spice which makes them

used in nearly any gin cocktail. You will also need a bottle of dry vermouth, reach for Noilly Prat or Martini brand dry vermouth if you have the option. Remember, vermouth will begin to spoil quickly upon opening. Refrigerate any unused vermouth, discard after a few days.

The biggest mistake aspiring mixologists make when it comes to Martinis is in the preparation, specifically the dilution, or lack thereof. A balanced Martini requires dilution and while the drink may be diluted through shaking, stirring is the preferred.

Stirring a Martini with ice is the easiest way to add the perfect amount of dilution, plus if you have a host of small bar spoons on hand you can taste the drink before straining into the glass to ensure that everything is just right.

The mixing glass does not have to be fancy, although Martini aficionados tend to keep nicer barware on hand for drink preparation. I use a pint glass, a basic bar spoon, and a Hawthorne strainer to prepare Martinis, and it gets the job done.

A bar spoon is a must in any home bar. Bar spoons have long handles and small ends which are ideal for stir-

ring in small glasses. There is a proper way to hold a bar spoon, and a proper way to stir. Consult YouTube or your local bartender for some pointers on proper stirring technique.

How long should a Martini be stirred to achieve optimal dilution? The proper way to stir a Martini is not a question of how long, it is matter of how many revolutions. The magic number is 21 times. Martinis, as well as Manhattans are stirred with ice 21 times (21 revolutions) to achieve optimal dilution. I'm not sure who figured it out, but "stir 21 times" seems to work well and is the number taught in bartending schools.

In addition to just the right amount of dilution, stirring with ice 21 times ensures that the drink will hit the glass at the proper temperature. The proper temperature for a Martini is arctic. As cold, and as clear as possible.

Once you have turned ordinary gin and dry vermouth into an extraordinary, ice cold, perfectly balanced concoction, it's time to serve. Strain into your chilled glass and garnish.

When it comes to the Martini garnish, the two most popular options are olives and the lemon twist. Neither garnish is more "correct" than the other, and it all boils down to personal preference.

A lemon twist will be more of an aromatic addition as the oils from the lemon twist settle on top of the glass. Be sure to actually "twist" the twist of lemon over the top of the glass to express the oils on to the drink before dropping the twist.

Olives are perhaps the

most popular garnish among the Martini faithful. It's more about flavor than appearance when using olives (or olive brine) in a Martini, but presentation absolutely matters.

There are a few unwritten rules of cocktail garnishing that come into play here. First, when it comes to olives and cherries, always garnish in odd numbers. The typical olive Martini garnish is 1 or 3 skewered olives, never 2.

Also, keep in mind that olives are always skewered when used as a garnish, not merely dropped in the drink. Cherries are typically dropped in when used as a garnish, olives are skewered. Many, if not most Martini fans will remove the skewer and eat the olives after a few sips.

If you are making a "dirty" Martini with added olive brine, start small with the brine. Never pour olive brine directly into the drink, use your smallest bar spoon to add the olive brine until it's just right.

The classic Martini is built in a mixing glass, served in a chilled cocktail glass.

Combine in mixing glass:
2 1/4 oz. gin
3/4 oz. dry vermouth
Stir with ice
Strain into chilled glass
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Gas prices may rise after Winter blast

Even though gasoline prices across Illinois fell 11.7 cents per gallon last week, the arctic blast that shutdown much of the nation could trigger a price increase.

"While the national average declined for the seventh straight week, with oil prices rallying, it remains to be seen if we will manage another week of gasoline price declines. We're still waiting for the national average to fall below \$3 per gallon, something that is suddenly a bit less likely given the extreme cold weather, interrupting refining operations in the south, curbing gasoline production and potentially driving prices up slightly," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum

analysis at GasBuddy.

Gas in Wilmington was \$2.58/g Monday at one Lorenzo Rd. station. In town the next lowest price was \$2.99/g with rewards program and \$3.39/g at others.

Braidwood stations were charging \$2.99/g and \$3.01/g on Monday while in Coal City prices were \$3.28/g to \$3.48/g.

"While some of the nation's lowest priced gas stations will probably be forced to raise prices slightly, with some declines still happening in the West Coast, there remains a chance, albeit smaller one, that we could still see the national average fall below \$3 per gallon. With the New Year on

the doorstep, however, the biggest question motorists have remains what will happen in 2023 - a question GasBuddy's annual Fuel Outlook will answer later this week."

Prices in Illinois are 66.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 20.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 8.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.68 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois was priced at \$2.59/g while the most expensive was \$4.99/g, a difference of \$2.40/g.

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New year to bring new laws in Illinois

BY PETER HANCOCK
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD — By now, almost everyone in Illinois has heard that Jan. 1 will mark the beginning of a significant change in the state's criminal justice system — the elimination of cash bail.

It's an issue that dominated the 2022 campaigns and has been both praised and criticized on editorial pages in newspapers across the state. It essentially means that starting Jan. 1, the decision as to whether a criminal suspect should be held in jail while awaiting trial will be based on public safety and the likelihood the suspect will flee rather than their financial ability to post bond.

And while that criminal justice reform has received widespread attention, it is by no means the only new law that will take effect when the calendar turns over to 2023.

For most people who work a minimum wage job, the new year will bring a pay raise to \$13 per hour, a \$1 increase over the current wage. That's the result of a law Gov. JB Pritzker signed in 2019, his first major legislative victory after being sworn into office a month earlier. The law will eventually raise the wage to \$15 an hour on Jan. 1, 2025.

The new \$13 hourly rate does not apply to all minimum wage earners. People who receive tips at work will see their base wage rise to \$7.80 an hour. And people younger than 18 who work fewer than 650 hours per year will see their wage go up to \$10.50 an hour.

The higher wage will probably come as welcome news for those who drive a car to and from work. That's because the new year will also bring higher motor fuel taxes.

The same year Pritzker signed the minimum wage bill, he also signed a multi-year, \$45 billion transportation and capital improvements bill known as "Rebuild Illinois," which is funded in part with higher motor fuel taxes that are scheduled to increase with inflation each year.

The adjustment in the tax rate is supposed to take effect on July 1 of each year, the first day of the state's fiscal year. But last spring, in the face of rising inflation and healthy state revenues, lawmakers authorized a six-month delay in the scheduled increase, putting it off until Jan. 1.

As a result, starting Jan. 1, the motor fuel tax people pay at the pump will go up 3.1 cents per gallon, and then it will increase again when the next regular adjustment date

comes around on July 1, 2023.

Criminal law

Several new criminal laws will go into effect Jan. 1, including three that deal with sex offenses.

One of those prevents people who solicit sex from a minor or a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability from asserting a defense that they simply did not know the person was underage or intellectually disabled. House Bill 4593, signed into law May 27, puts the burden of proof on the defendant.

Another new law changes the definition of when a person is "unable to give knowing consent." Under current law, a person cannot give knowing consent when the accused person "administers any intoxicating or anesthetic substance or any controlled substance" that causes the victim to lose consciousness of the nature of the act.

House Bill 5441, signed June 16, broadens that definition to include when the victim has taken any intoxicating or controlled substance causing them to lose consciousness of the nature of the act, even if the substances were administered by someone else.

Another bill expands certain employment restrictions that apply to convicted child sex offenders. Currently, they are prohibited from being employed by, or even being present at, child day care centers, schools that provide before- and after-school programs for children or any facility that provides programs or services exclusively for people under age 18.

Senate Bill 3019, signed May 27, expands that to prohibit convicted child sex offenders from working at carnivals, amusement enterprises, county fairs and the State Fair when people under age 18 are present.

Carjacking

Three new laws taking effect Jan. 1 are intended to address a spike in carjackings around the state. All were signed on May 26.

House Bill 601 expands the crime of possession of burglary tools to include possession, with the intention to enter and steal a vehicle, of devices to unlock or start a vehicle without the key to that vehicle, or devices that capture or duplicate a signal from a key fob to unlock or start the vehicle.

House Bill 3699 expands an existing state council charged with providing grants and financial support to law enforcement agencies to aid in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting carjackers and

recover stolen vehicles.

And, House Bill 3772 ensures that victims of carjackings are not liable for costs and fines associated with impounding a vehicle that was stolen or hijacked, provided the owner files a police report in a timely manner.

Education

To address a shortage of substitute teachers throughout the state, House Bill 4798, signed April 27, allows students enrolled in approved teacher training programs who have earned at least 90 credit hours to obtain a substitute teaching license. Before, applicants had to hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education.

House Bill 4716, signed May 27, calls on the Illinois State Board of Education to adopt "rigorous learning standards" for classroom and laboratory phases of driver education programs for novice teen drivers. Those will include, at a minimum, the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards developed by the Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education in association with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Higher education

In an effort to get more people to pursue careers in human services, Senate Bill 3925, signed June 10, establishes a student loan repayment program. Subject to appropriations, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will award loan repayment grants to qualified individuals with an associate degree or higher who works for a human services agency that contracts with or is grant-funded by a state agency that provides "direct or indirect services that ensure that individuals have essential elements to build and maintain physical, emotional, and economic well-being at every phase of life."

Awards can be made for a maximum of four years. Maximum amounts are \$3,000 per year for someone with an associate degree, \$15,000 per year for a person with a bachelor's degree and \$25,000 per year for a person with a master's degree or higher, with a \$5,000 per-year add-on if the applicant holds certain professional licenses.

Meanwhile, students currently enrolled in any program at a public university or community college will have access to trained individuals who can help them apply for federal, state or local assistance based on their financial need. House Bill 4201, signed June 7,

requires those institutions to designate a "benefits navigator" to help students identify and determine their eligibility for various benefit programs.

Alzheimer's care

Senate Bill 3707, signed May 27, requires all employees and people who work for agencies that contract with the Illinois Department on Aging who provide direct services to individuals participating in its Community Care Program to receive at least two hours of training in Alzheimer's disease and dementia, as well as safety risks, communication and behavior associated with the disease.

Hunting

Starting Jan. 1, deer hunters in Illinois will have a new option for the type of firearm they use. House Bill 4386, signed May 27, authorizes the use of single-shot centerfire rifles — guns that can fire only a single round of ammunition that contains primer in the center of the cartridge and not in the rim of the cartridge. Before, only shotguns, handguns and muzzleloading rifles were allowed.

State symbols

Illinois will have two new official state symbols effective Jan. 1. House Bill 4821 establishes the eastern milksnake as the official state snake. That was an initiative of Gentry Heiple, a snake enthusiast and Carterville Junior High School seventh grader. And, House Bill 4261 establishes dolostone as the official state rock. That was an initiative of a group of students from Pleasantdale Middle School and Maplebrook Elementary School.

Vehicles

People who own vehicles that were manufactured in Illinois will be able to apply for a slight break on their registration fees starting Jan. 1. Senate Bill 3609 allows those drivers to apply for a one-time \$25 rebate, "if the vehicle is manufactured in this state and the application for title is made no more than one year after the month in which the vehicle was manufactured."

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Study looks favorably on Illinois' ability to handle its waste

BY KEVIN BESSLER
THE CENTER SQUARE

A new study gives Illinois high marks for managing waste.

The website LawnStarter compared 50 states based on over 30 metrics, including their waste-reducing policies, infrastructure, waste production and recycling rates.

Editor-in-Chief Jeff Herman said Illinois fared well in their rankings.

"Illinois landed at No. 11 in the group and recycling is where it landed best, but there is also another thing, in the production waste that is recycled and Illinois is No. 3 in that, so there are a lot of good things going on in Illinois in terms of recycling," Herman said.

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Americans throw away up to 63 pounds of garbage a week, almost double the usual

amount.

This week is the busiest waste hauling periods of the year.

"We've been getting all those online boxes for things we've ordered shopping wise. What do we do? Do we trash those boxes or do we recycle them? That's a question to ask."

Size matters when it comes to waste management. For America's two smallest states by land area, that's the biggest challenge. Their borders aren't expanding, but their trash problems are.

Once again, Rhode Island and Delaware ranked among the bottom five states in landfill waste volume.

States in upper latitudes claimed none of the top 10 spots. According to the study, the top three states for waste management are Connecticut, California and Vermont.

The worst states for waste management are Alaska, Nevada and Montana.

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SAFE-T Act update will allow the arrest of trespassers

Illinois House Deputy Majority Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth (D-Peoria) headed up her chamber's efforts to amend the controversial SAFE-T Act this year. The day before the bill came up for a vote, I asked her what were, in her opinion, the largest misconceptions about the 2021 social justice reform law.



Rich Miller

Gordon-Booth pointed to the trespassing issue. "I don't care if you live in rural, urban, suburban. The trespassing [issue] was one that just made a lot of folks incredibly uncomfortable."

Gordon-Booth got a taste for that last summer, she said, when she sat down with a young, millennial police officer who she described as a "cop's cop." She also met with her local Peoria police chief and the chief's top brass.

Their top concern was the perceived inability for police to make trespassing arrests under the existing provisions of the SAFE-T Act. Some of her fellow legislators also expressed that concern, so, Gordon-Booth decided, "we just needed to be far more clear about what our intent was." That intent, she said, "was obviously not as it was framed," by opponents. "We just had to be more clear about how we wanted the language to read so that it was

interpreted the same way by everybody, by all parties."

So, changes were made that now make it explicitly clear that arrests can be made.

I also asked Gordon-Booth to reflect a bit on the opposition to the new law. She said she'd witnessed

some major national backlashes throughout her life, so the fact that people would try to gin up another one on this law didn't surprise her.

She said she had no illusions "that the SAFE-T Act was going to be used as a tool to fear-monger, to try to get Illinoisans to believe that somehow those of us that are elected officials, many of us who live and represent communities that are also plagued by the violence that we all find abhorrent, many of us also being crime victims. I wasn't surprised that they used the fear tactic and used the SAFE-T Act as the tool to try to drive the fear." But, she said, "It still punches you in the gut when you see it play out."

Even so, Gordon-Booth said, "We knew that we put together a strong body of work that we could stand behind, stand on and not run from," adding, "it's a great feeling to know that those fear-mongering tactics did not work."

The tactics may not have

worked politically, but Rep. Maurice West (D-Rockford) wrote a powerful op-ed for the Rockford Register Star about how SAFE-T Act misinformation caused harm.

Rep. West, the "only Black legislator in the northern Illinois region," wrote in his op-ed that the misinformation spread about the legislation, "strategically led people down a path to think of dark-skinned people being let out of jail to destroy our community. Once that bell is rung," he wrote, "you can't un-ring it."

And that, he wrote, is why he is having trouble accepting an attempted walk-back from his local Republican State's Attorney J. Hanley, who was recently quoted as saying he regretted helping spread that misinformation, which West claimed, "led to confusion and anger in our community and threats to me and my family personally."

"Because of this misinformation," Rep. West, a church pastor, wrote, "my faith was questioned, my life threatened, and the N-word was used so expressively and easily by some. All while my fellow local elected leaders, on both sides of the aisle, threw me under the bus for their political survival."

I reached out to West to talk to him directly about his experiences. He said much of the harassment involved calls to his legislative office, "with a quick hang-up after using racist remarks."

The one that really shook

up West and his family was, "a guy who called our office looking to see if the 'N-word' was there," West said. "My office assistant tries to calm him down and tell him that I wasn't there, but she's willing to talk to him about the legislation. He calls her a lying c**t and said he doesn't believe her and he's coming to the office regardless." Rep. West said he shut the office down for the day.

Legislators' home addresses are easily accessible online, and because the harassment and threats cause his family so much angst and fear, West said he is now "working on legislation to hide the personal address of each candidate, and the only way to see it is to request copies of the petitions and leave your address as well."

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

Coal City United Methodist Church to host soup supper

Coal City United Methodist Church, located at 6805 E. McArdele Road in Coal City, will hold a Hallelujah Soup Supper on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

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Invasive black carp's spread threatening Illinois waterways

BY KEVIN BESSLER
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Illinois waterways are being invaded by another invasive species that could threaten the ecosystem.

Black carp, which are native to east Asia, were first imported into the U.S. to control snails in fish farms where fish are bred. How they escaped is unknown.

Some states ban possession of black carp, and importation of black carp into the U.S. has been prohibited since their 2007 listing as an injurious species under the Lacey Act.

Black carp can grow quickly and reach more than 3 feet long. A fisherman once caught a 115-pound black carp near East Cape Girardeau, Illinois, near the Illinois-Missouri border. The fish was then sent to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale for study.

"When an invasive species becomes established, eradication can be difficult, but it can also be challenging to collect robust information during the onset and early stages when abundance is typically low," said Gregory Whittle, a professor with the Center for Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Sciences at SIU and the lead author of the study.

"This research includes the largest sample size and is the most robust analysis of wild black carp in the Mississippi River basin, helping inform those making decisions to curtail further expansion."

Black carp have been observed in several locations, but exact species abundance and distribution isn't currently known because the probability of catching them in the large rivers they inhabit is low.

"While prior studies have indicated that wild black carp

might be established in parts of the Mississippi River basin, this is the most comprehensive study and the first research to provide strong evidence that they are present and sustaining on their own," said Patrick Kroboth, a research fish biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey and co-author on the study.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources thinks black carp have moved up the Illinois River as far as central Illinois.

A silver carp was removed from Lake Calumet in August, triggering a closer search for the species in the area. Lake Calumet is only seven miles from Lake Michigan. If the invasive carp enter the Great Lakes, they have the ability to dominate the food chain and cause major disruptions to the ecosystem.

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The level of assistance

received is needs-based, and last year's LIHEAP recipients received an average of \$1,330 per household, according to the governor's office.

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After 40 years in a rewarding career that allowed me to help and counsel thousands of clients on their legal matters, I am announcing my retirement from the full time practice of law while I am still healthy and able to properly finish business at hand. Starting Jan. 1, 2023, I will be semi-retired, handling limited estate planning and real estate legal matters through Meents Law, P.C. coordinated by my partner, Frank Meents and other attorneys in the law firm. All my client files and records will be retained and kept under my supervision through Meents Law, P.C.

Over the past four decades I've had the privilege and honor to represent many entities and individuals during some of the best events in their lives such as buying or selling a home, starting new business or standing before a judge to help a couple adopt a newborn child. Other clients experienced tragic events such as the death of a family member, work accidents or personal injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident. Every day of my law practice was handling different challenges dealing with many personalities and fact situations that kept my career interesting. I appreciate all the business and clients for the support they provided so I could live in Wilmington and raise my family.

It has been my great pleasure and sincere honor to represent you as clients, and many of you are, and have remained, my friends over the years. I tried to provide each client with honest and diligent representation to the best of my ability. I hope your contact and experience with me met your expectations.

My health continues to be good as does that of my wife, Theresa, but we never know for certain how much sand is left in our individual hourglass. I hope to travel and spend more time with my children, grandchildren and friends. I have many activities and hobbies I still want to participate in and accomplish. There are many books to be read, places to see and community events to attend. I also plan on volunteering for charitable causes and to pass on my knowledge and experience to the Associates at Meents Law, P.C. I know I have an excellent partner, Frank Meents, who has the skills, compassion and ethics to uphold the legal standards I followed in building my practice. May you have the same confidence in Meents Law, P.C. as you had with me.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey Fisher
Attorney at Law

207 S. Water St.,
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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS ARVEST CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, v.- RAYMOND M. FARCUS et al Defendant 2022 FC 18 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 11:00 AM on January 25, 2023, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 East Washington Street front door entrance, MORRIS, IL, 60450, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1285 S GORMAN RD, MAZON, IL 60444 Property Index No. 09-07-200-010 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslcga.com Attorney File No. 14-22-01588 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 18 TJS# 42-4588 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 FC 18 13209562 Published in the Free Press Newspapers on Wednesday, Dec. 21 & 28, 2022 and Jan. 4, 2023.

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF GRUNDY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LB-CABANA SERIES IV TRUST; Plaintiff, vs. JEREMIAH MARTIN VIGNALI; ANGELICA VIGNALI; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 5 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., Donald F. Black, 201 Liberty Street, Suite 211, Morris, Illinois 60450, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 05-03-303-012. Commonly known as 322 East North St., Morris, IL 60450. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sotile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. (440) 572-1512. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13209279 Published in the Free Press Newspapers on Wednesday, December 14, 21 & 28, 2022.

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Attorney McGrath files J. Gilleland estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of JEANETTE E. GILLELAND, Deceased. Case No.: 22 PR 763

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors, of the death of JEANETTE E. GILLELAND, of New Lenox, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued December 16, 2022, to DEBORAH KING, whose address is 16433 Manhattan, Rd., Manhattan, IL 60442 and DONALD E. GILLELAND, whose address is 110 Wyndstone, Elwood, IL 60421, Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is Timothy J. McGrath, of 440 S. State Street, Manhattan, IL, 60442. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (IL, Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755 par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the day of June 28, 2023, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and that any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org.

Attorney McGrath files D. Gilleland estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD GILLELAND, Deceased. Case No.: 22 PR 764

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors, of the death of DONALD GILLELAND, of New Lenox, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued December 16, 2022, to DEBORAH KING, whose address is 16433 Manhattan, Rd., Manhattan, IL 60442 and DONALD E. GILLELAND, whose address is 110 Wyndstone, Elwood, IL 60421, Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is Timothy J. McGrath, of 440 S. State Street, Manhattan, IL, 60442. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (IL, Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755 par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

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Attorney McGrath files Duffy estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD A. DUFFY, Deceased. Case No.: 22 PR 665

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors, of the death of DONALD A. DUFFY, of Wilmington, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued November 2, 2022, to NANCY J. DUFFY, Independent Administrator, whose address is 106 Eula St., Wilmington, IL 60481, whose attorney of record is Timothy J. McGrath, of 440 S. State Street, Manhattan, IL, 60442. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (IL, Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755 par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the day of June 28, 2023, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and that any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Attorney Wysocki files Woodard estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William J. Woodard, Deceased; No. 22 PR 708

PUBLICATION NOTICE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS & LEGATEES

Notice is given to creditors of the death of WILLIAM J. WOODARD. Letters of Office were issued to Mary A. Woodard whose address is 1420 E. Washington St., Joliet, Illinois 60433 as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 28th day of June, 2023 if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

On December 8, 2022 an Order Admitting the Will to Probate was entered. Within forty-two (42) days after the effective date of the original order Admitting the Will to Probate, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the validity of the Will by testimony or witnesses to the Will in open Court, or other evidence, as provided in Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1). The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent administration by filing a petition to terminate under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Marilyn L. Wysocki
For the Estate of William J. Woodard, Deceased

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

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City of Wilmington to hold hearing to amend Rink properties Annexation agreement

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, IL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M., A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AT THE CITY HALL LOCATED AT 1165 S. WATER STREET, WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-15.1-1 ET SEQ., FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING AND CONSIDERING TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PETITION OF ROBERT RINK, MARTHA RINK, ROBERT F. RINK, JACQUELYN K. RINK AND RINK AGRICULTURAL AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, LP FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2010 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS AND ROBERT RINK, MARTHA RINK, ROBERT F. RINK, JACQUELYN K. RINK AND RINK AGRICULTURAL AND INVESTMENTS, LP ("PROPOSED AMENDED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT"), WITH RESPECT TO AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF CERTAIN POTABLE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER LINES TO THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT AND WITH RESPECT TO AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR A PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT. THE FORM OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT IS ON FILE WITH THE CITY CLERK. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT MAY BE CHANGED, ALTERED, MODIFIED, AMENDED OR REDRAFTED IN ITS ENTIRETY AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THE PROPERTY TO BE SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: PARCELS A & B

TRACT 1: THAT PRT OF THE SW1/4 OF SEC. 28, T33N-R9E, LYG S'LY OF THE CNTRLN OF FEDERAL AID RTE. 77, (SECTION 90-R COMMONLY KNOWN AS RTE. 66), (EX THAT PRT CONVEYED BY DOC 412009 TO GULF, MOBILE & OHIO RR), & ALSO (EX THE E'LY 502 FT OF THE S'LY 605 FT OF SD SW1/4) & (EX THE E'LY 142 FT OF THE N'LY 605 FT OF THE S'LY 1210 FT OF THE E1/2 OF THE SW1/4), REM AFTER DIV PER PET#2013-38 NDA:

TRACT 2: THAT PRT OF THE W1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SEC 28 T33N-R9E LYG S'LY OF THE S'LY ROW LN OF THE BOUNDARY LN OF FAI 77 (RT 66 AS SHOWN ON PLAT DOC 783636) (EX THAT PRT DAF: BEG IN THE CNTR OF THE PUBLIC ROAD AT A PT IN THE S LN OF SD E1/2 OF THE W1/2 OF THE SE1/4 SEC 28 THAT IS 75 FT W OF THE E LN OF SD E1/2 OF THE W1/2 OF THE SE1/4, THC N 225 FT, THC W 150 FT, THC S 225 FT, THC E TO THE FOB) & (EX THAT PRT OF THE W1/2 SE1/4 SEC 28 DAF: BEG AT THE SE1/4 OF SD W1/2 OF THE SE1/4, THC W ALG CNTRLN OF PUBLIC ROAD 75 FT, THC N 225 FT, THC E 75 FT TO THE E LN OF SD W1/2 OF SD SE1/4, THC S'LY 225 FT ALG THE E LN OF SD W1/2 OF THE SE1/4 TO THE POB) & (EX THE W'LY 578 FT OF THE S'LY 605 FT OF SD SW1/4) & ALSO (EX THE V'LY 218 FT OF THE N'LY 605 FT OF THE S'LY 1210 FT OF THE SE1/4), REM AFTER DIV PER PET#2013-38 NDA: PIN#: 03-17-28-400-013-0000 AND 03-17-28-300-013-0000.

PARCEL C

TRACT 1 THE W'LY 578 FT (EXCEPT THE W'LY 218 FT THROF) OF THE S'LY 605 FT OF THE W1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SEC 28, T33N-R9E, REM AFTER DIV PER PET.#2008-177 NDA: PIN: 03-17-28-400-014-0000

PARCEL D

TRACT 3: THE E'LY 142 FT OF THE S'LY 605 FT OF THE SW1/4 OF SEC 28, T33N-R9E, & THE W'LY 218 FT OF THE W'LY 605 FT OF THE W1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SEC 28, T33N-R9E. DIV/CONS PER PET#2013-38 NDA: PIN: 03-17-28-400-014-0000

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Wilmington City Council hearing to review Ridgeport amended annexation agreement

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, IL**

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**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF AREA TO BE ANNEXED
PARCEL 1: (A-24)**
THE NORTH 263.13 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1,350.95 FEET OF THE WEST 840.83 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX PIN. 03-17-21-300-012

PARCEL 2: (A-25)
THE NORTH 181.31 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1,037.86 FEET OF THE WEST 840.83 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX PIN. 03-17-21-300-014
PARCEL 3: (A-27)

THE NORTH 181.31 FEET OF THE SOUTH 725.24 FEET OF THE WEST 840.83 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX PIN. 03-17-21-300-013

PARCEL 4: (A-28)
THE NORTH 181.31 FEET OF THE SOUTH 543.93 FEET OF THE WEST 840.83 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX PIN. 03-17-21-300-019

PARCEL 5: (A-29 & A-30)
THE NORTH 181.31 FEET OF THE SOUTH 362.62 FEET OF THE WEST 840.83 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX PIN. 03-17-21-300-020
TAX PIN. 03-17-21-300-022

PARCEL 6: (A-31)
THE SOUTH 181.31 FEET OF THE WEST 840.83 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX PIN. 03-17-21-300-021

TOGETHER WITH THE ENTIRE RIGHT OF WAY OF KAVANAUGH ROAD ADJACENT TO PARCELS 1 THROUGH 6 DESCRIBED ABOVE.

THE NORTH 10 ACRES OF THE SOUTH 30 ACRES OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
PIN #17-16-300-007-0000
AND

THE NORTH 40 RODS (660 FEET) OF THE EAST 40 RODS (660 FEET) OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT THAT PART TAKEN FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES PER DOCUMENT NO. R2005-192642, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THAT PART OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 08 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 109.47 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 33.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 46 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 70.71 FEET TO A POINT 80.00 FEET SOUTH AS MEASURED PERPENDICULAR WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 576.94 FEET ALONG A LINE, 60.00 FEET SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST 40 RODS (660 FEET) OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 08 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 60.00 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF THE EAST 40 RODS (660 FEET) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SAID NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 660.00 FEET ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AND ALSO EXCEPT THAT PART TAKEN FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES PER DOCUMENT NO. R2006-128098 DESCRIBED AS BEING THE EAST 33 FEET OF THE NORTH 40 RODS (660 FEET) OF THE EAST 40 RODS (660 FEET) OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LORENZO ROAD ADJOINING TO AND CONTIGUOUS WITH THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

AND
THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 30 ACRES THEREOF, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
ADDRESS: 29929 S. KAVANAUGH RD., WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS 60481 PIN NC): 03-17-16-300-005-0000

PIN: 03-17-20-200-020-0000 / 5.37 ACRES
THE SOUTH 182.35 FEET OF THE NORTH 1095.76 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS 30430 S. KAVANAUGH RD

PIN: 03-17-20-200-013-0000 10 ACRES
PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LAYING WEST OF THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 634.95 FEET AND LAYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 330 THEREOF; TOGETHER WITH

PARCEL 2: THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 39.39 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 20, LAYING WEST OF THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 634.95 FEET AND LAYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 330.00 THEREOF ALL IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 24946 MURPHY RD
PIN: 03-17-20-201-004-0000 / 0.80 ACRES
LOT 1 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607.

PIN: 03-17-20-401-001-0000 / 1 ACRE
LOT 10 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. 24847 MURPHY RD
PIN: 03-17-20-401-002-0000 / 0.84 ACRES
LOT 9 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. 24945 W. MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-20-401-003-0000 0.87 ACRES
LOT 8 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. 24931 W. MURPHY RD
PIN: 03-17-20-401-004-0000 / 1 ACRE
LOT 7 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. 24919 MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-20-401-005-0000 / 1 ACRE
LOTS 6 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. 24907 MURPHY RD
PIN: 03-17-20-401-006-0000 / 1 ACRE
LOT 5 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. 24859 MURPHY RD
PIN: 03-17-20-401-007-0000 / 1 ACRE
LOT 4 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. 24857 W. MURPHY RD
PIN: 03-17-20-401-008-0000 / 1 ACRE
LOT 3 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. W. MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-20-401-009-0000 / 1 ACRE
LOT 2 IN PINE GREEN SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 371 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AS DOCUMENT NO. R78-37511 AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 24, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. R79-17607. 24825 W. MURPHY RD
PIN: 03-17-21-100-032-0000 / 2.5 ACRES
THE WEST HALF OF THE FOLLOWING PARCEL TAKEN AS A TRACT: THE WEST 335.08 FEET OF THE EAST 365.08 FEET OF THE SOUTH 650 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS 24630 W. MURPHY RD
PIN: 03-17-21-100-031-0000 / 2.5 ACRES
THE EAST HALF OF THE FOLLOWING PARCEL TAKEN AS A TRACT: THE WEST 335.08 FEET OF THE EAST 365.08 FEET OF THE SOUTH 650 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 30626 RAGAIN LN

PIN: 03-17-21-100-030-0000 / 2.5 ACRES
THE SOUTH 1,785 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX PIN. 03-17-21-100-023-0000: 2.81 ACRES
THE SOUTH 1,785 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF

PIN: 03-17-21-100-006-0000/0.22 ACRES
THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT 555 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21, AND RUNNING EAST 60 FEET ALONG THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY, THENCE NORTH 165 FEET, THENCE WEST 80 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 165 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 24510 MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-200-011-0000 / 5.06 ACRES
THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 299.31 FEET, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER OF AN EXISTING DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST 46.05 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 28.72 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 61.66 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 57 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 47.50 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST 68.73 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 64 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 82.22 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 116.11 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 139.36 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 63 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 67.71 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 205.43 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 78.05 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 151.11 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST 141.67 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 86.79 FEET, ALONG SAID CENTER OF DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 61.71 FEET, TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DOCUMENT NO. R83-38006; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 234.71 FEET (MEASURED), SOUTH 11 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 235.06 (RECORDED), ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE OF DOCUMENT NO. R83-38006, TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 416.28 FEET (MEASURED), SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 413.87 FEET (RECORDED), ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE OF DOCUMENT NO. R83 38006, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 644.67 FEET, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, TO A POINT 125.20 FEET (MEASURED), 125.00 FEET (RECORDED) EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER, AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PARCEL CONVEYED BY DOCUMENT NO. 772588; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 50 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 173.85 FEET (RECORDED), NORTH 01 DEGREE 50 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 171.00 FEET (MEASURED), ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT NO. 772588, TO AN OLD IRON ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF SAID DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST 134.81 FEET, ALONG SAID SOUTH EDGE OF THE DRAINAGE DITCH AND THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT NO. 772588, TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER AT A POINT 124.00 FEET NORTH OF SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 45 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 124.00 FEET, ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 24304 MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-200-007-0000 / 5 ACRES
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER FOR A DISTANCE OF 1255.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 658.39 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 658.39 FEET TO A POINT WHICH FALLS ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.000 ACRES, MORE OR LESS,

ALL LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-200-009-0000/15 ACRES
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER FOR A DISTANCE OF 1589.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 658.39 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 658.39 FEET TO A POINT WHICH FALLS ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING, ALL LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF WILL STATE OF ILLINOIS. 24126 W. MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-100-029-0000 1.02 ACRES
THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER, THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE, 1330.63 FEET TO A POINT THAT IS ALSO 25 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 22' 30" EAST, 198 FEET; THENCE EAST 225 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 22' 30" WEST, 198 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE, 225 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 24548 W MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-100-030-0000 / 1.39 ACRES
THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT 25 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21, AND RUNNING THENCE EAST 530 FEET; THENCE NORTH 198 FEET, THENCE WEST 530 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 198 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE WEST 225 FEET AND ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 5 FEET THEREOF, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. W MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-200-010-0000 / 5 ACRES
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER FOR A DISTANCE OF 1920.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 658.39 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 658.39 FEET TO A POINT WHICH FALLS ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.000 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ALL LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. W. MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-100-027-0000 6 ACRES
THE SOUTH 746.74 FEET OF THE WEST 350 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 30625 S. KAVANAUGH RD

PIN: 03-17-21-100-022-0000 2.04 ACRES
THE EAST 250 FEET OF THE SOUTH 930 FEET OF THE WEST ONE HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE WEST 220 FEET OF THE EAST 250 FEET OF THE SOUTH 650 FEET OF SAID WEST ONE HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21), TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 30550 RAGAIN LN

PIN: 03-17-21-100-024-0000 12.36 ACRES
THE NORTH 192.5 FEET OF THE SOUTH 799.0 FEET OF THE EAST 535.5 FEET OF THE WEST 548.0 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH AND RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 30561 S RAGAIN LN

PIN: 03-17-21-100-025-0000 / 62.96 ACRES
THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 1244.57 FEET OF THE WEST 350 FEET, THEREOF, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN WILL COUNTY AND EXCEPT THE EAST 250 FEET OF THE SOUTH 930 FEET; AND ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE WEST 220 FEET OF THE EAST 250 FEET OF THE SOUTH 650 FEET OF SAID WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AS PROVIDED IN WILL COUNTY RECORDER DOCUMENT FEET 971-9734; AND FURTHER EXCEPT THE WEST 335.08 FEET OF THE EAST 365.08 FEET OF THE SOUTH 650 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, PER DOCUMENT R73-16073. 24700 MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-100-020-0000 / 5 ACRES
THE EAST 535.5 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET OF THE SOUTH 606.5 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 523 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET OF THE SOUTH 198 FEET THEREOF, ALL MEASUREMENTS TAKEN ON LINES PARALLEL TO THE WEST AND SOUTH LINES OF SAID SECTION 21, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. S RAGAIN LN
PIN: 03-17-21-100-034-0000 / 4.05 ACRES

THE SOUTH 332.61 FEET OF THE NORTH 588.61 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1785 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET, EXCEPT THE WEST 8.50 FEET THEREOF; ALSO, THE EAST 8.0 FEET OF THE WEST 16.50 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET OF THE SOUTH 204.69 FEET OF THE NORTH 793.50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1785 FEET, ALL IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 30441 RAGAIN LN

PIN: 03-17-21-100-028-0000 / 4 ACRES
THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21; THENCE NORTHERLY ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, 746.74 FEET, TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY ON SAID WEST LINE, 497.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE EASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, 350 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 497.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE WESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, 350 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 30515 S. KAVANAUGH RD

PIN: 03-17-21-100-035-0000 / 2.58 ACRES
THE NORTH 793.5 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1785 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, AND IN RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; (EXCEPTING LAND DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT R90-53390 AND LAND DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT R91-013524) ALL IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 30525 S. RAGAIN LN.

PIN: 03-17-21-100-023-0000: 2.81 ACRES
THE SOUTH 1,785 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF

THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 535.5 FEET OF THE WEST 548 FEET OF THE SOUTH 799 FEET THEREOF AND ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE NORTH 793.5 FEET THEREOF, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 30539 S. RAGAIN LN.

PIN: 03-17-21-200-002-0000 / 0.42 ACRES
THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-ONE AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE EAST 125 FEET; THENCE NORTH 171 FEET TO THE SOUTH EDGE OF THE DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH EDGE OF SAID DRAINAGE DITCH TO A POINT ON WEST LINE OF SAID NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY ONE THAT IS 124 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 24356 W. MURPHY RD

PIN: 03-17-21-100-011-0000 / 0.50 ACRES
THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER THAT IS 665 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, 151 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 165 FEET TO A POINT AND THENCE WEST ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, 151 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 165 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 24456 W. MURPHY ROAD

PIN: 03-17-21-100-012-0000 / 0.54 ACRES
THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER THAT IS 665 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, 151 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 165 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WEST ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, 151 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 197 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS 24444 MURPHY RD

Lady Comets own the court



THE REED-CUSTER WOMEN'S basketball team took home a conference win last week over Wilmington, trumping the Wilcats 41-31. Bringing the ball down the court is Lady Comet senior Brooklyn Harding.

Photo by Zandie Sims



FIGHTING FOR THE BALL is Lady Comet Sam Sprimont, a senior, playing against Wilmington on Monday. The Comets' next game will be on Jan. 3 against Flanagan at home.

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GWEN STEWART keeps the ball on the move despite pressure from a Wilmington defender during 4th quarter action at home.

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MAKING A BASKET for Reed-Custer is junior Kaylee Tribble playing at home against Wilmington.

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Comets pour on the points at Marseilles

The Reed-Custer boys basketball team started the Marseilles Holiday Tournament Monday with a decisive win over Flanagan-Comell-Woodard, 63-38.

That's after the Comets actually trailed 17-11 in the first quarter. Reed-Custer, with only one loss in nine games played so far, pouring it on in the second half when they went on a 38-13 run, including six three pointers.

The Comets had five players finish in double figures with Jake McPherson leading the charge with 14 points, four rebounds and three steals. Center Wes Shats finished with a team-high 12 rebounds while scoring 13 points. Lucas Foote (nine rebounds) and Jace Christian (seven rebounds) chipped in with 11 points each while Josh Bohac contributed 10 points.

Scoring two points each were Connor Eggleston and Cooper Smith.

At Gardner-South Wilmington

The Comets led the entire time on Wednesday when they played at Gardner-South Wilmington. They upended the Panthers 54-38 thanks to 10-for-18 shooting at the line and four three-pointers.

Up 11-6 after the opening quarter, the Comets went on a 14-6 run to lead 25-12 at the half. They expanded their lead in the third quarter before coasting to victory in the end.

Wes Shats provided the muscle underneath with 16 rebounds and 18 points. Foote made a couple of three-pointers to finish with 16 points overall while Christian tallied 10 points to go along with six rebounds. McPherson finished with seven points while Eggleston shot one trey.

The Comets will continue playing in the Marseilles Tourney through Thursday.

Panthers' record even at the start of winter break

The 8th grade Reed-Custer Panthers traveled to Wilmington recently and were defeated, 48-33.

The Panthers jumped to a 17-5 first quarter lead, but several turnovers and a lack of rebounding let the Wildcats back and eventually take the lead. Orion Bergmann had 10

points for RCMS, Alex Fierro added 9, Jesse Tresouthick had 8, and Ethan Segoviano chipped in with 6.

The team is now 7-7 on the season as they head into winter break and will resume play on Jan. 5th at Bradley.

Pontiac defeat

The Panthers lost to a very talented Pontiac team, 47-20.

Turnovers proved costly once again as the team struggled to get anything going offensively.

Orion Bergmann led in scoring with 5 points. Alex Fierro had 4, Ethan Segoviano added 3, and Lucas Walsh, Frank Crotty, Tyler Compton, and Michael Burke rounded out the scoring with 2 points each.