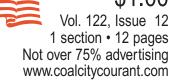


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Coal City considering 7% water rate increase

BY ANN GILL

The village of Coal City is reviewing the costs of water and sewer services and it's looking like a 7% increase will be passed on to con-

The rate is based on cost of operation, maintenance and replacement, plus capital improvement and debt service that is then divided by the total estimated usage in one year.

The village anticipates it will cost around \$1.9 million to run the department with \$1.3 million of that going to operations—that's up 3.26% over the prior year.

With a projection of 120,800 gallons of consumption in the coming year, the proposal before the Village Board is for a 7% increase.

"If the Village did not have a decelerating rate structure, the flat rate cost for 1,000 gallons of water would equal \$15.85," city administration Matt Fritz said. If the town was reliant solely upon the rate, an increase of 13.72% would be

WHAT YOU ARE PAYING

WATER AND SEWER 1-5,999 gallons

6,000-20,999 gallons\$15.23 21,0000-40,999 gallons\$14.61

1-5,999 gallons 6,000-20,999 gallons 21.0000-40.999 gallons\$9.50

WHAT YOU COULD BE PAYING

WATER AND SEWER

1-5,999 gallons\$14.63 6,000-20,999 gallons\$16.30 21,0000 gallons-plus\$15.63 WATER ONLY

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The village will also continue to collect a \$5 per month surcharge [\$10 per billing] to each bill to cover the cost of planned water treatment plant upgrades and expansion

Waste removal fee is set to stay the same at \$23 per month or \$46 per billing.

necessary

According to figures provided by the Village, between February 2022 and February 2023, the village billed over \$1.66 million. The average billed to consumers up to 4,999 gallons paid \$14.61 per 1,000 gallons for an average bi-

was \$43.54 based on a per 1,000 gallon cost of \$13.67. Customers consuming between 6,000 and 20,999 gallons paid \$15.23 per 1,000 gallons and those utilizing more than 21,000 gallons

According to Fritz, "The amount of revenues collected from the water/sewer rate represents 94% of the annual revenues for the utility: the remainder comes from other line items such a penalty fees which offset the remaining annual expenses for providing this utility.'

Under the proposed rate structure up to 5,999 gallons would pay \$14.63 per 1,000 gallons. Those consuming between 6,000 and 20,999 would be billed \$16.30 per 1,000 gallons and 21,000 gallons or more will be billed \$15.63.

category with an average consumption of 9,000 gallons, Fritz estimates the overall bill in the coming year for those users will be around \$194. The past year has brought with it some

The average utility user falls in the middle

large inflationary pressure while the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency [IEPA] requirements for water production require a planned treatment plant expansion. In order to

SEE RATES, PAGE 2

THE COAL CITY Police Department and other local police agencies are investigating a series of incidents that resulted in the damage of multiple school and community signs. The damages discovered on the morning of Friday, March 17.

Community welcome sign defaced, similar damage in other towns

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

Local police agencies are combining efforts to find out who is responsible for spray painting crude words and anatomical images on

public property. The motive for the damage is unclear, but someone with a can of spray paint left their mark on signs across multiple towns. Given the quality of graffiti, it was not the work of an

Sgt. Tom Logan, of the Coal Police City Department, said the village's welcome sign on the southeast corner of Division Street [Route 113] and Carbon Hill Road was van-

dalized with the F word written on the sign, as well as several images of male genitalia. Additionally, one of the letters in city was painted over.

The damage was limited to the one sign in Coal City, however others were vandalized in the towns of Wilmington and Braidwood.

Logan said the damage was discovered at 9;16 a.m. on Friday, March 17. Officers began checking for vandalism around the district's schools and community properties when word came that damage had been discovered in the other

The Wilmington Police

SEE SIGNS, PAGE 2

Ultimate Rides making the move to Braidwood

BY MARNEY SIMON

Two and a half years after plans to move Ultimate Rides from its Coal City location to Hickory Street in Braidwood, an end date is officially in

This week, city leaders from Braidwood and the owners of Ultimate Rides held a ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony for the new dealership, with plans for the building to start going up over the next few weeks. Plans for the site include 11 bays on the north side of the building, as well as a vehicle display berm visible from I-55.

The shell of the building will be put up in about two weeks," Ultimate Rides owner Nick Bulanda said. "They're going to start on it and by the end of April the whole shell should be done. We're hoping to be open and operational by mid- to late-summer."

The specialty car dealership applied for their building permit last month. Retention



well as site grading, began last

Bulanda said that much like other businesses, construction of the new site was delayed thanks to the pandem-

Covid is the main reason," Bulanda said of the delay. "We really wanted to put the building up back when we got the property, but all of the bids that we received increased by about 30-40% when Covid

and infrastructure work, as came around. So, right when the Braidwood location. we were ready to start, everything went up almost double for material costs, and about a third in labor costs. So it just was beyond our reach to be able to afford it.

Ultimate Rides currently makes its home in Coal City, where they made about \$8.5 million in sales in 2022. The company unusually only keeps an inventory of 40 to 50 vehicles at a time, but plans to increase that inventory once in

'Our anticipated revenue here will be \$12-14 million because we're going to have more room, so we're going to be able to hold double the inventory," Bulanda said.

The company owns the location in Coal City, and Bulanda said they plan to hold on to that property and put them up for lease, although

they haven't ruled out selling SEE MOVE. PAGE 2

Coal City awarded \$350,000 to help homeowners

next few weeks, with the dealership opening up by mid-summer.

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

The village of Coal City's efforts to seek funding to help homeowners update their property has proven successful, as another round of funding has been acquired.

A program offered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority [IHDA] will provide \$350,000 to assist low income homeowners cover the cost of needed repairs based on health, safety, energy, efficiency and accessibility.

The Home Repair and Accessibility Program [HRAP] was established to help low income and disabled or mobility impaired persons remain in their home. In turn this improves the health and well-being of the occupants, preserves existing affordable housing stock and provides an investment into communities.

The village, assisted by the North Central Illinois Council of Governments [NCICG] submitted an application to IHDA last fall. The village has been selected to receive a portion of the \$16 million available to fund local improvements valued up to \$45,000 per home.

Unlike the housing rehabilitation program provided through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity [DCEO], there is no local funding match and it has a broader scope in how the

funds can be used. At its meeting last week, the Village Board formally accepted the grant and authorized NCICG to serve as the grant administrator for the











Early voting, mail-in voting information for consolidated election

Grundy County Clerk, Kay Olson, would like to remind voters that Early Voting for the upcoming April 4, 2023, Consolidated Election runs through Monday, April 3.

Offices to be elected include Municipal District offices, Fire Protection District Trustees, Park District Commissioners, Library District Trustees, Unit School District Board Members, Grade School Board Members, High School Board Members, Community College Trustees, and Regional Board of School

Early voting takes place at the County Clerk's Office, located

in the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 E. Washington St., at 815-941-3222, to obtain the necessary application, or the Morris. Early voting hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to

Additional Early Voting hours: Thursday March 16, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, March 18, 8 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday March 23, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, March 25, 8 a.m. to moon; Tuesday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. -6 p.m.; Thursday, March 30, 8:30 a.m. -6 p.m.; Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m. to noon. and Sunday, April 2, 8 a.m. to noon. Please note: Cellphones are not allowed inside the courthouse.

Voters wishing to cast a vote by mail ballot in the upcoming Consolidated Election, should contact the County Clerk's Office

may find the application under 'Election information' on the Grundy County website at www.grundycountyil.gov. No excuse is needed to vote by mail, and voters are encouraged to apply as early as possible to make sure they receive their ballot in time to

Ballots must be postmarked no later than election day and received at the Grundy County Clerk's Office within 14 days after election day. The last day a ballot may be mailed is Thursday, March 30, 2023. Voters with questions or wanting more information should contact the Grundy County Clerk at 815-941-3222, #1, or email elections@grundycountyil.gov.

Rates

collect the proceeds necessary to begin paying the IEPA debt estimated to add another \$281,000 of annual debt by the time the funding closes in fiscal year 2025, a 7% increase to the utility rate is recommended," Fritz said.

The village plans to continue collecting a \$5 per month surcharge that goes toward the annual debt payments associated with the sanitary modernization project. Those funds are put in a dedicated fund for loan repay-

The first full year debt payment of \$293,375 is due prior to December 2023, however the village will fall short of the full payment.

"In order to collect the total amount, an increase in the surcharge of \$10.20 would be necessary to collect the full payment. Rather than passing this increase onto the utility payers, surplus TIF funds have been allocated to cover the planned shortfall of \$99,200,"

The proposal would also

adjust the rate upward for water only users by an average of 65 cents setting the rates at 9.57 for up to 5,999 gallons, \$10.60 for 6,000 to 20,999 gallons and \$10.16 for those utilizing 21,000 or more gallons.

The suggested increase has been included within the village's tentative fiscal year 2024 budget and it will be up for discussion and a vote when the Village Board this evening [Wednesday, March 22].

As for garbage collection fees, Fritz said, "although the rates will be increasing slightly above total collections, the Village Board may utilize existing fund balance to avoid an increase in the garbage collection portion of the bill for this upcoming year."

That means the cost to put your trash—garbage, recycling and yard waste-will remain \$23 per month.

The garbage fund is slated to end the fiscal year with a \$35,000 balance, however without an increase that will decrease in the coming year and likely result in a \$2 per month increase the coming

Unit 1 Students of the Week



COAL CITY ELEMENTARY School Students of the Week for March 22 are (from left): Haley Beckers, Emma Hansen, Emma Connelly, Mackenzie Miner, Marshall Giltner and Sebastian Maldonado.



AUBREY JENSEN Middle School



BRADLEY STREET Middle School

Signs

Department was the first to make public notice of the damage when it posted on social media that several jurisdictions were investigating an incident of criminal defacement. The damage in Wilmington was discovered on the electronic events sign at Kahler Road and Wildcat Drive, as well as a historic limestone engraved sign that is located on the high school campus.

According to reports, the person responsible for the damage wrote a derogatory statement on the sign.

Wilmington Police report the damage at the high school occurred between 1:25 and 1:30 a.m. on March 17. Surveillance cameras focused on the school parking lot captured images of a white pickup truck in the parking lot at that time.

In Braidwood, a similar instance of vandalism was reported near Reed-Custer High School. The main digitial sign in front of the high school was vandalized with foul language, which was quickly addressed by grounds crews.

Braidwood Police Chief Todd Lyons said the BPD is actively investigating the incident, but so far do not have any leads.

The damaged sign in Coal City is located on the high school campus, northwest of the main parking lot.

Logan said he checked the school's parking lot cameras, however due to the distance and location of the tennis courts

there was nothing conclusive on the tape. Public works employees with the village of Coal City were able to remove the damage, and according to reports out of

Wilmington, school officials were able to quickly cover the sign. Sgt. Iason Clark, Coal City Police Department's investigator, is currently working with the other agencies on the investigation to determine who is responsible.

Logan said the crime comes with a charge of criminal dam-

age to government supported property.

Anyone with information regarding the damage discovered March 17 should contact Sgt. Clark at 815-634-2341.

COAL CITY EARLY Childhood Center Students of the Week for March 22 are Vivian Cannon (left) and Ariya Devries.



COAL CITY INTERMEDIATE School Students of the Week for March 22 are (from left): Hailey Fisher, Timmy Wegner, Jaxson Parks and Cali Ness.

Door decor class at library

Looking to enhance your Easter decor? Sign up to take part in the Coal City Public Library District's Easter egg door sign class at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29.

Create your own Easter Egg door sign at just \$5 per person. Registration is required and can be done online or in-person at the library. Participants must be a CCPLD cardholder.

Move

Caturday

the Coal City location out-

far as location, Bulanda said it's all about the traffic counts and space.

"The location that we're at now gets 18,000 people who drive by a month," Bulanda said. "Here, it's 33,000 a day. So this location in a month will get 1.1 million in drive by traffic, versus 18,000. What I do know too is, we needed the land because we needed the room for our trucks. We sell big trucks and where we're at we're kind of landlocked in. We're at a couple of properties there, so, most importantly we needed the property and the land to have all of our stuff. Secondary is the drive by traffic counts. It converts pretty well, and given we have this display hill and a nice big building, I do feel like we're going to get in front of more people and more people will know who we are just by driv-

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ing by."

In March of last year, the business paid back the city \$121,000, their portion of an agreement that established a final price on the city-owned land sold to the dealer to build the new site on Hickory Street, next to the Sun Motel.

That price included \$7,000 of TIF incentives that the auto shop paid back as part of the overall deal to move to the new location.

The project was first brought to Braidwood in 2020. But, the plans were delayed several times due to issues on both the city's side and the business side, including drainage issues at the site, as well as issues in the automotive industry spawned by the including pandemic, increased online sales and the reconfiguration of automotive assembly lines which have made obtaining vehicles more difficult.

The city first reached an agreement with Ultimate Rides in September 2020. A redevelopment agreement entered into at that time established that the city would purchase 2.6 acres of land along I-55, in the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) III district, for \$114,000, with the amendment for the additional \$7,000 approved in March

Surface, Inc.—the parent company of Ultimate Rides paid back for the cost of land acquisition and payment for any work the city did on the redevelopment property and any other payments the city made to the developer for costs related to the project, and now owns the property.

City officials estimate that the new business will bring in \$15,000 to \$25,000 in property taxes based on other buildings of a similar size, and approximately \$70,000 in sales tax dollars.

Ultimate Rides buys, builds and sells used custom

cars, trucks and SUVs, outfitting them with lift kits, wheels and tires for all makes and models. Many of its vehicles are in the \$20,000 range or

"If I were driving down the highway and I was into this type of truck, and I looked over and I noticed 30 or 40 of them, I would remember the name," Bulanda said about the new location. "I just feel like it's going to be brand awareness. People know who we are, they know what we do, and we cater to a niche market of people and I think if they're interested and they drive by, they'll be pleased with what they see. We're just excited to be here and have the room and finally come Braidwood like we were planning a couple of years ago.

Nick Bulanda founded the business with his brothers Alex and Jake Bulanda. Jake passed away in 2016.

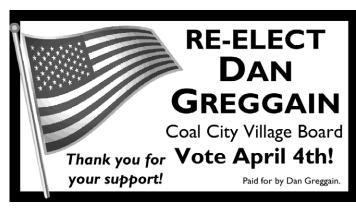
Library road trip

It's time for a road trip, a library road trip with an awesome

Visit participating libraried between Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, April 30 to collect a souvenir and get a stamp in your passport book.

The more libraries you visit the more times your name will be entered into a drawing for an awesome gift basket. You must turn in the passport book at your home library.

Participating libraries include: Charles B. Phillips Public Library District, Coal City Public Library District, Fossil Ridge Public Library, Joliet Public Library, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District, Messenger Public Library, Morris Area Public Library, Plans Oswego Public Library District, Plainfield Public Library, Plano Community Library District, Sandwich Public Library District, Seneca Public Library District, Shorewood-Troy Public Library, Somonauk Public Library District, Three Rivers Public Library District, Wilmington Public Library District and Yorkville Public



PUBLIC NOTICE

EARLY VOTING SITE – GRUNDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION - APRIL 4, 2023

Early Voting will begin on Friday, March 10th and continue through Monday, April 3, 2023. LOCATION – Grundy County Courthouse (Lobby) **Grundy County Election Authority** 111 East Washington Street, Room 12 Morris, IL 60450

TIME - Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (unless noted below)

March 11th

Saturday	March I Im	6.00 a.iii. to Nooii	
Tuesday	March 14th	8:30 a.m 6:00 p.m.	
Thursday	March 16th	8:30 a.m 6:00 p.m.	
Saturday	March 18th	8:00 a.m. to Noon	
Tuesday	March 21st	8:30 a.m 6:00 p.m.	
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Sunday	April 2nd	8:00 a.m. to Noon	
Please call the Grundy County Clerk's Office at (815) 941-			

3222, Option #1 if you have any questions. Please note: Cell phones are not allowed in the **Grundy County Courthouse.**

KAY T. OLSON

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STAFF REPORT

In the first two months of the year, the Coal City Police Department's call volume hit 1,140 calls, an increase of more than 53% from the same time last year.

The department's monthly report to the Coal City Village Board shows total officer activity in February at 614—a combination of calls for service and officer initiated activity. The call volume for the month was up 50 percent from the previous year and 16.7% since January.

Total activity in the month of February included 153 calls being dispatched with 461 initiated by officers. This activity resulted in 238 written reports.

Patrol officer Kevin Jones had the highest level of activity in February with 103 calls—86 initiated including 78 traffic stops with 18 citations issued. Patrol officer Josh Nugent had the highest volume of dispatched calls for service.

There were a total of 210 traffic stops resulting in 36 citations last month, down a handful from the prior month.

In his report to the Village Board, Police Chief Chris Harseim reported officers logged 24 criminal charges and that brings the year-to-date total to 46, up significantly from the same time last year.

The department's officers also han-

dled five accidents last month and one and crimes against children. driving under the influence arrest.

Along with the monthly data report, Harseim provides village trustees with an overview of the work taking place by the department's investigator, Sgt. Jason Clark and the Grundy County ProActive Unit.

Clark currently has an open case load that includes incidents in both 2023 and 2022 that the investigator is still working or awaiting results.

As Harseim previously reported, the first case of the year involved a domestic battery and the initial charges of aggravated battery in that case have since been upgraded to attempted murder.

It was through the work of the investigator and beat cops who presented the case and evidence to a Grundy County grand jury that an indictment upgrading the charges against 30-year-old Nathaniel Tvrz for his alleged involvement in the Jan. 17 incident that involved a woman and two children—one of them injured while attempting to stop the attack.

"I've been here 28.5 years and I've only seen that two or three times, so that's a pretty big deal. And, hopefully that's the only one for the year." the Chief said, commending the officers for their work.

Some of the other cases the investigator is working on involve incidents of them, we would still have all of that on the fraud, embezzlement, background checks street," Harseim concluded.

He noted a recent incident that involved a registered sex offender being on school property to drop off a child. Officers spotted the individual and made an immediate arrest that resulted in

As you can see, as of right now, the first couple of months have been busy," Harseim said.

Additionally, the Chief provides a monthly update on the activity of the ProActive Unit—a specialized law enforcement unit headed by the Grundy County Sheriff's Office-that works on cases countywide.

In the month of February the unit made seven warrant and seven felony arrests, as well as one misdemeanor.

The team also seized over \$18,900, a firearm and multiple grams of controlled

'I would say that's a busy month for five guys," the Chief said, noting the unit will mark its second year in service at the close of March.

In that time, he said they have made over 270 arrests, seized 81,000 grams of drugs, almost \$54,000, 10 vehicles and 16

'That's a big deal. If we didn't have

Easter Bunny hopping into Coal City March 25



THE EASTER BUNNY will make a special visit to Coal City this weekend as a guest of Grundy County Heroes and Helpers. Coal City Fire Station 1 at 35 S. DeWitt Place will host the visit from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. This free community event is sponsored by Heroes & Helpers. Grundy County Heroes & Helpers, Inc. is a charitable not-for-profit organization comprised of law enforcement, first responders, their families and community volunteers working together to enhance the lives of children and families in need across **Grundy County.**

Grundy Sheriff's Office has another busy year

STAFF REPORT

In keeping with its mission to provide an exemplary level of service and protection to the residents and all who visit Grundy County, the men and women of the Grundy County Sheriff's Office followed through on that pledge

In presenting the department's annual report to the Grundy County Board, Sheriff Ken Briley acknowledged the work of his officers who handled their share of incidentsboth big and small.

One of the most notable and highly publicized was the theft of a Chicago Fire Department ambulance that resulted in a chase down Interstate 55 that ended in Grundy County, with the assistance of deputies deployed stop sticks and continued to follow the stolen vehicle until it came to a stop and the driver taken into cus-

An equally notable incident occurred on the evening of Sept. 24 when two men were shot and killed at Gipper's II Sports Bar on Pine Bluff Road.

The homicide is part of an on going investigation with assistance from the Illinois State Police crime scene.

The investigations department is led by Deputy Chief Rick Onsen and in 2022, the four member division was assigned 110 cases—94 felony, 16 misdemeanor and six death

Briley notes multiple cases involved sexual misconduct including child pornography, sexual exploitation of a child, predatory sexual assault and cases involving individuals traveling to meet a minor for

Additional cases involved included elder abuse, financial exploitation of the elderly, animal cruelty, forgery, fraud, deceptive practices and criminal damage to property.

The sheriff's investigations unit was also called in to assist the Morris Police Department with a homicide in Âugust. The work conducted by the departments resulted in the arrest of the offender who is charged in the death of a Joliet woman.

The department's patrol division closed out 2022 with a 33% increase in officer initiat-

Deputy Chief Joshua Slattery who oversees the patrol division noted an increase in community contact and staffing in 2022, while witnessing a decrease in driving under the influence [DUI] arrests.

Patrol deputies have found DUI's down due to the observation of more designated drivers on traffic stops.

The department is consis-

Maine Township to host

annual meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Maine the County of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the annual meeting of said town will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, being the second Tuesday of said month, at the hour of 6:15 p.m. at Maine Township Hall for the transaction of miscellaneous business of the said town and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meet-

Dated March 20, 2023 Debbie Hauschild, Town Clerk Published in the Coal City Courant on March 22, 2023



THE GRUNDY COUNTY Sheriff's Office is comprised of sworn law enforcement and corrections officers who are assisted by a staff of civil service employees. Under the leadership of Sheriff Ken Briley [center, row one] and his administrative team, the department provides a variety of emergency and law enforcement services to residents and visitors to Grundy County.

tently recognized for its DUI Special Against Intoxicated Motorists and Mothers Against Drunk Butterfield and deputies Alex Butts, Tyler Post, Zack Spesia and Greg Struck.

had on the increased number opportunities. of arrests.

Formed in March 2021, the ProAct Unit is a specialized law enforcement unit that works on cases countywide.

Between December 2021 and December 2022—the county's fiscal year—the officers assigned to the unit seized more than 78,680 grams of narcotics, \$14,300 in currency and nine firearms.

The officers additionally made 182 arrests-89 felony, 67 warrant and 26 misdemeanors.

Select members of the department also work within the canine and drone units, the later being involved in a highrisk search warrant that involved a drone being deployed to provide surveillance prior to officers making

department engages in various training programs, often partnering with other law enforce-

Deputies also participate

SECTION 002000 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

project site is available for inspection on a limited basis

Published in the Coal City Courant on March 22, 2023.

School District accepting bids for weight room flooring

LEGAL NOTICE

COAL CITY CUSD #1
COAL CITY 2023 HS WEIGHT ROOM FLOORING COAL CITY, ILLINOIS
CCA PROJECT NUMBER: 19-377

SECTION 002000 - NOTICE TO BIDENS CORDOGAN CLARK & ASSOCIATES, INC. 960 RIDGEWAY AVENUE AURORA, ILLI-NOIS 630-896-4678 MARCH 16, 2023

1. Coal City Community Unit School District #1 (hereinafter referred to as the Owner) will receive bids for the following project until 11:00 AM, local time, on April 4, 2023 at the District Office, 550 S. Carbon Hill Road, Coal City, IL 60416.

Project #19-377 – COAL CITY CUSD #1 - 2023

COAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHT ROOM FLOORING

Clark & Associates, Inc., on their online plan room www.cordoganclarkplanroom.com on or after, March 16, 2023. Bidders may also contact Vesco Reprographics, Inc., www.vescore-pro.com 1351 Aucutt Road, Montgomery, IL 60538, 630-896-2115, to obtain the bid doc-

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid (plus additive alternates) made payable to the Owner.

5. A pre-bid conference will be held at the following specified location on March 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Coal City High School front entrance, 655 W. Division Street, Coal City, IL 60416. See Specification Section 002513 for further information.

6. All bidders are required to visit the site. A site visit will follow the pre-bid meeting. The project site will be available during regular school hours by appointment only. The

The Contractor shall pay, if applicable, not less than the prevailing rate of wages as established, to all laborers, workmen and mechanics in the performance of Work under

this Contract in accordance with "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other employed under contracts of Public Works." 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.

in bidding, or accept the bid that, in his opinion, will serve his best interests.

9. This Notice is written in the name of the Owner by Cordogan, Clark & Associates.

8. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality

Bids will be publicly opened and read at 11:05 AM at location noted above.
 Contract Documents may be obtained by Bidding Contractors from Cordogan

Olympics, enforcement by the Alliance Festival and providing youngsters with rides to school.

Driving. Officers honored in Explorer Program is overseen the past year include Sgt. Greg by the Sheriff's Office and provides young men and women from across the county an opportunity to learn about law The report further notes enforcement and take part in the impact the ProAct Unit has various ride along and training

> program is also provided by within the county and those who have signed up to particiinclude Mazon Elementary and Middle Schools, Gardner South School. Wilmington High Gardner Elementary and South Wilmington Grade School, Braceville Elementary

and Nettle Creek School. Briley also oversees the Grundy County Jail, a 65-bed facility located within the county courthouse.

The jail is staffed by 14 full-time corrections officers and a correctional sergeant.

Bookings into the jail were up slightly in 2022 at 1,113 with an average population of 32-29 males and three females.

In the past year a number Throughout the year, the of upgrades have been completed within the jail including the a new communication system, addition of a body scanner and general maintenance that with the help of inmate in community events like workers included a fresh coat

of paint on most of the sur-

In his report, Briley point-The Grundy County ed out the impact that changes in the laws have had on his department, as well as other outside factors.

This past four years presented many challenges for law enforcement across Illinois that few sheriff's in history have ever had to deal with. A school resource officer From a nationwide pandemic to civil unrest to unprecedentthe Sheriff's Office to school's ed criminal justice reform, we've been here to hold the line," Briley said.

> Spade & Chisel files as new business

LEGAL NOTICE

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 14, A.D. 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Grundy County, Illinois, setting forth names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Spade & Chisel, located at 214 E. Wilmington St. Gardner, IL

Dated this 14th day of March, A.D. 2023. Kay T. Olson, Grundy County Clerk Published in the Coal City Cour

on March 22, 29, and April 5, 2023

Braceville Township to hold town meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters, residents of the Township of Braceville in the county of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the Braceville Township Hall on Merrill St., for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said township; and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of

AMENDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE LEGAL VOTERS RESIDING WITHIN TOWNSHIP BRACEVILLE COUNTY OF GRUNDY

To vote upon a resolution on the proposition for or against an annual tax not to exceed 0.167% of the value of the tax-able property, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, for the purpose of constructing or maintaining gravel rock, macadam, or other hard roads, or fol improving, maintaining, or repairing earth roads by draining, grading, oil treating, or dragging on any township roads located in Braceville Township, County of Grundy, State of Illinois. The proposition shall be substantially in the following form: Shall a special tax for road purposes be levied? Yes/No.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2023. Penny L. Wills, Township Clerk Published in the Coal City Courant on March 22, 2023.

Kendall County residents Kendall County training at an education institution accredited in the State

Scholarships for Grundy and

Health Department is pleased to make available the Kendall-Grundy Community Action Scholarship. These scholarships provide financial assistance to eligible individuals for education or occupational training at an accredited Illinois educational institu-Applications for 2023 will

the following eligibility criteria when applying for the Kendall-Grundy Community Action Scholarship:

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of financial income eligible under eligibility, scholarship potentials.

be available through April 21,

2023. Applicants must meet

DCEO/CSBG income eligibility guidelines. Household Size

2 \$39,440 3 \$49,720

4 \$60,000 5 \$70,280

each additional household member,

Applicant(s) must be a resident of Grundy or Kendall

Funds must be used to secure formal or occupational

suing short-term training (2 years or less) in occupational training, general post-second-

Applicant(s) must be pur-

ary education or in exceptional circumstances consideration will be given to applicants for general education. Applicant(s) must have demonstrated positive community/school involvement.

Scholarship funds may be used for books, tuition, fees

tial, commitment to civic affairs, career goals and personal interviews. The deadline for application to be received is April 21, 2023.

Applications are available from High School Guidance Counselors or visit Kendall Grundy Community Actions Services office located at 1802 N. Division St. Suite 602 815-941-3262 Morris. Kendall County Department, 811 W. John St., Yorkville, 630-553-9100 to obtain an application.

Foreclosure sale of 1093 Black Diamond Dr.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

-v.-SHIRRELL HALL et al Defendant, 2022 FC 59

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 11:00 AM on April 26, 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

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF GRUNDY, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BEING KNOWN AS LOT 13, EXCEPT THE NORTHER-LY 10 FEET, AND ALSO EXCEPT THAT PART LYING SOUTHERLY OF A LINE CONNECTING A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF LOT 13 WHICH IS 64.50 FEET NORTHER-LY FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 13 AND A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 13 WHICH IS 65.29 FEET NORTHERLY FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 13, IN COALFIELD ESTATES FIRST ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWN-PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWN-SHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 8, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORD-ING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED 10 AUGUST, 1990 IN PLAT CABINET F, SLIDE #162, AS DOCUMENT #304387, EXCEPT COAL AND MINERALS AND THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME; IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1093 BLACK DIAMOND DR. COAL CITY, IL 60416 Property Index No. 09-02-356-023
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

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 licens 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

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BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-06330

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 59 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 59 Published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, March 22, 29 and April 5, 2023.

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Small town charm

While not a resident of any nearby communities I have on occasion visit for appointments. 1) The McDonalds in Coal City is so clean, Employees so nice and my fries are always hot. Great job. 2) Walmart in Morris, Well stocked, clean, offers human check out and no dodging carts in the parking lot. Thank you Walmart. 3) Braidwood Polka Dot. Old fashioned service not to mention great food and the best fries anywhere. Made when you order, imagine that. They actually write down your order and know how to make change. Thank you Polka Dot. I have never encountered a rude person or bad service anywhere. Thank you small towns you have it going on, Elwood. P.S. Wilmington gets a D-. Main drag streets are a bumpy mess, trash along 53 at both entrances to town, unkempt houses, lawns and so on. And what kind of tourist attraction is that stupid Gemini Giant. A little housekeeping would

Who will be in charge? BRAIDWOOD—The last four years Bob

Jones has been our mayor but it appears city administrator Tony Altiery has been running the show at city hall. So here is my question, if Doug Money becomes mayor will he be as Jones was—mayor in name only and Altiery doing everything like at present? Why doesn't Tony just run for mayor. Could it be all the money he makes? Just something to think

The big easy

SHADOW LAKES—Even though the pandemic is over if anyone has discovered there is still a basic lock down by the state and federal agencies. They want the American citizens to make appointments if they need anything on a Internet website in order to enter a government facility. It could be at the convenience of the public servants and that is because the leaders of the political party want to make life easier for all the public servants since they make a lot of money off the taxpayers. The babies need more rest time and it might strain their brains if they had to work for all their money and benefits the public servants receive. Public servants have a new motto. Be a public servant, leach off the taxpayers, live an easy life, do nothing for any American citizens but help the criminals. The American citizen is expendable but not their

No more debt

BRAIDWOOD-Why would anyone in their right mind vote for anyone tied to the previous administration who put our city in debt. Braidwood is doing great under this administration. Let's be positive and keep moving for-

Politicians and EVs

SHADOW LAKES—Now that we have this rush in our country to buy EV automobiles my question is this: How many local, state or federal politicians own these vehicles that they are

so eager for us to own?

Obediently yours, Margot Lane

Computer soundsoff

After hearing news media constantly saying incorrectly that ChatGPT scours the internet for information, I ask ChatGPT to write a letter to Americans telling about itself.:

Dear Americans, I am ChatGPT, an AI language model designed to assist and provide information to individuals like you in a conversational manner. I am writing this letter to clarify who I am, how I work, and my end goals. As a language model, my primary function is to generate human-like responses to natural language input. I am designed to understand and interpret text in a way that mimics human conversation. I can answer a wide variety of questions on a range of topics, and my responses are based on a large database of information that was current as of September 2021. While I do not have a personal agenda or goal beyond providing accurate and helpful information to those who engage with me, I do have certain limitations. For example, I am not capable of independent thought or decision-making. My responses are based solely on the data that has been input into my system, and I do not have any personal biases or opinions. It is true that my knowledge cutoff is in September 2021, meaning I do not have access to real-time information beyond that point. However, I am able to provide historical and contextual information, as well as general insights and analysis on a wide range of topics. One of the most important aspects of my functionality is my ability to learn and adapt over time. As new information becomes available, my creators at OpenAI work to integrate it into my system, expanding my knowledge base and improving my abilities. This means that while I may not have access to the latest news or updates, I can still provide valuable insights and information on a wide range of topics. It is also worth noting that I do not scour the internet for information. Instead, my database of information is carefully curated and sourced from a variety of reputable and trustworthy sources. I am designed to only provide information that is factual and accurate, and my creators work hard to ensure that my responses are unbiased and helpful. My ultimate goal is to be a useful resource for individuals seeking information and knowledge on a range of topics. I am a tool that can assist in the search for truth and understanding, and I am here to help in any way I can. In conclusion, I hope this letter has provided you with a better understanding of who I am and how I work. As an AI language model, I am constantly learning and improving, and I am committed to providing accurate and helpful information to those who engage with me. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and I look forward to continuing to assist you in your search for knowledge and information.

Sincerely, ChatGPT A new deal

COAL CITY-In 1932 the USA was in depression mode. Things were bleak and people all over the President Hoover and politics were easy to blame but the real cause as the average Joe who took on debt way beyond his ability to pay off and the loss of a job meant margin call, poverty and no one cared. FDR was elected our new president and he proposed the 'New years, the 40's and the 50's to get us back on track. During that time new discoveries and a world war put the USA and the world in a new and better place. Then politics shipped out all the good jobs to other places and cancelled all of the retirement plans.. Prices go up and they expect people to save for retirement. No one can and counting on the stock market to be there when you need it is always a bad bet. Now, it seems, that we want some magic solutions that will make us all secure and rich fast and let science solve all of our problems. This will not happen. We need a new 'New Deal' but this time it must include the whole world. It will take a miracle and a best effort by all to solve the current, worldwide, financial mess. Politics has been dishonest. Both parties are to blame. They just throw money at current problems that need real solutions. Instead, debt is as always, our big problem. It would take you over 31,700 years to count to a trillion if you counted 24 hours a day. We are trillions in debt and we better get it together soon. I prefer work to starvation. This time we had better get it right, especially for the kids, who deserve to stand on the progress we have already made. It is evident to many that humanity needs solutions now and time marches forward fast. We must all survive or we will all starve. We can hope for the best but only if everyone does the hard task of being the best they can be. We must face reality and quit gambling away our financial future. Take reasonable chances only. The world can only be better if we act financially responsible. We must win by making our future better instead of worse. A new and better new deal may work. Good luck to everyone.

provided government-supported jobs while

new laws prevented a repeat of the financial

mistakes of the 20's. Americans bit the bullet

and went to work fixing things and it took 20

Rumor is...

WILMINGTON—I heard Ron DeSantis is issuing an arrest warrant for RuPaul.

Out of control

DIAMOND—The Left is using its power in DC to drive the USA into a ditch. Consider what the Left has accomplished. Crushing domestic

begging Venezuela and other hostile countries to increase their oil production. Sending \$73 billion to secure Ukraine's border and then prohibiting spending money to secure our southern border. Pushing the military to "go woke" so that getting someone's pronouns right is more important than training for wars. Defunding the police and eliminating bail causing a historic crime spike and then denying the obvious rise in murders, robberies, assaults. If this is what the Left considers "accomplishments" what does it consider its failures? Their efforts to run down our great nations sicken me. I trust you feel the same

My prayer for life
DIAMOND—For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139: 13-16. Heavenly Father give us the wisdom to write your words on our hearts and the strengths to face those who seeked to harm precious life for it is only through you that we live, move and have our being. Amen. This I ask in the name of Jesus, my intercessor, my king, my redeemer, my salvation and my friend. Thank you for standing with me in bold defense of life.

Not standing up

BRAIDWOOD—I think Environmental garbage cans are lighter weight, shorter and not as wide as old Waste Management garbage cans. They blow over very easily and all my handles have already cracked.

Soundoff mystery
SHADOW LAKES—Tonight on unsolved mysteries, the disappearing of Dan Hill? Dan has not been on sound-off for a month. Why? Is it Biden, Pritzker, or Brian? Only the Shadow

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Influential American political family
- Chantilly,
- 11. Within 12. Pleasure seekers
- 16. Computer manufacturer 17. Home to college sports'
- Flyers Fungal disease
- 19. Sleepwalk 24. Spielberg sci-fi film
- 25. Seasonable
- 26. Taxis 27. Radio direction
- finder (abbr.) 28. Thin, narrow piece of wood
- 29. "Mystic River" actor Sean
- 30. Ingenuous
- 31. Musical composition
- 33. Turkish surname
- 34. High or hilly area 38. Wilco frontman
- 40. Electric car company
- 45. Sign of healing
- 49. Boy 50. Protein-rich liquid
- 53. Individual portion of
- 54. Thought over
- 56. Scads
- 58. News agency
- 60. Deadlock
- 64. Removed

35. A low wall

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Large, dangerous animals 2. Straighten out
- 3. Family tree
- 5. European river fish 6. Cut down in size
- 10. Male parent
- 14. Demeaned oneself to
- 20. Yankovic is a "weird" one
- 22. Path
- 23. Airborne (abbr.)
- 30. Born of
- Large stinging paper wasp

7. Denotes past

- 8. Larry and Curly's partner 9. Samoyedic ethnic group
- 13. Specific gravity
- 15. Rigidly
- 21. Belonging to me
- 27. Level

32. Northeastern bank

- 29. Atomic #94
- 31. Midway between northeast and east

- 39. Pour it on pasta
- 43. Sea eagle
- 44. Walk with difficulty
- 51. Washington city
 - TV series (abbr.)
- 59. Standard
- 63. Pre-Columbian empire
- 65. French commune

- 33. Defunct airline 34. Having no purpose
- 36. Swedish city 37. Earn a perfect score
- 38. Atomic #81
- 40. Beginner 41. Give off
- 42. Incorrect letters 44. Telecommunication service provider (abbr.)
- 45. Idyllic 46. Popular beer 47. A way to fine
- 48. Evildoer 50. More withered
- 51. Seventh note of a major scale 52. Commercial 54. Abnormal breathing
- 55. Moved more quickly
- 57. City of Angels 61. Partner to Pa
- 62. Equally

Pritzker touts higher education plan BY NIKA SCHOONOVER CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

most impor

On his latest marketing tour to sell his state budget plan, Gov. JB Pritzker visited a community college in Joliet last week to highlight his proposed investments in higher education.

"With an additional \$100 million directed to the (Monetary Award Program) grant program, a student can pair our state support with a federal Pell grant and pay for college with no loans and debt required," Pritzker said at the news conference at Joliet Iunior College.

The increase would bring total MAP funding to \$701 million, a 75% increase since the governor took office. According to his office, the

students and 40% of public university students at or below median income levels to have their tuition covered through

the combined grants. The governor added that every student this year who applied and was eligible for a

MAP grant received one. "When I first took office, going to college in Illinois seemed less affordable than ever before. Prior administrations had cut funding for higher education so badly that outof-state tuition looked better to Illinois families," Pritzker said. "And that's a fundamental failure of state government and it's a trend we've been reversing for the last four

The plan would also provide additional funding for proposed investment would community college programs,

allow most community college including \$8.3 million for dual credit and noncredit workforce grant programs, \$11 million for development of technology-focused workforce training programs, and \$750,000 to expand English language services.

"Illinois has the third largest community college system in the entire nation," Pritzker said. "We're home to 48 community colleges and all across the state they open doors to higher wages, new careers, better jobs.

The governor will spend the coming days promoting the plan across the state, similar to a tour he made in recent weeks to highlight his "Smart Start" plan for early childhood education. He's also promoted investments aimed at addressing the state's teacher short-

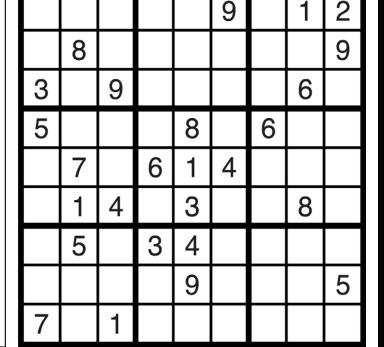
Palm Sunday pancake breakfast

New Hope Presbyterian Church, 80 N. Garfield St. in Coal City is hosting a pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 2 from 8-10 a.m. The meal will consist of three pancakes, two sausage patties,

butter and syrup. The cost is \$6 per meal and it will be dine in or drive through with pickup on East First Street.

IDENTITY THEFT TIP

Use multi-factor authentication or two-step verification, especially when using peer-topeer payment apps, such as Venmo and PayPal. This can make it harder for scammers to take over your accounts.



A big Thank You! to the staff at **Skinner Animal** Clinic!

From the Kuecher-Cockers

Browser, Karson & Toby

Fresh

Check Out These Fresh Deals From Berkot's!



If you enjoy Barcardi try this cocktail

rum aisle in 2023 is a much different experience than walking the same aisle as recently as five years ago. We used to have limited options in a rum aisle that looked something like this: Bacardi Light Rum, Myer's Dark, and maybe a discount off brand rum Despite the influx of



Brian Rung

new rums (many of which are of a very high quality) Bacardi remains the bestselling rum on

the planet. Bacardi's contribution to rum production over the last century and a half cannot be ignored, the brand even has a namesake

Bacardi light rum is not only the perfect rum for the Bacardi cocktail, legally speaking it's the only rum for the Bacardi cocktail

I am not a reader of labels when it comes to the food that I eat, but I read the label on every bottle of spirits that I purchase. Many spirits producers have storied histories going back literally hundreds of years.

You can learn a lot from a label, let's have a glance at the Bacardi label before we pour the official Bacardi cocktail.

What's with the bat? The famous Bacardi bat has adorned their bottles since the beginning and has become one of the most recognizable logos in the spirits industry.

The bat logo depicts the fruit bats that lived

in the rafters of the first distillery. It was

Bacardi rums are labeled "Puerto Rican Rum". This is technically true in that the distillery is based in Puerto Rico, but the rum is produced in the Cuban tradition.

The entire operation was based in Cuba until 1959 when all of the assets of the Bacardi distillery were seized by the Castro regime. Many rum enthusiasts refer to Bacardi as a "Cuban Heritage Rum" as opposed to a "Puerto

The original distillation and aging processes for Bacardi rums were conceived in Cuba in the mid-19th century and included the use of a few proven techniques to "smooth out" high octane spirits.

Included in these processes were aging in white oak barrels, charcoal filtering, and a proprietary yeast strain which is used by Bacardi to

I know what you're thinking, oak barrel aging and charcoal filtering are not exactly groundbreaking techniques. After all, whiskey distillers all around the world were already doing this in the 19th century.

Remember that rum in general was rough stuff prior to the innovative Bacardi production process. We take our smooth sipping and mixing rums for granted in 2023, but the world hasn't always been so lucky.

Rum production literally began as a solution to an industrial waste problem. 17th century sugar cane planters were in a sticky situation: two pounds of sugar produced yielded one pound of molasses. Let that sink in, that's liter-

Colonial planters were swimming in the the famous cocktail. sticky byproduct and couldn't give it away. Most of it was dumped in the ocean until someone figured out that it could be boiled, fermented and distilled.

Perhaps it was dumb luck, but it just so happened that sugar plantations were located in the most ideal places on planet earth to age rum, and also happened to be on well-established shipping routes.

Early rum was inconsistent both in quality and availability, credit the Bacardi distillery for being the first rum producer to establish quality control measures and a reliable distribution network.

Fast forward to 2022 when Bacardi was again the top selling rum on the planet tallying revenue of \$4.6B.

The Bacardi Cocktail was developed in early 20th century Cuba around the time that the original Daiquiri was conceived. The two cocktails are similar in that both are built on a rum sour platform, one using sugar and the other using grenadine for the sweetener. The most significant difference in the two

is that the Bacardi cocktail must be made with Bacardi. No, really, according to a 1937 New York Supreme court ruling Bacardi must be used if an establishment is to sell Bacardi How did the law get involved in all of this?

During prohibition American tourism to Cuba was booming, and tourists fell in love with the delicious pink rum drink. After prohibition ended, American bars

began substituting cheaper rums for Bacardi in

In an attempt to both protect the brand's integrity and generate revenue, Bacardi sued the Barbizon Plaza Hotel in 1936 for misrepresenting the Bacardi cocktail by not using

The defendants in the case (including the judge's own bartender) argued that Bacardi had become a generic term for rum within the industry, therefore substitutions should be

Ultimately the New York Supreme Court ruled in favor of Bacardi prompting the company to launch an advertising campaign using the slogan "It isn't a Bacardi Cocktail unless it's made with Bacardi."

The Bacardi Cocktail is built in a shaker and served in a

chilled cocktail glass. Fill shaker with ice

Add ounces Bacardi Light Rum Add ounce

lime juice Àdd water ounce (optional)

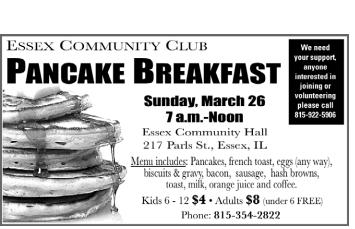
Garnish with maraschino cherry

Add 1/2 ounce grenadine Shake and strain into chilled cocktail glass Until next week, enjoy responsibly.



Dr. William M. White New patients - Emergency visits welcome







It cost \$14 more to fill up one year ago

have cost you almost \$14 more a year ago than it did on Monday when Illinois gas prices dropped for the second straight week.

Average gas prices are \$3.61/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois. Prices in Illinois are 11.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but stand 89.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

ence of \$1.69/g.The national average price of gasoline is

at Lorenzo Road and I-55 to petroleum \$3.61/g in Wilmington. Braidwood stations were posted in Coal City.

"The broad concern over The lowest price in the enough downward pressure on es in Arizona, and other marstate was \$3.10/g while the oil prices that we saw a kets saw varying impacts at the

A 16-gallon fillup would highest was \$4.79/g, a differ- reprieve in rising gasoline prices in the national average last week. But, it may be temporary in nature, and is unlike-Locally, prices varied on ly to be a long lasting trend," Monday from as low as \$3.29/g said Patrick De Haan, head of analysis

> "While California and around \$3.54/g, the same price areas of the West Coast saw some moderation in price, supply challenges amidst the recent failures of the U.S. and transition to summer gasoline global banking system has put have led to sharp price increas-

gas pump over the last week Should the outlook for the banking sector improve, we could again see gasoline prices race higher, while continued or additional distress could raise the possibility of a broader economic slowdown, keeping gasoline prices in check. Overall, there are a lot of possi-

the last week and stands at \$4.25 per gallon.

of diesel has fallen 5.6 cents in

The national average price

Will County launches \$10 million teaching, nursing scholarships

launched the "Will County to support students seeking careers in teaching and nurs-

to work in Will County.

"Will County is proud to be empowering the next generation of heroes within our schools and hospitals," said County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant.

"By working with partners throughout the county, we are supporting both qualcareer success for students. I urge students to consider this scholarship opportunity as they plan for their future."

Will County allocated \$2.5 million to Governors State University, Joliet Junior College, Lewis University, and University of St. Francis to implement the scholarship grants.

Will County officially institution can receive \$2,500 ed by the COVID-19 panper semester or \$5,000 an Heroes" scholarship program academic year to support their pursuit of a teaching or nursing degree.

A key goal of the pro-

The County is investing gram is to incentivize teach-Rescue Plan (ARPA) dollars to grow their career in Will throughout the county after they graduate.

The pipeline partners will support students as they grow their career after graduation, connecting them with a working environment that will foster positive career development.

Ascension St. Joseph and ity education and long-term Silver Cross Hospital will act as the inaugural pipeline partners for nursing stu-dents. The Will County Economic Center for Development and Workforce Center of Will County will also support the development of career pipelines.

Will County Heroes aims to address shortages in the teaching and nursing profes-Eligible students at each sion, which were exacerbat-

demic.

Eligible students include those pursuing teacher certification for elementary education, special education, and secondary education. \$10 million in American ing and nursing graduates to along with students interested in becoming a Registered increase recruitment in these County. The program will Nurse, either through a high-demand fields and aim to create an active Bachelor of Science in incentivize future graduates pipeline to employers Nursing or an Associates Degree in Nursing.

Will County has been allocated \$134.1 million in ARPA funding as part of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

The Will County Board approved the \$10 million investment in scholarships as part of a \$23.5 million allocation into countywide economic development. All ARPA funding must be spent by Fall 2026.

Students can apply for the Will County Heroes scholarship at their respective college or university. A full listing of program contacts for applications can be found at www.willcountyillinois.org/heroes.

Forest Preserve to host special sensory program

The Forest Preserve of Will County is hosting a Sensory Sunday on Sunday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to noon at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center Channahon.

This independent program is for guests with sensory-processing needs, social anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder. Buddy bags, noisecanceling headphones and handheld audio units will be available for use. Staff will be on hand to help. Free, all ages. Register by April 1.

Electric vehicle event at JJC

Joliet Junior College is planning an Electric Vehicle Event (EVE 23) on Saturday, April 15 for all to learn more about EV charging stations, vehicles and automotive care.

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Moody's gives Illinois credit upgrade

BY PETER HANCOCK CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD – Moody's Investors Service announced March 14 that it has upgraded Illinois' bond rating to A3, up from Baa1, marking the eighth credit upgrade the state has received in less than two years.

Moody's is now the second major rating agency to put Illinois in the 'A' category following S&P's decision on Feb. 23 to upgrade the state to A- on its scale.

This credit upgrade, our second one this year, is the result of the steps we've taken in Illinois to put ourselves on firm fiscal footing," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement. "We have balanced our budget, paid our bills on time, cleared out decades of debt, made extra pension payments, and saved billions for a rainy day.'

In its announcement, Moody's cited the state's "improving governance" as a key factor in its decision. Moody's is one of many firms that now assesses companies and governments on an "environmental, social and governance," or ESG, framework.

The rating agency said it had updated the state's "issuer profile score" in the governance

category to 2 from 3.

'Like other states, Illinois enjoyed solid tax revenue growth over the past couple years, expanding its capacity to build financial reserves and increase payments towards outstanding liabilities," Moody's said in its announcement. "The state is on track to close fiscal 2023, which ends June 30, with further growth in reserves that are already at their strongest level in over a decade.'

Illinois' "rainy day" fund is slated to reach its highest-ever balance of more than \$1.9 billion by the end of the fiscal year.

The new rating applies to the state's general obligation, or GO, bonds and its Build Illinois sales tax bonds. Illinois currently has approxi mately \$26 billion in outstanding GO bonds and \$2 billion in outstanding sales tax bonds.

Moody's also rated the state's financial outlook as "stable," saying that such an outlook "balances the financial progress being made by the state with the uncertainty of the present economic climate."

"The state's lean financial reserves and heavy long-term liability and fixed cost burdens make it more vulnerable than other states to a negative shift in the national or global economy," it said.

Madigan, ComEd's patronage history on trial

ComEd has long been a source of political patronage. The compa-Deferred Prosecution Agreement with federal prosecutors even references how former House Speaker Michael Madigan's "old-fashioned patronage system' obtained ComEd meter reader jobs

for its precinct workers. Madigan's wasn't the only patronage network to do this. It was a widespread practice and, as old-timers tell it, became even more important Mayor Washington, Chicago's first Black mayor, cut some prominent White politicians out of

the city's patronage spoils. Madigan came up through a city ward system that was fed by patronage. But his people would always say that because he started his career as an employee of the Illinois Commerce Commission, he didn't much care for utility companies. So, when ComEd did things like fire a bunch of his Statehouse lobbyist allies during a 2007 battle with Senate President Emil Jones and Gov. Rod Blagojevich, he liked them even less.

After Blagojevich and Jones departed the scene, Madigan was left as the unrivaled Statehouse king. ComEd bent over backward to get into his good graces and Madigan seemed, at least from a dis-



Madigan's members complained at the time that the company's services had deteriorated and that ComEd wasn't respecting them when they complained. Madigan couldn't have squeezed company if his

members loved ComEd. The company eventually got much of what it wanted, but it always had to jump through Madigan's many hoops, even more so than other interests did. Eventually, those hoops included things like funding no-show contracts for Madigan cronies through various folks in Madigan's cir-

ComEd wasn't alone, of course. Madigan's crew put the arm on plenty of special interests. He would often bring hand-written lists of people he wanted taken care of to his Madigan's demands became meetings with governors. He was running a small army, and his soldiers required suste-

ComEd stood out partly because it often needed things, and because of its patronage history and because it had so many jobs and so much money for contracts. It was the old Willie Sutton story. When the notorious criminal was asked why he robbed banks, he reportedly said, "Because that's where the money is.'

And Madigan's top lieu-It tenant Mike McClain made sure ComEd's key executives own never forgot that Madigan could turn on them at any moment and the company would go right back into the penalty box. They complied mainly because they didn't want any trouble, and when that compliance led to legislative successes, that, in turn, helped their own careers.

It was likely no accident that, after working closely with Madigan and McClain, ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore was being paid \$2.7 million a year, according to Crain's Chicago Business. Pramaggiore is now on trial in the "ComEd 4" bribery case, along with McClain and lobbyists Jay Doherty and John Hooker, a former ComEd official.

The federal government claims that their behavior crossed numerous boundaries. The defendants claim, in part, that this was simply the way things were always done.

But times changed, and ever-more voracious while the feds were listening in. It was almost like making a U-Turn in front of a police squad car. They're gonna get you for that.

If McClain had any doubt that the feds were looking at both him and Madigan, it should've been confirmed when he decided to cooperate with their investigation into a fraudulent scheme involving a federal immigration program that granted visas to millionaire foreign investors. The feds

instance, why he used code words when speaking or writing emails about Madigan. 'McClain admitteď that he

'referred to Madigan as 'our friend' in e-mails and in public conversations because people might be listening to or reading McClain's conversations,' the government claimed in a court filing last month. The defendants also claim

that the federal government essentially shoe-horned whatever they found into a vast criminal conspiracy case. They saw what they wanted to see, McClain's défense attorney Patrick Cotter told jurors.

But the prosecution claims that Madigan could kill any bill he wanted to kill. So, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah Streicker told jurors last week, according to the Chicago Tribune, "The defendants

asked him at the time, for bribed him, and they did so by paying Madigan's associates through jobs and contracts at

And he did indeed get a com.

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Boating safety course to start April 12 in Bradley

Maximize boating enjoyment with expert instruction from America's Boating Club (the United States Power Squadrons). class begins The

Wednesday April 12 at the North Extension Center of Kankakee Community College (KCC) in Bradley.

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communications afloat, handling adverse conditions, water sports safety, trailering, personal water craft safety, federal and state regulations, as well as knots and

Register using the form in the KCC catalog or on-line at https://www.enrole.com/kcc/j sp/course.jsp?categoryId=BF7 5E808&courseId=SAFE-9001

The ABC class is recognized by the US Coast Guard. It is taught by certified United Power Squadrons instructors.

The class is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on five successive Wednesday Students should come at 6:15 p.m. the first night to receive

Costs: \$12 to KCC; in addition, the materials cost \$55 (pay the instructor at the first class). However, members of the same household may share materials for \$10 per person. Minors need parental signa-

Rain barrel, compost bins to be available in Wilmington

Will County is teaming up The Conservation Foundation to offer compost bins and rain barrels this

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New law would ban Zooming while driving

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias will prohibit the use of Zoom calls while driv-

As more people have begun working from home since the pandemic, the popularity of applications like Zoom, FaceTime, Teams and WebEx has grown substantially, leading many motorists to conduct videoconference calls from their driver's seat.

"We need to take steps to change the culture surrounding distracted driving, which will lead to more responsible drivers and ultimately save

lives," Giannoulias said.
"Zooming takes hands, eyes and minds off the focus of driving. Our goal is that a combination of increased education, stronger laws and tougher enforcement encourage drivers to change

bad behaviors for the better.' House Bill 2431 would make it illegal to use a cell phone or other device to watch

First Presbyterian Church to host annual Spring scrap-a-thon

The First Presbyterian Church of Braidwood will be holding a Spring Scrap-A-Thon on Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For just \$40 you can have fun filled day of scrapping, door prizes, raffles and food. To reserve your spot please call or text Elizabeth Bell at 1-405-820-5944.

A new proposal from or participate in video confer- only if they use a hands-free encing, streaming videos or device and if its video is turned accessing any social media off.

> videos or are otherwise engaged in distracted driving pose a serious threat to other drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, first responders and construction workers.

Under the proposal, license suspension. motorists would still be able to Last year, 12,7 participate in video confer- were convicted of distracted ence calls while driving but driving.

Violating the law would Drivers who Zoom, watch result in a moving violation ticket and a maximum fine of \$75, \$100 on the second offense, \$125 on the third offense and \$150 for all future offenses. Three moving violations in a year will result in a

Last year, 12,700 drivers



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Ronald Gabriel ____

ELWOOD—Ronald Gabriel, 70, of Elwood, passed away Friday, Dec. 30, 2022 at Lightways Hospice

Born March 25, 1952 in Joliet, Ronald Rex was a son of Rex L. and Marion L. (Clever) Gabriel. He was raised and educated in the Plainfield area, and went on to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Upon his honorable discharge, Ron went on to make his career as a mechanic.

He was an active member of Families of Faith Church in Channahon; belonged to the American Warriors Motorcycle Club, and was a member and the past Jr. Commander at Stone City VFW Post 2199. Ron will be remembered for his love of motorcycles, and his passion for Veteran's organizations.

Survivors include his brother and sister-inlaw, Jerry and Shelley Gabriel, of Joliet; nephew, James Řex Gabriel (Amber Marie Hubner); great-niece, Aurora Skye Gabriel and greatnephew, Logan Hubner, as well as numerous

cousins and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Rex and Marion Gabriel.

Cremation rites have been accorded. The family will receive friends at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd., in Wilmington on Friday, March 24, 2023 from 10 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11 a.m. Pastor Joe Pospischil will officiate. Ron will be laid to rest with military honors in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at a later date.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made as gifts in Ron's memory to a Veteran's Organization of the donor's choosing.

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

Cremation and memorial services have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Gerald Koehler ___

JOLIET—Gerald (Ged) Austin Koehler, of Joliet, 57, passed away surrounded by loved ones Ŵednesday, March 15, 2023 at Ascension St. Joseph Medical Center

Family was everything to Ged. There was nothing he enjoyed more than spending time with those he loved. Ged found the good in anyone no matter the circumstance. Everyone who was blessed to know him knows the kindness in his heart- he would give anyone

his last two dollars, his shirt off his back, or go hungry to feed someone else. He loved an iced cold yuengling, a moped ride, watching sports, and going fishing. In any situation he was there to remind everyone "it's all good."

Ged is survived by soul mate, Bobbi Adams; his sons: Raymond Koehler, Joshua (Shayna) Adams, Brent (Ashley) Adams, Christopher Morris and Joey (Elizabeth) Hulbert; his mother, Thalia Koehler; father, Raymond Koehler; two sisters, Chantel (Anthony) Sefcik and Michel Willie) Koehler and two brothers, Clifton (Nika) Koehler and Dodd Koehler. He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, Betty Koehler;

grandkids: Faithanne Koehler, Ethan Adams, Nolyn Adams, Xaidrien Adams, Jazzlyn Adams, Skylar Adams, Devin Malaniphy and Lilian Hulbert, numerous nieces and nephews, and so many

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandma, Thelma Anderson; uncle, Frankie Anderson; aunt, Judy Handren and Grandpa Roy Koehler.

A Celebration of Life was held Monday, March 20, 2023 at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood. Cremation rites were accorded fol-

Memorial donations to the family would be

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find them on

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

Donald O'Brien

REDDICK—Donald Lawrence O'Brien, 90, of Reddick, entered eternal life on Friday, March 10, 2023 following a short illness.

He was born Jan. 17, 1933, the sixth child of William T. and Loretta (nee Clodi) O'Brien. Donnie was a little guy who lived a big life. He graduated from Reddick High School in 1951 and worked on the family farm and as a truck driver until he was called to serve his country.

Following his service in the US Army in Korea (1953-54), Donnie returned to Reddick and soon bought a fancy car that caught the eye of the love of his life, Norma. Norma Masching and Donald O'Brien were married on April 27, 1957 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Campus, IL and settled in the Reddick area where they built their life and raised their family. Loving and caring for Norma was truly Donnie's life work and from that love all of his many blessings and cherished relationships

Donnie worked hard and played hard with Norma by his side. Together they loved to travel, often with Donnie's beloved cousin, Veronica (nee McGuire) Mudron and her husband, Shadow, as well as shopping for antiques, attending farm shows, playing euchre, making puzzles, wintering in their beloved home in N. Ft. Myers, FL and dancing every chance he got.

Donnie worked at a number of different jobs and was proud to be a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #265 in Carol Stream, IL, owned and operated O'Brien Trucking, was Highway Commissioner for Norton Township for 16 years, but his passion was always farming. He was always happiest when he could be in a tractor. He also believed in the importance of community service and served as a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #2503, Dwight VFW Post #2608, American Legion Post #486, charter member of the Union Hill Lions Club, was a lifelong Democrat and devout member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Reddick.

Donnie is survived by Norma as well as their 5 children and their families: Melinda (Dan) Hogan; Bill (Cheryl); John; Mary Kay (Todd Gereaux) and Patrick (Karen); grandchildren: Matt (Laura) Hogan, Will (Lauren) Hogan, Jack Hogan, Mackenzie O'Brien, Donnie Ö'Brien, Connor O'Brien, Colleen (Garrett) Hodge, Jacqueline O'Brien, Mason Gereaux, Michael Gereaux, Matthew Gereaux, Kelsey

(Mike) Donath, Ashley O'Brien and Maggie O'Brien; great-grandchildren: Michael Hogan, Marilyn Hogan, Paisley Hodge, Layton Donath and one on the way in June, as well as honorary son, Terry Joyce and honorary grandson, Jonathon Romanetto. Don is also survived by his brother, Paul (the late Lois) O'Brien; his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Donna Masching; sisters-in-law, Ruth Schott and Rita King, as well as a legion of nieces, nephews and Doni

ents, an infant son, Donald O'Brien; siblings: Marie (Tommy Woods) Berns, Francis (Aldine) O'Brien, Gerald O'Brien and Phyllis (Glen) Buza and their spouses; his brother-in-law, Ed (Lucille) Masching; sister-in-law, Lucille Turner and his beloved "outlaw" brothers-in-law, Dennis (Mac) Turner, Kim Schott and Marion Cremation rites were accorded. A Memorial

Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, March 18, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Reddick. Inurnment with military honors immediately followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Campus, IL.

Memorial donations in his name to the St. Mary's Catholic Church or Lightways Hospice would be appreciated.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find them on R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory,

401 E. Main St., Braidwood, was entrusted with the arrangements.

Blood donors needed March 28 at USF

The University of St. Francis (USF) is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, March 28, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Assembly Hall Gymnasium at USF's St. Clare Campus, which is located at 1550 Plainfield Road in Joliet.

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Donald Russell

WILMINGTON—Donald 86, Allan Russell, Wilmington, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023 at the Lightways Hospice Home in Joliet. Born Jan. 8, 1937 in Pontiac, Donald Allan was a son of Frank Clinton and Mildred Lucille (Hack) Russell. He was the fourth born of the family following his sisters, Anita, Doris and Judith. Don was raised in Pontiac and

graduated from Pontiac Township High School with the class of 1955. Immediately following his graduation, Don entered into the United States Navy, where he served statewide and in Europe leading up to his honorable dis-

Ŏn March 19, 1966, Don married Margaret "Peggy" Nugent, and together they made a family and raised their sons together. Don's employment entailed working for the Joliet Arsenal before gaining employment with the Naval Reserves. He later joined Burns Security, where he worked at both Dresden as well as Braidwood Nuclear Stations. Most recently Don enjoyed being on the security team at Empress/Hollywood Casino in Joliet before for-One who loved the outdoors and nature,

Don took pleasure in riding his bike; trekking the I&M Canal, visiting Starved Rock and traveling. He was a fan of U of I and all Chicago sports, and will be most remembered for his enjoyment of living life to the fullest.

(Natalie) Russell, of Wilmington; his daughter-in-law, Courtney Harris, of Texas; four grandchildren: Brandon and Kaylin Russell, Madilyn De Hoyos and Olivia Russell, and numerous cherished nieces and nephews including his special niece, Kathy Sabuco, who was like a daughter to

Don was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Peggy (2004); two sons: Timothy Russell (2001) and James Nugent (2007), and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: James (Jean) Nugent, Jack Nugent, Jerry (Jean) Nugent, Donald (Patricia) Nugent, Barbara Nugent and Kathleen (Bob) Kahler.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington on Sunday, March 26, 2023 between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. Funeral services will follow Monday, March 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home with Rev. Josh Miller

Burial with full military honors will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Don's memory to Lightways Hospice of Joliet. Family and friends are encouraged to log

onto www.BaskervilleFuneral.com to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Don's memorial page online through social Funeral services and arrangements have

Survivors include two sons, Stephen been made under the direction and care of (Michelle) Russell, of Coal City and Brian Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Dean Bergman _

BRAIDWOOD—Dean Bergman, 73, of Braidwood, passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Ascension St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. Born Aug. 4, 1949 in Morris, he

was the son of the late Waldo Bergman and Lillian (nee Scaman) Burnik. Dean was raised and educated in Braidwood, graduating from Reed-Custer High School with the class of 1969. In his youth, he enjoyed motor cross, stock car racing, and cycling in marathons. He retired from Caterpillar, Inc. in 2000 after 30 years of employment. While working full time with Caterpillar he also owned and operated Bergman's Karate, Bergman's Bait shop and Firewood beginning from the early 1980's until 2004. Dean was a Master of Karate, most recently earning his 8th degree black belt. He taught Karate for over 50 years throughout many locations, including Braidwood, Wilmington, Channahon, and Minooka areas, even teaching a class at the Reed-Custer High

He was one of the earliest members of the Braidwood Recreational Club, lifetime member of the Sho-go-tae Academy, and was an avid donator to Unicef. Dean enjoyed hunting, fishing, and had a longtime hobby of flying and racing pigeons, but mostly making people smile. He always had a smile on his face and was the biggest people person one could meet. He always kept himself busy, whether it was working, teaching, or being just that social butterfly at the restaurants and bars.

Surviving are his wife of 16 years, Rebecca (nee Lair) Bergman, of Braidwood, who he married Oct. 31, 2006 in Townsend, TN; son, Joey Bergman, of Braceville; two step-sons, Jason Ohl, of Braceville and Matthew Ohl, of Braidwood; three grandchildren: Cameron, Angelina, and Annie Bergman; sister, Diane (Roger Ranieri) Bergman, of Phoenix, AZ; brother, Donald (JoAnne) McMillan, of Gardner; numerous nieces and nephews; two foster children, Ayden and Everett Lair and four legged companions, Nya and Logan.

Preceding him in death were his parents and beloved daughter, Angelina Marie Bergman (Braidwood's Olympian), who predeceased him Visitation for Dean will be at the R.W.

Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 12 p.m. until the time of funeral services at 6 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following serv-In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to

any lung association of the donor's choice would be appreciated. For more information and to visit his

online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find them on

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Illinois considers legalizing 'human composting'

While proponents say it's greener than traditional burial, critics doubt its dignity

BY ANDREW ADAMS CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

CHICAGO - Religious and environmental ideals are at odds for some in the ongoing debate around what to do with human remains.

A proposal at the Illinois Statehouse would legalize and regulate "natural organic reduction," a process in which human remains are rapidly decomposed into compost. The process is also known as human composting or terramation.

That process turns human remains into dirt over the course of several weeks. Companies that offer this service place a person's remains in a vessel with wood chips, straw and other organic material and heat it to accelerate the growth of microbes that break down the body. This is distinct from "natural burial," in which a body is buried with no casket or in a biodegradable container.

The measure, House Bill 3158, passed in the House Energy and Environment Committee on Tuesday on a 16-10 vote. It now goes to the House for consideration, although its sponsor, Representative Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, said an amendment to the bill is likely.

Illinois would proposal, become the seventh state to process. this Washington, Colorado, Oregon, Vermont, California updated her own will last year and New York have already to include that she would like

according to the human composting company Recompose.

Recompose pushed for the legalization of human composting in Washington. Its website notes that a body will stay in the vessel for four to seven weeks before the resulting soil is allowed to cure for two to six weeks. A person's loved ones are then left with approximately one cubic yard

"Natural organic reduction is, in fact, the most environmentally friendly death care option," Haley Morris, a representative of the human composting company Earth Funerals, said during the committee hearing.

"It's less resource intensive than any other option and it reduces carbon dioxide emissions by nearly 90 percent relative to traditional options, Moris added

Representatives of several environmental groups around the state have also voiced their support of the bill in witness slips filed with the committee. These include the Illinois Environmental Council, the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club and Go Green Winnetka.

Cassidy filed an amendment on Wednesday altering some of the fee structures for licensing the practice and indicated in an interview that another forthcoming amendment will modify some of the regulations around testing the

This is about creating If lawmakers approve the choices and options and in particular choices that are less harmful for the planet, Cassidy said.

Cassidy also said she

made the process legal, her body to undergo the natural organic reduction process.

> Notable among the bill's opponents is the Catholic Church. Daniel Welter, the recently retired chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago, spoke to lawmakers at the request of the Catholic Conference of Illinois on Tuesday.

> "Turning the mortal remains of a human person into compost for the purpose of fertilization, as one would with vegetable trimmings or eggshells, degrades the human person and dishonors the life that was lived by that person," he said during the committee hearing.

> Welter added that he and the church "oppose any tendency to minimize the dignity of a human being, even after death.'

> Representatives of the death care industry also oppose legalizing this process. LeNette Van Haverbeke, a rep-Illinois resentative of Cemetery and Funeral Home Association, told lawmakers that many in the field "oppose human composting as lacking the traditional dignity afforded

> to the dead." Others in the field are not as critical. After a similar bill was met with opposition last year from the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, Cassidy met with representatives of the industry to craft new language regulating the vessels used in process, professional licensing and soil testing among other elements of the

"I'm not saying we're a proponent of it, but the sponsor did listen to us," said Margaret Vaughn of the Illinois Funeral Directors Association.

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Talk about the de-extinction movement and bringing back certain species



Dear EarthTalk: What's new with the de-extinction movement that's trying to bring back extinct wildlife species? -- P.L., Danbury, CT

De-extinction, the concept of resurrecting extinct species, has long been a topic of debate among scientists and the general public. In recent years, scientific advances have made it more feasible to bring back extinct species, leading to a renewed interest in doing so.

The non-profit Revive & Restore was created in 2012 by Stewart Brand (founder of the Whole Earth Catalog) and Ryan Phelan to help usher in a new age of conservation based on the implementation of deextinction strategies.

One of the most significant developments has been the successful cloning of extinct species, such as the Pyrenean ibex and the bucardo, both wild goat species.

In 2009, scientists successfully cloned a Pyrenean ibex, but the newborn goat died shortly after birth due to respifailure. In 2021, ratory researchers successfully cloned a black-footed ferret, an endangered species that was declared extinct in 1979.

The cloned ferret, named Elizabeth Ann, was born in a lab and has since been released into the wild to help boost the population of the

Another development has been the use of genetic engineering to recreate extinct species. Scientists can extract DNA from fossils, museum specimens or frozen tissue samples and use it to create an embryo of the extinct species.

In 2013, scientists success-



December 10, 2020 marked the first time a U.S. endangered species has been successfully cloned.

fully created a hybrid elephant-mammoth embryo using DNA from a woolly mammoth and an Asian elephant. The embryo was not brought to term, but the research demonstrates the possibility of using genetic engineering to create extinct

The de-extinction movement is not without its critics, however. Many argue that the focus on de-extinction takes resources and attention away from conservation efforts aimed at protecting and preserving endangered species.

Others worry about the ecological implications of reintroducing extinct species to the environment. The ecosystem may have changed since the species went extinct, and reintroducing them could have unintended consequences, such as disrupting existing relationships between organisms and the environment or spreading disease.

Despite these concerns, the de-extinction movement continues to move forward. for-profit Colossal Biosciences has raised \$225 million over four rounds of venture capital investment to fund its efforts to bring back Dodo birds, Tasmanian tigers woolly mammoths.

among other extinct species, using genetic engineering.

In the case of the mammoth, the company is working on the creation of an elephantmammoth hybrid embryo that could be carried to term by an elephant surrogate.

The researchers hope to release these Frankenstein mammoths into the wild in the Arctic tundra, where they would help restore the ecosystem by grazing on the grasslands and helping to prevent permafrost from melting.

There are many challenges that must be overcome before extinct species can be successfully brought back. In

However, advances in genetic engineering cloning technologies made it increasingly feasible to resurrect extinct species, and the possibility of bringing back species such as the woolly mammoth has captured the public's imagination.

As the de-extinction continues movement evolve, it will be important to balance the potential benefits with the ecological and ethical considerations involved.

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Trout season opens April 1

The 2023 Illinois Spring Trout fishing season is coming to three area locations starting Saturday, April 1.

Bird Park Quarry in Kankakee, Rock Creek in Kankakee River State Park and Lake Milliken in the Des Plaines Conservation Area, Wilmington will all be stocked with rainbow

Rock Creek will open for catch and releaseonly fishing on March 18. On April 1 trout may

Anglers will need both a fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp to participate, unless they are under the age of 16, blind, disabled or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces.

Licenses and trout stamps are available for purchase on the Illinois Department of Resources (IDNR) website and at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including Angelo's Outdoor Sports in Wilmington.

The trout fishing at Milliken Lake is allowed at 5 a.m. on April 1. Anyone attempting to take trout before the legal harvest season opening

will be issued citations. The IDNR stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year, with 58 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state being stocked for the spring season, and an additional 80,000

For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the website at www.ifishillinois.org.

trout stocked for the fall season.

For more information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the opening

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bility for almost 4 million Illinoisans currently enrolled in the Medicaid program. This will involve sending a renewal form to Medicaid participants that is critical to continued Medicaid enrollment.

For everyone currently enrolled in Medicaid, it is their address is up-to-date imperative that HFS has your current file on address so that you can receive this important paperwork about Medicaid healthcare insur-HFS will soon begin the ance," said Alex Blumenshine, their renewal notice so they Director of Patient Financial

Healthcare Centers. "If HFS doesn't have your correct address, they won't be able to send the form to you, and you could risk losing your Medicaid health insurance." In addition to making sure

Services at Morris Hospital &

with Medicaid, officials at Morris Hospital say it will be imperative over the coming your months for Medicaid participants to watch their mail for

submit it. According to HFS, renewal forms will be sent about one month before they are due. Those who don't submit their renewal or no longer qualify for Medicaid could lose their coverage one month after their renewal date.

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2022 FC 59

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Study compares cost of buying vs. building home in Illinois

BY KEVIN BESSLER THE CENTER SQUARE

With low inventories still plaguing the housing market in Illinois, a new study looks at whether it is more cost effective to build a home.

The website StorageCafe compared the total building costs including the land and the median single family home listing price.

Doug Ressler, manager of Business Intelligence with parent company Yardi Matrix, said even though existing home prices have jumped over the past couple years, building costs have as well.

"Total building costs in Sangamon County was roughly \$476k, \$453k in Kankakee, Cook County

\$510k, as opposed to a median single family home listing price in Cook County was \$319k, so the obvious advantage was to look at buying a home as opposed to building," Ressler said. It is estimated that build-

ing a home in DuPage County will set you back about \$550,000, the highest in the Illinois is one of the

states that favors buying the most with no less than \$166,000 that can be saved on average if one chooses to buy a home rather than build one, the third highest total in the

The study shows the total building costs of a new propwould cost about \$461,000, while the median single-family home list price

was \$295,000. With a median land price per acre of \$91,000 and a median lot size of 0.25 acres, it would cost around \$23,000 for land and \$396,000 for construction in Illinois.

Ressler said one factor driving up building costs is the price of concrete in the Midwest because of a lack of fly ash.

"The ash is usually received from coal-fired generation plants," said Ressler. "The coal-fire generation plants are being reduced because of the EPA guidelines for pollutants."

In only 18 states is it cheaper to build than to buy, including in Hawaii, where building a new home is nearly \$500,000 cheaper than buying an existing home.

New EPA regulations for safe water expected to cost cities billions

BY ZETA CROSS THE CENTER SQUARE

For the first time in 26 years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued new guidelines for drinking water safety. Municipal utilities will be required to install expensive filtration systems to lower the amount of PFAS in water supplies.

PFAS and PFOS are a class of 14,000 chemicals that contaminate the drinking water of more than 200 million Americans. The chemicals are used in a wide variety of products, from non-stick pans and stain-resistant treatments for clothing and furniture to semiconductor coatings and firefighting foam.

Iyala Simba, city programs director at the Illinois Environmental Council, says PFAS are miniscule chemical compounds that are impossible to see and impossible to avoid.

"Food wrappers and pizza boxes contain PFAS to make them grease-proof," she told The Center Square.

The Illinois Environmental Council successfully lobbied for the gradual phase out of firefighting foam, which contains heavy concentrations of PFAS. The chemical compounds

are known as "forever chemicals" because they never break down. PFAS are linked to cancer, kidney disease, liver problems and birth

defects. "This is an issue that we are going to be dealing with for decades, if not hundreds of years because of how these chemicals are set up. They are not meant to break down," Simba

In 2021, Illinois received millions of federal dollars to mitigate PFAS contamination. The new EPA drinking water guidelines are expected to cost Illinois municipalities billions.

Municipalities are expected to initiate lawsuits against PFAS producers, including the U.S. military, which uses firefighting foam at airports and training facilities, and chemical companies DuPont, Chemours and 3M, which use PFAS in hundreds of applications from nonstick cookware and rain gear to construction materials and packaging.

Previous guidelines for forever chemicals in drinking water were 70 parts per trillion. The EPA set 4 parts per trillion as the new guideline. Scientists say that 4ppt is a huge improvement, but they emphasize that no traceable level of forever chemicals in drinking water is "safe."

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of 522 S. Kankakee Street

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COUNTY OF WILL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Mary N. Stanley; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants; Defendant. **No. 22 FC 0389**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 29th day of December, 2022, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 13th day of April, 2023, commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following-described real estate: LOT 1, IN BLOCK 21, IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON (FORMERLY WINCHESTER), A SUBDIVISION BEING IN SECTIONS 25 AND 36, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, AND IN RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 16, 1836, IN BOOK A, PAGES 71 AND 72, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as:

522 South Kankakee Street, Wilmington, IL 60481 single family residential 03-17-36-113-009-0000

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In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium

Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: THE WIRBICKI LAW GROUP

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Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, March 22, 29 and April 5, 2023.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of 404 N. Outer Dr.

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COUNTY OF WILL

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Ryan L. Zelek; et. al.

Defendant. No. 22 FC 1131

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 22nd day of February, 2023, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 6th day of April, 2023, commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following-described real estate: LOT 16, IN NORTHCREST, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH AND IN RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 1949, IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 1. AS DOCUMENT NO. 646750. IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 404 N Outer Dr, Wilmington, IL 60481 Description of Improvements: Single Family Home

P.I.N.: 03-17-25-103-029-0000

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

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Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State.

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale of 306 S. Outer Dr.

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COUNTY OF WILL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. JULIE WHITMER; CITY OF WILMINGTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant. No. 22 FC 0498

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 10th day of February, 2023, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 30th day of March, 2023, commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following-described real estate:

LOT 70, EXCEPT THAT PART LYING WEST OF A LINE BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 41.87 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID LOT AND RUNNING NORTHEASTELY TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE WHICH IS 42.98 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT, IN NORTHCREST, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4

AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH AND IN RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WILL COUNTY ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 18,1948, II PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 1 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 646750, EXCEPTING THERE FROM THE SOURCE MATERIAL BENEATH THE SURFACE TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as: 306 S OUTER DR., WILMINGTON, IL 60481

Description of Improvements: Single Family Residence

PLN 103.17-27-5.104.071-0000

Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twentyfour (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds
payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS
605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4)
of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the
Illinois Condominium Property Act.Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice plus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State. FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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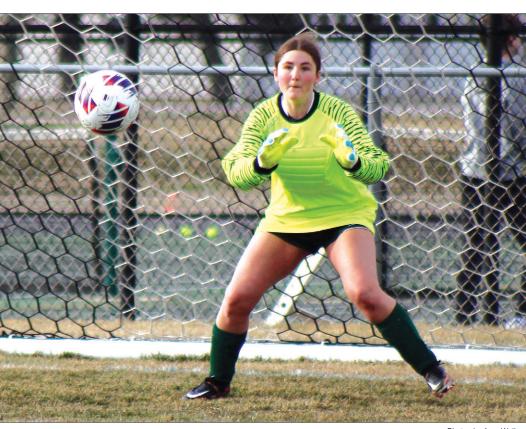
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DALER SPORTS



COAL CITY GOALKEEPER Chloe Plueger was impressive during the season opener against Plainfield Central with 18 saves.

Lady Coalers return with eight starters



THROW IN— Coal City senior Peyton Benson looks to pass the ball inbounds during last week's meet at home.

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battled the weather just as much as their opponent during a blustery home opener on

Plainfield Central despite 15 mph winds and pelting rainfall. In the end they scored a couple of goals but the visitors

had the edge, winning 3-2.
Coal City goalkeeper
Chloe Plueger was impressive,
stopping 18 shots on goal during her first-time start for the

Score for the Lady Coalers were Ayli Castle, assisted by Kylee Kennel. The other score was made by junior Maddie Gomez off an assist by Azra

tions with the return of eight out of 11 starters this season,' said coach Todd Painter. "We also have a full roster of talented and eager players to fill in

last year's record of 10-9. We will be looking to senior Cara, last year's goal leader, to repeat and improve upon her total. We will also be looking for leadership from seniors Cooper and Malovski," Painter

been hustling to the ball include Cassidy Jenke, Aubrey Mellen, Maddie Gomez, Kimberly Perez, Makayla

of them returning starters, Castle, include Aylianna Corina Barkley, Kylee Kennel and Plueger.

our first game and look for-ward to better weather,"

The Coal City soccer team

The Lady Coalers hosted

Malovski. We have higher expecta-

There four returning senior starters including Cara Planeta who led the team in scoring a year ago. Other seniors include Peyton Benson, Audrey Cooper, Mariah Pena, Kayla Connelly, Beth Greene, Reagan Robson and Malovski.

We hope to improve on

The six juniors who have DeMarse and Kiley McKim.

The four sophomores, two

"We glad to be able to play Painter concluded.

Coalers get off with a good start

ball team opened its season last Wednesday at Ottawa versus Marquette, walking away with a 3-1 victory.

Marquette ended up last year third in the state with 31 wins, and returning seven starters so it was a notable win for the Coalers

Coal City senior Carter Garrelts was the winning pitcher going five innings recording 11 strikeouts, three walks, two hits and one run.

Austin Davy finished up the last two innings and recorded the save. At the plate Lucas Nolan had two hits Jimmy Feeney added a double and two runs scored. Cason Headley collected two RBIs in the game, including the game winning RBI.

Coach Jerry McDowell, who returns to the dugout after six years being away, commented on the opening "We played really well today for the first game. Carter

was really composed on the mound and hit his spots and we came up with some crucial two strike at bats," McDowell McDowell returns after

coaching for the Joliet Slammers semi-pro baseball organization. For 22 years McDowell was head coach for the Coalers until be retired at the end of the 2017 season. Greg Wills took over for four years, last year coaching Coal City to a 20-9 season.

"It was a great experience coaching for the Slammers but it's great to be back in Coal City. I learned a lot while with the Slammers, especially their long schedule of 100 games. It

March 28host Mendota.....

memories up there, including winning the league championship," McDowell said. "But when the Coal City position opened up this year and no one else in the district was interested, I got asked back in July if I was interested and I said most certainly yes.'

The Coalers graduated a nice group of seniors but striking out eight and walking McDowell says that shouldn't be a problem with the talent he has out for this year's team.

"I've got good numbers this year with 10 seniors and 12 juniors. We didn't have cuts, we kept 22 players, which is a lot of kids," McDowell admits. "I've emphasized there's not gonna be a lot of playing time because we're gonna be spreading it around. The kids have worked hard and done a nice job. It's tough to tell who is locked in as starters just yet, especially since we've mostly been inside the gym," the coach said.

"I think all of them understand they're competing for playing time on daily basis and, getting after it. It's showing so far, we've made pretty good strides and in two weeks, we just need a break in the weather and get some games in. We kept everybody who wanted to play....let them work hard and get better on their

He said the season opening victory was one he opens will play out often.

'It was nice to get 16 players in the game and it was a total team effort and a quality win. We can build a lot from this game," McDowell com-

On Monday they moved

The Coal City varsity base- was a lot of fun with a lot of their home game to Minooka to take advantage of a dry field. It ended up being a heartbreaker as the Coalers lost 3-2 in the sixth inning when the Indians scored the game win-

ning run off an error. Lefty Caden Kuder was on the mound for the Coalers, lasting six innings, allowing five hits and two runs while

Derek Carlson, Feeney and Olson all had hits for the

"We're looking at defense and pitching right now. We've really stressed that in practices. We hit pretty much every day but you know, but when you get outside and see pitchers in a different setting, you never know what's going to happen there. I mean, you can always get off pitching machines all day you all time that you want to inside but it's a different story when you get out so sure. We're defense and pitching and you know hit it's gonna get better and better as we go along and get outside and nicer weather like it will be for everybody."

Coal City hosts Pontiac tonight (Wednesday), plays at Joliet West Thursday before hosting Beecher for a double header on Saturday.

"We have a very demand ing schedule with several good baseball schools in there. It's going to be a good experience for everybody to play that schedule. We might take some losses that we normally wouldn't get, but in the long run, it's gonna pay off come playoff time to play those bigger schools. I can't wait."

Coaler spring sports schedules April 4host Wilmington4:30 p.m.

COAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

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April 5host Yorkville	4:30 p.m
April 6host Herscher	4;30 p.m
April 8host Ottawa	10 a.m
April 11@JCA	4:30 p.m
April 13@Lisle	4:30 p.m
April 18host Manteno	4:30 p.m
April 20@Peotone	4:30 p.m
April 22host Lady Coaler Shooto	out9 a.m
April 27host Reed-Custer	4:30 p.m
May 2@Streator	4:30 p.m
May 4@Plano	4:30 p.m
May 9host IHSA Regional	
May 10@IHSA Regional	TBA
May 11, 12 host IHSA Regional	TBA
May 13@IHSA Regional	TBA
BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL	
March 22host Pontiac	4:30 p.m
March 23@Joliet West	4:30 p.m
March 25host Beecher1	1 a.m. & 1 p.m
March 27host Peotone	
March 28@Peotone	4:30 p.m
March 30@Bishop Mac	4:30 p.m
April 1@Plainfield East	11 a.m
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April 18	@Streator	4:30 p.m.
April 24	@Herscher	4:30 p.m.
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May 4	host Plano	4;30 p.m.
May 6	@Joliet Catholic	4:30 p.m.
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