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Coal City investing \$6.1 million in water

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

A \$5.3 million expansion of Coal City's water treatment will get underway and with that comes a secondary project—a new raw water well-that drew comment about one of the contractors.

The project has been in the planning for over two years and during a special meeting on approved cost of \$5,315,190. April 20, town trustees approved bids for expansion of the plant, as well as drilling a new well and connecting it to the system at an additional cost of over \$878,900.

D Construction, the company that built the existing treatment plant some 30 years ago, submitted the lowest responsible bid for the expansion work at a price of \$5.6 million.

The expansion work will be underwritten by a low interest loan through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency [IEPA]. As previously reported, the loan will come with \$1 million of principal forgiveness from the state agency and the total borrowed will be paid back through utility fees that include a monthly surcharge collected from users.

Payroll compliance of well driller questioned

lage engineer worked with the contractor to identify possible savings in order to align the total cost of construction closer to the amount

being borrowed. A change order was submitted reducing the

The expansion of the treatment plant rep resents 86% of the total project cost of \$6.19 million.

Located on North Broadway, the treatment plant expansion will include a block building addition to house new, modern equipment including water softeners, high service pumps, filters, electrical service and a new radium removal process that is necessary when pumping water from underground aquifers within this region.

Overall, the project will expand the town's treatment capacity and ability to meet demand with future growth. The plant currently has the ability to treat 1.75 million gallons per day and upon completion that will increase to around

Following the opening of four bids, the vil- 2.16 million gallons per day.

With the bid for the expansion approved, trustees took up the matter of drilling a new well adjacent to Coal City Fire Station 1 on the east side of DeWitt Place.

This item dominated the majority of discussion at the 17 minute meeting that began, as all Board meeting do, with public comment.

Mayor Terry Halliday recognized a request from Mike Lingl, a representative of the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting, to address the Village Board with regard to an expected contract award to Municipal Well & Pump.

Lingl noted his comments were a follow up to documents he had sent to the village a week earlier in regard to "issues," with Municipal Well that date back nearly 20 years.

His comments to trustees were focused on violations he said the company had with the Illinois Department of Labor regarding wage rates from prior municipal work and what he currently sees as underpayments on certain projects based on a review of the state agency's

records.

"Where this is relevant to you, I was very pleased to see that Coal City has a responsible bidder ordinance and you guys actually took the time back in 2000 to codify what a respon-sible bidder is and one of the components of that is compliance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. I submitted to you substantial evi dence that shows that Municipal Well has a long history of not complying and I hope you con-sider that tonight when you make your decision as to who is the lowest responsible bidder is for your project," Lingl said.

Village engineer Mike Perry told village officials the Department of Labor was asked to go back to Jan. 1, 2020 to see if in the past three years there were any recent violations by the company with regard to compliance with the state's wage act.

What came back was there was no information at their level.

To further clarify with the Village Board, attorney Mark Heinle outlined the role of the state agency and how changes over the past few

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Surplus property

Coal City declares three residential lots as excess

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

The village of Coal City has declared three residential lots on Big Timber Drive as surplus property, hoping potential developers may bid and secure the land to build residential homes.

Coal City acquired the land, "due to the former developer failing to meet all of the requirements for development the subdivision," within according Village to Administrator Matt Fritz.

It was in the early 2000s that the development began, a combination of single and bid in the land remained undeveloped, the village wait-ing for some to express interest ing for some to express interest multi-family [duplex] homes.

the original developer to complete the street. But that individual declared bankruptcy and the cul de sac never went in.

However, the village did secure the outlot set aside for the cul de sac and a couple of plans were developed to extend the street—one to North Broadway and another to North Street-but both plans were met with resistance from neighboring property owners and the street went without its final improvements.

in the Big Timber Drive prop-





Future educators in the national spotlight

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

A new student organiza-tion at Coal City High School is training future educators, two of them earning state recognition and an opportunity to showcase their knowledge at the national level.

Educators Rising, nationwide career and technical student organization, prepares high school students for careers as future teachers.

A goal outlined in the school district's strategic plan is to access and explore opportunities to ensure career and readiness, college and Superintendent Chris Spencer said, "this program for future educators is part of that." Spencer noted that the faculty union, Coal City Community Unit Education Association, is working with administration in support of the new group advised by high school history teacher Ben Baer. Baer told members of the Board of Education this is only the second year the organization has existed statewide. "It has been seen as an important way to address teacher shortage as 60% of educators end up working within 20 miles from the place they graduated high school," said Baer, who graduated from Reed-Custer High School in Braidwood. "This is something we've needed for a long time. We are going to need good teachers

ti-family [duplex] nomes. The plan for the subdivi-erty. sion was for a cul de sac at the west end of the street and the village attempted to require

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Three in custody following manhunt

An alert of a stolen motor vehicle resulted in a chase, manhunt and the arrest of three individuals-two with criminal histories

Around 12:39 a.m. on Sunday, April 23, Grundy County Sheriff's deputies were alerted by a Flock camera that a vehicle stolen in Joliet was in the area of Route 129 in Gardner.

The vehicle was spotted by a deputy who then attempted to make a traffic stop. But the suspect vehicle took off, entering the northbound lanes of Interstate 55 at the Gardner exit.

According to the Grundy County Sheriff's Office, stop sticks were deployed at mile post 233 [Reed Road] and the vehicle hit

them stopping a short time later. Four people in the vehicle fled on foot leading to a manhunt with a Grundy County K-9 tracking and locating three—Roxie A. Boling, 40, of Wilmington; 42-year-old Ivan S. Davis, of Joliet, and Melissa M. Ferguson, 34, of New Lenox. The fourth individual remains at large.

Boling was transported to a local hospital after she informed police she had ingested two grams of heroin, and Davis was transported to the hospital after complaining of chest pain.

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Photo by Ann Gill

THE COALER YOUTH League—Coaler Youth Baseball and Coaler Youth Softball leagues opened the 2023 season with an opening day celebration on Saturday, April 22. Hall of Fame baseball coach Jerry McDowell had the honor of tossing out the first pitch. McDowell has coached at the middle, high school and semi-professional level and is currently back on the field as the varsity coach for the Coal City Coalers. He also serves on the youth league's board of directors. Additional opening day photos on page 2.

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of the well on DeWitt Place, "is

Some additional savings

"The last portion of con-

comes with this location due

to assistance provided by the

Coal City Fire Protection

struction due to the different

components of the water

treatment plant expansion

project include the improve-

ments at the well head. This

construction completes the

source of electrification to the

raw water pump and connects

the raw water retrieved from

the well into the village's raw

water conveyance system,"

district comes in is that

instead of constructing a sep-

arate well house for neces-

sary electrical equipment, fire

officials have offered for the

components to be installed on

the southwest corner of a stor-

age garage they own and is

accessible from their parking

generosity, the village will save

over \$231,000 on the well head

improvement that will be

completed by Gene Wren Construction at a final cost of

have been reviewed and

accepted, Fritz said the village

will move forward to finish the

required debt obligation doc-

ment plant, well drilling and connection is expected to commence in the weeks

uments to finalize the loan. Construction of the treat-

Due to the fire district's

Now that all of the bids

Where the fire protection

plant."

District.

Fritz said.

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ahead.

Water

years have put the requirements for monitoring company payroll for compliance is now in the hands of the state.

"You really have not role in terms of scrutinizing certified payroll. Now that's not to say you can't take a look at them, but it's not part of the typical municipal role, that enforcement is left to the Department of Labor," Heinle said.

The attorney went on, "what the Department of Labor does do when they find a violation, they public a list of contractors and if they have to violation in the past four or five years they appear on a list and they can not be eligible to be awarded public works contracts for the next four years."

Municipal Well is not on the list.

The attorney told trustees they had the option to select the other bidder, however if that was their choice it needed to be made clear why Municipal was not deemed to be the responsible bidder.

All of the bids submitted for the project were reviewed by the IEPA without question before being presented to trustees for approval.

When offered an opportunity to respond to the comments about their company, a representative of Municipal Well & Pump simply said, "our record speaks for itself."

Without question, trustees unanimously accepted the bid and awarded the well drilling contract to Municipal Well & Pump at a cost of \$696,253. This represents 11% of the total project costs.

Village Administrator

Matt Fritz noted the location of the well on DeWitt Place "is Home run derby jump starts youth baseball, softball players

advantageous because the vil-The Coaler Youth Baseball lage's raw water main is and Coaler Youth Softball already located alongside this opened the 2023 season with a property allowing the source day of activities that included a water to be delivered efficienthome run derby, games and ly to the water treatment scrimmages

Founded separately in 2022, the two non-profit organizations offer recreational programs for kids interested in the two sports. The focus is on providing a place for kids to build skills and develop an appreciation for the game.

The season opened with a ceremonial first pitch tossed by Hall of Fame coach Jerry McDowell, who serves on the board of directors for the baseball group and is the current head coach of the Coal City High School varsity baseball team.

A highlight of the day was the home run derby with three top finishers in each category.

In the Shetland division the top batter was Beau Hines followed by Elliott Munsell and Benny Bailey.

In the Pinto boys division, Drew Novak finished in first place. Brock Bailey was second and Andrew Vironda placed third.

Emmy Hall was the first place batter in the Pinto girls division followed by Kensley Schomig and Larkyn Kaluzny.

Among Mustang players, in the boys division the top hitter was Andrew Becker with Liam Wynn finishing second and Rylan Davy third.

Girls Mustang derby fin-



Photo by Ann Gill ANDREW VIRONDA TAKES a swing during the homerun derby hosted by the Coal City Youth Leagues. Vironda finished third among Pinto boys.

ishers were Haleigh Case in top batter in softball was among boys in the Bronco

came in second and Lila Symons was third.

division were Hunter Lamphier with first place, Rylan De Michele in second And, the top hitters and Patrick Osipavicius was third.

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THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED Coaler Youth Baseball League and Coaler Youth Softball League came together over the weekend to host an opening day event that featured a homerun derby contest Trevor Reeb was among the participants in the event.

Property

come. There has been some interest, but prior to the sale of those outlots we have to surplus it and make it available to anyone else that might want to make a bid on it," Fritz said.

The Village Board declared the land as surplus property when it met on April 12. This, the administrator said, was the first step in selling it off.

The property will be offered through sealed bid upon announcement by the village through an advertisement. The winning bid will be determined by the Village Board.

The lots are zoned RS-2—medium density single family residential—and at this time are non-conforming.

In responding to a question posed by Trustee Tim Bradley, Fritz said the village code outlines how many homes can be located on a cul de sac street and therefore a variance would be needed for the lots to be considered conforming

'If someone has a winning bid that would then go before Planning and Zoning for approval and gain the variance approvals needed from the code, there is just no other way around it.

The administrator told trustees he anticipates two single family homes being constructed on the property in the future.

Arrest

Davis is charged with criminal trespass to a stolen

rant for failure to appear on larceny charges. She now faces additional charges in Grundy County for possession of a stolen motor vehicle, criminal

Veteran outreach events scheduled for May

SWINGING INTO A second place finish in the Pinto league home-

ished third. In the Bronco division the

first place, Ryleigh Kargle in Promise Walker. Sophia Smith second and Hailey Fisher fin- came in second and Lila

The Edward Hines Jr. VA They can also discuss any other federal, state and local veterans benefits and services. Representatives will be

motor venicle and resisting arrest. He was on parole from the Illinois Department of Corrections [IDOC]. According to the state agency's inmate data, Davis was released April 12 on a conviction out of Cook County for possession of a controlled substance.

Boling is being held on a warrant from the U.S. Marshals Office for failure to appear, possession of narcotics, and a Will County wartrespass to a stolen motor vehicle and resisting arrest.

As for Ferguson, she was transported to the Grundy County Jail and charged with felony possession of a con-trolled substance, resisting arrest and criminal trespass to a stolen motor vehicle.

Grundy County was assisted by several agencies including the Illinois State Police, Will County Sheriff's Department and Braidwood Police Department.

Medical Center Outreach Team with assist veterans during two outreach events in May.

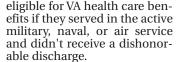
run derby was Brock Bailey.

Staff from the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission and the US Department of Veterans Affairs Edward Hines Medical Center will be able to answer questions about VA health care, the PACT Act, Camp Lejeune water and many other veterans benefits and programs.

available Monday, May 1 from 10-2 p.m. at the Morris American Legion Post 294, 212 W. Washington St., Morris and Wednesday, May 31 at the Grundy County Health Department Senior Expo held at Jennifer's Garden, 555 Gore Rd., Morris.

'There have been several significant changes to the benefits and services provided by the US Department of Veterans Affairs as a result of legislative acts by Congress last year. The Grundy County VAC and Hines VA Outreach are available to help answer questions and assist with applications for these new benefits." said Ken Buck, superintendent of the VAC.

If a veteran is interested in enrollment in the VA Health Care System, bring a copy of their DD214 and a government issued photo ID. One may be



Those who enlisted after Sept. 7, 1980, or entered active duty after Oct. 16, 1981, must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty. There are other condi-

tions under which you might be eligible, attending these outreach events will allow you to discuss your situation with the enrollment coordinator directly.

For general questions or to schedule an office appointment with the VAC call 815-941-3152 or e-mail vac@grundycountyil.gov

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> Eric D. Fisher, publisher Ann Gill, editor

Educators

and as a former teacher I understand that. I am so thrilled we have some of our own people going into this and hopefully will come back to us," Board president Ken P. Miller said.

In its first year at CCHS, the organization recorded 15 members with three serving as chapter officers-president Rachel Hall, vice president Mia Ratajczak and Adaline Dowling, secretary/treasurer.

"I see my role as a sponsor to facilitate the meetings. The officers plan the agenda, the questions and run the meeting and I think that is a very valuable experience forthem. I feel that this has served our students in a variety of ways," Baer said.

Taking part in various conferences and presentations have also proved beneficial to members of the group. The organization has hosted teacher panels focused on various topics in education including early career teachers and middle level education, "because that can be a challenging [area] to fill," Baer said. The panels included local teachers,

retirees and award winning educators.

Members have also took part in two statewide Educator Rising Conferences, the most recent being the state leadership conference and competition.

Ratajczak and Hall entered the competition to learn more about the programs, "they went in as a learning experience just to see what its like and they drove in full steam. There were four categories [of competition] and we participated in two and Coal City won both of them," Baer said.

The victories earned Hall and Ratajczak a

spot in the national contest to be held this summer.

Hall competed in children's literature and in doing so she was required to write and illustrate a children's story that she performed for judges at the contest.

The story penned by Hall was titled, "Seasons Change," and was a bout young children and how they have to be resilient.

Rataiczak competed in the Educator Rising Moment that requires participants to deliver a speech describing why they want to become a teacher. She spoke of her work with the school's PALS program that finds general and special education students working together.

Baer commended both students for their work in preparing for the contest and their individual presentations.

Now that they have won the state competition they move on to nationals set for June 29-July 2 in Orlando, FL.

"I think through a variety of funding we will be able to get them to that conference," Baer said.

The Board offered its support providing \$250 to each of the students to assist with their travel and conference expenses.

Future educators from across the country will be at the national conference to take part in 21 competitive events, participate in sessions, network with other future teachers and hear remarks from the 2022 National Teacher of the Year

Baer looks to build the organization in the coming year and is hopeful the district will continue to support the program with funding.

"I feel this had served our students in a variety of ways," the advisor said.

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Software upgrade to aid village of Coal City

BY ANN GILL

EDITOR

A new software program will better help the village of Coal City with paying its bills and other organizational tasks.

The village has been using the same system to track annual purchases, issue payroll and for utility billing for the past 30 years. But that system has aged out and will be replaced with a program that will assist with those tasks, as well as others.

Three software programs were presented for consideration and town officials went with the option provided by BS&A at a cost of \$78,385-the least

expensive.

The new software program has a module for the building department that can track contractor registrations and building permits.

According to village officials, the new program will reduce work time by streamlining the process of entering data into the system.

It will allow payroll to be submitted electronically, provide financial tracking that will assist with rou-

tine reporting, auditing and grant tracking. The new program will allow the village to e-mail water bills to residents, saving on paper, printing, envelopes and postage.

It will be 12 to 16 months before the new soft-

ware is implemented.

"We are hoping that by ordering it sooner rather than later it will be something we might be able to get everything implemented by this time next year," Fritz told trustees who approved the new software during the April 12 meeting. The total costs includes training and integration

of current data into the new program.

The first payment of \$34, 210 will trigger the development of the software for the village. Coal City will then make a payment of around \$20,000 when the switch-over occurs and the final payment will be made approximately one year later. After that the village will be assessed an annual licensing fee.

Intermediate School Students of the Week It's garage



Courtesy photo
COAL CITY INTER-**MEDIATE School** Students of the Week for April 26 are (from left): Amelia Blustein, Jett Johnson, Elly Nicholson, Reese Poeschel and Brayden Sorensen.

Unit 1 Schools to host summer athletic camps

The Unit 1 School District will hold 17 summer camps and clinics in June and July for local youth. The cost to participate is \$35. A link to the online registration is located under the athletic tab on the district website at coalcityschools.org. Questions can Youth Softball—Grades 6-8 be directed to district athletic directors Dan Hutchings at dhutchings@coalcityschools.org or Brad Boresi at bboresi@coal-

- cityschools.org Summer athletic conditioning—Grades 9-12 [COED] June 5-July 27 [M,T,W,TH] Coal City High School High School High School Boys in grades 11-12 meet 7-8 a.m. and grades 9-10 meet 8- Youth Volleyball—Grades 4-8 9 a.m. and girls meet 10-11 a.m. Contact: Francis Loughran and Brad Schmitt HS Boys Basketball—Grades 9-12 June 1,5,6,8, 15, 20,22,27 High School gym Contact: Joe Micetich Youth Boys Basketball—Grades 5-8 June 19-23 from 9-10:30 a.m. High School gym Contact: Joe Micetich
 HS Girls Basketball—Grades 9-12 June 5,6,8,12,19, 20, 22 and 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. High School gym Contact: Brad Schmitt Youth Girls Basketball—Grades 4-8 June 5-9 from 10-11:30 a.m. High School gym Contact: Brad Schmitt Wrestling—[COED]—Grades 6-12 June 5-9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon Middle School Youth Wrestling—Grades 1-5 June 5-9 from 9-10:30 a.m. Middle School Contact: Mark Masters Youth Baseball—Grades 6-8
- July 17-21 from 9-10:30 a.m. High School Baseball Field Contact: Jerry McDowell July 17-21 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Middle School softball field Contact: Rodney Monbrum HS Volleyball—Grades 9-12 July 17-27 from 8-11 a.m. June 11-16 from 8:30-10 a.m. High school High school Contact: Pam McMurtrey HS Football—Grades 9-12 July 3,5,10,12, 17,19,24 and 26 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. High School football field Contact: Francis Loughran Youth Football—Grades 4-8 July 10-14 from 10-11:30 a.m. High School football field Contact: Francis Loughran HS Soccer—Grades 8-12 [COED] July 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27 from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. High School soccer field Contact: Steven McCleary Youth Soccer—Grades 6-8 [COED] July 24-28 from 6-8 p.m. Middle School Contact: Michael Kostbade HS Tennis—Grades 8-12 [COED] June 26-30 from 10 a.m. to noon High School tennis courts Youth Tennis—Grades K-7 [COED] June 26-30 from 8-9:30 a.m.
 - High School tennis courts Contact: Matt Leman and Jeremy Unger

sale season Coal City, Diamond

announce May dates

It's time to clean out the closets and garage to get ready for another garage sale season.

The village of Coal City is teaming up with the village of Diamond to sponsor the spring sales. The two day community-wide event is scheduled for Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m-rain or shine.

Residents interested in participating can sign up prior to May 9 by visiting the village websites at coalcity-il.gov or villageofdiamond.org, or inperson at either village halls. Listings, with a map, will

be accessible on both village websites on Wednesday, May 10.

Participation in the Coal City and Diamond sale is free.

Collins interns with Rise at Coe College

Alyson Collins, of Diamond, worked as an intern with Rise during Coe College's Spring 2023 term. Collins is in the class of 2025 majoring in Social and Criminal Justice, Psychology at the Cedar Rapids Iowa University.

The Magic Dumpster files as new business

LEGAL NOTICE Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 14, A.D. 2023, a certificate was filed April 14, A.D. 2023, a certificate was filled 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 The Magic Dumpster, located at 29 Arlington Dr., Diamond, IL 60416.

Dated this 14th day of April, A.D.

One injured in Diamond residential fire

STAFF REPORT

One person was injured in a residential fire reported the morning of April 19.

Emergency medical personnel from the Coal City Fire Protection District were called to a residence on Arlington Drive in Diamond's Burt Estates Mobile Home Park around 11:30 a.m.

Minutes later, firefighters were called to the scene for what Deputy Fire Chief Nick Doerfler said was a flash fire in the home.

One person inside the residence was transported to a local hospital for treatment. No other injuries were reported.

Doerfler reported the damage at approximately \$5,000,

The fire is under investigation by MABAS 15 fire investigators and Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

> Run Positive files as new business

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2023

Kay T Olson, Grundy County Clerk Published in the Coal City Courant on April 26, May 3 and 10, 2023.

Athanasopoulos applies for variance to build deck

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Coal City Zoning Board of Appeals on the Zoning Ordinance on the 15th day of May, 2023, at 200 offecture in the First of the Dent 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the office of the Board of Appeals, Coal City Village Hall, 515 South Broadway, Coal City, Illinois on the following matter: To consider: Building a deck

attached to the Gordon Street side of my house At the following address: 160

Mary St., Coal City, IL 60416 Legal description of property: Buchanan's Addition East 85 ft. and North 59 ft, of Lot 1 Block 6 Section 3-32-8.

Request for the above appeal was applied for by: Demetrios Athanasopoulos Said Board of Appeals will be at said time and place to hear all persons in sup-port of such matter or any objection there-

COAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Road Trip March 25 thru Sunday, April 30 visit participating libraries, 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.

Read Away Your Fines - For the month of April all CCPLD library cardholders will have the oppor-tunity to "Read Away Your Fines." Come to the front desk with CCPLD reading material and sit in the library and read. For every 15 minutes you read (must be in the library) we will remove \$1 from your current fines only (does not apply to future fines). This does not cover damaged or unreturned library materials.

Thursday, April 27-Terrific Tots 10am

Attorney Black files Winkel estate claim notice

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **GRUNDY COUNTY - IN PROBATE** No. 2023 PR 25 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE WINKEL DECEASED

CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of George Winkel. Letters of office as Independent Executor were issued to Joann Wills, 125 W. Knollwood Way, Platteville, WI 53818, whose attorney is DANK DLACK DLACK ADD ADD ADD ADD FRANK J. BLACK, BLACK & BLACK, 201 Liberty Street, Suite 211, Morris, Illinois 60450.

The designated resident agent for Executor is Attorney Frank J. Black, Liberty St., Suite 211, Morris, IL 60450.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Grundy Courty Courthouse, 111 E. Washington St., Morris, IL 60450, with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or, if mailing or delivery of a notice is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. JOANN WILLS

INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR Frank J. Black Black & Black 201 Liberty Street Suite 211 P.O. Box 148 Morris, IL 60450

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storytime at The Cove 11am Families are invited to join us at The Cove located at 30 N. Broadway Street. We will have stories, songs and a craft. In celebra-tion of National Library Week, we will have a Library themed storytime. No registration required.

Terrific Tots - 6pm

Friday, April 28- Fun Fridays – 3 pm

CCPLD Live Trivia Night - 6-7:30pm - Are you smarter than a librarian? Come test your mettle against local teams in a 6 round, 10 questions per round trivia showdown! Expect cookies, refreshments, a prize for the winners, and a test of your knowledge and skill. Adult CCPLD cardholder must register your team of 4-5 players.

1-Librar Road Monday, May Trip Ends April 30 – May 1 is last day to turn in your Library Road Trip Passport to get into the grand prize drawing. Turn Passports in at the front desk and get entry tickets based on the number of libraries you visited.

Makerspace Cart Mondays - All Day

Terrific Tots - 10am

Preschool Storytime - 11am Eager Readers Homeschool Edition - 1pm

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD GENE KUNDERT, Deceased;

DONALD GENE KUNDER1, Deceased; No. 2023PR26 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Donald Gene Kundert, Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued on April 21, 2023, to Julie Ann Pierce, whose address is 715 Quail Run, Coal City, Illinois Coatte, whose attraney is Meents Law address is /15 Qual Run, Coal City, Illinois 60416; whose attorney is Meents Law, P.C., 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A, Channahon, IL 60410. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, Illinois 60450, or with the percesentative or both on or before representative, or both, on or before November 6, 2023, or if mailing or delivery representative, of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has

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Julie Ann Pierce Independent Executor of the Estate of Donald Gene Kundert, Deceased Frank J. Meents Meents Law, P.C. 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A Channahon, Illinois 60410 Telephone: (815) 534-9515 Facsimile: (815) 534-9516 Attorney Code: 06298859 E-mail: frank@meentslaw.com

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Eager Readers – 4pm Family Lapsit - 6pm Preschool Storytime - 6pm

Tuesday, May 2-Adult Book Club – 1pm

Wednesday, May 3-Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) – 9am–12pm

Paper & More - 9am-4pm

Family Lapsit - 10am

Preschool Storytime - 10am Teen Anime - 4pm

Attorney Meents files Narwick estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SHARON ANN NARWICK, Deceased; No 2023PR15

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Sharon Ann Narwick, Letters of Office as Independent Administrator were issued on April 19, 2023, to Nicholas D. Lewis, whose address is 2375 Chestnut Lane Morris, Illinois 60450; whose attorney is Meents Law, P.C., 25158 West Earnes Street, Unit A, Channahon, Illinois 60410. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the GRUNDY County Courthouse, 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, Illinois 60450, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 27, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Nicholas Lewis Independent Administrator of the Estate of Sharon Ann Narwick, Deceased Frank J. Meents

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Kay T Olson, Grundy County Clerk Published in the Coal City Courant on April 19 and 26 and May 3, 2023.

.. Dated this 18th day of April, 2023. Published in the Coal City Courant on April 26, 2023.

Notice of Foreclosure of 290 North Fifth Ave

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPAC-

TTY BUT SOLELY AS DELAWARE TRUSTEE AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CO-TRUSTEE FOR GOV-ERNMENT LOAN SECURITIZATION TRUST 2011-FV1; Plaintiff.

AMY L BORCHELT; THOMAS H BORCHELT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants NO 2023 FC 7

290 NORTH FIFTH AVENUE COAL CITY, IL 60416

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Amy L Borchelt, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the

Premises described as follows, to wit: PARCEL I: LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2) IN BLOCK TWENTY-ONE (21) IN THE VILLAGE OF COAL BRANCH JUNCTION AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, (EXCEPT COAL AND OTHER MINERALS AND THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE AND IN ORDINALS OF INDEXES OFFICE OF GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, (EXCEPT COAL AND OTHER MINERALS AND THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME), ALL IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS PARCELL II: A STRIP OF LAND 10.5 FEET WIDE LYING NORTH OF AND ADJACENT TO LOT 1, IN BLOCK 21 AND LYING EAST OF THE NORTHEASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH- EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE EXISTING ALLEY WEST OF SAID LOT 1, IN COAL BRANCH JUNCTION, VILLAGE OF COAL CITY, SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 290 North Fifth Avenue

Coal City, IL 60416

and which said Mortgage was made by, Amy L Borchelt and Thomas H Borchelt Mortgagor(s), to Maple Park Mortgage Co. Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Grundy County, Illinois, as Document No. 366517; and for other relief

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on June 16th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Grundy County Law Library; 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, Illinois. A lender represen-tative will be present along with a court appointed mediator to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for a potential mortgage modification. YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE MEDIATION DATE GIVEN OR YOUR MEDIATION WILL BE TERMINATED. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before May 26, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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warver. For infratorination action of the provided in a contrast (infratorination and performance) and the performance of the warver), or to apply for free legal help, go to tww.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee warver application. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAIN-TIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff

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PUBLIC NOTICES Because it's your right to know

THE ESTATE OF GEORGE WINKEL, NOTICE TO DUANE WINKEL AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE WINKEL

may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the wit-nesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21). E-filing is now mandatory for docu-

ments in civil cases with limited exemptions. To E-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble E-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/geth-elp.asp or talk to your local circuit clerk's office.

ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

Dated: April 18, 2023. By: Attorney Frank J. Black Frank J. Black/ ARDC #00218251 Black & Black Law Firm 201 Liberty St., Suite 211 P.O. Box 148 Morris, IL 60450 Phone: 815-942-0594 Fax: 815-942-0849 on April 26, May 3 and 10, 2023

Attorney Black files Winkel notice to heirs PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY-IN PROBATE

Within forty-two days after April 18, 2023, which is the date the court order was entered admitting the Will to probate, you

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755

been filed.

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New hope

BRAIDWOOD-Braidwood is becoming a ugly town; no bank, now no laundromat; very few restaurants. Why do they need another gaming place? Let's see what this new mayor

Works both ways

WILMINGTON- If women can't have Mifepristone, men shouldn't be able to have Viagra, or Cialis or any other medication to give them an erection. Erectile disfunction is God's way of telling old men they are done with sex plus if they can't impregnate women that means less abortions. It's a win-win. Penny Lane

Just making sure

WILMINGTON OK Margo, let me get this straight. All of these mass killers and school shooters are agents of God and acting in his name? I'm just making sure I got your point.

Only your God

WILMINGTON-Dear Sharon, you are free to believe anything you want. You can read your Bible, pray and go to any church you choose. Your kids can carry a Bible and wear a cross but teachers and coaches aren't allowed to proselytize on school time. I don't know why everyone has to be exposed to the Ten Commandments when various Christian and Jewish faiths have different versions. But the point is still, you can practice any belief you choose and yet you still feel compelled to force your way into the public's square and demand that everyone kneel to your God and only your God. I don't need a weather vane to tell me which way the wind blows and I don't need to see a nativity to know it's Christmas. By the way don't have a problem with Jesus, in fact to quote the Doobie Brothers "Jesus is just all right with me." I just don't like his fans.

Computer chaos

COAL CITY-Recently the computer system at a local medical facility wasn't working correctly and quite a few people could not get their prescriptions refilled and the pharmacies refused to refill any doctors' prescription refill orders by telephone. Then the facility stated that only computer authorizations are allowed by law to refill prescriptions. But our leaders were warned years ago, look what happened. But they didn't care because they receive everything they need under priority status along with medical personal. After arguing about my prescriptions with the hospital, pharmacy and doctor's office, all three basically stated that there is nothing they can do to help me get my medication because my life is being controlled by a machine. How do you like knowing that a computer determines if you are allowed your medication for survival? It's damaging my life. If the truth doesn't rattle your brain then watch the movie "The Net" with Sandra Bullock and that movie might shake every apple from your tree. Computers aren't the truest form of man to man pushed into usage by our Congress with no thought about human life. There is no appreciation for being treated like scum by the medical profession and the public servants.

Crook helping crooks

DIAMOND—There is a law that some people in Congress want to pass to stop transgender males from competing in woman's sports because of the disadvantage that women have physically in competition with men. But our president has already stated that he will not sign any bill into law that will stop a transgender man from women's sports or being allowed in women's locker rooms or women's restrooms. There's a phrase that says one crook will always help another crook. So does that mean one pedophile will always help another pedophile? If the shoe fits, you wear it.

Gone too progressive

SHADOW LAKES—The GOP house voted to ban biological man from playing in girls sports. Not one Democrat voted for it and Biden said if it passed he would veto it. This is not your father's Democratic party. Think about this if you have a daughter in sports. Eddie

Inconsistent

WILMINGTON—Have you noticed that the trans phobic Republicans only care about trans girls in sports. What about the trans boys in sports? It seems inconsistent. So what's up with that?

Lost touch

DIAMOND-It has been across the news media that minor children are being taught that a boy can become a girl and a girl can become a boy with surgery and pills. But this can never change the eternal structure of any human being or completely change a human being's DNA. But the adults pushing this twisted idea will not undergo the surgery or have their children undergo the same mutilation process that can never be reversed. All it shows is that some adults have lost touch with reality and are sick deviates that should be put into prison instead of being allowed to be involved in the tax payers funded education program and the politicians that allow this to continue should be forced to undergo the mutilation surgery they want for the children in the U.S.A. before one more minor child becomes a victim of this sadistic, inhumane mentality that causes extreme harm to the welfare of mankind as a complete abomination to life.

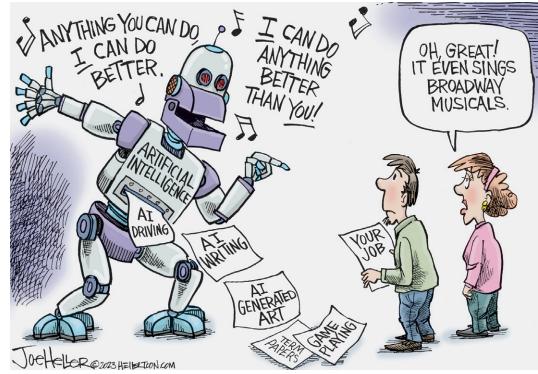
So now what?

BRAIDWOOD-It's 4-20 so the buds and I were celebrating. One of the buds asked if the cannabis resort is still coming to Braidwood now that we're getting a new mayor and all. We were stoked about it coming and being legal and all. Would be a cool venue for people up north or any state wanting to come chill at a destination. Although I heard now that Missouri turned legal and pot's is half the price it is in Illinois, the resort planners have bugged out and are going to Missouri. Hope that ain't true. Later dude!

Higher again

GARDNER—Just wondering if anyone else in the area is sick and tired of the price gouging by Waste Management. I filed a complaint with the Attorney General after getting nowhere with the company last year. They helped me get a refund. They lie about being able to choose another company, but they know they are the only one who handles recycling. Just got my bill this morning and it was a lot higher again. I don't know if anyone on a fixed income is able to pay this huge amount. Do you pay their ridiculous bills every year or do you pay for

Gas prices fall 5 cents in Illinois



your other essentials like prescriptions, food, utility bills, and toss your garbage along the road? This company makes billions every year. Sad.

Pitiful politics

BRAIDWOOD-In response to "More harm than good", maybe the hard look should be to the person who sent out the postcard with the lies about one of the candidates running and then stood in front of Berkot's the night before the election telling people not to vote for that person and telling them a horrible lie. When that's how you have to win an election it's pitiful. I hope the person who stood in front of Berkot's gets sued for slander. Yes, we know who you are.

Targets women

WILMINGTON—The Republicans claim to believe in states' rights yet they say nothing about the judicial overreach of a white male Trump-appointed Texas judge with no background in science or medicine passing judgments that affect the whole country and targets only women.

The Shroud of Turin

DIAMOND-New evidence indicates that Jesus of Nazareth's burial cloth believed to be the Shroud of Turin is not only real but points to the occurrence of a supernatural event after His death. Recent analyses of the shroud using only modern science can provide some machines that study deep space to nanoscopic parts of the human cell are revealing surprising information. In 2011, Italy's national agencies for new technologies energy and sustainable economic development assigned a world team of 35 researchers with seven tons of equipment to understand how the image on the shroud was made. A number of key findings about the images make sharing this wonderful information concise and to the point: It was not painted, no pigment found. It was not scorched or burned. It is a two-dimensional image with encoded three-dimensional information. The distance between body and cloth is captured in the density of the image, closer is darker. The image did not come from contact with the cloth. The image appears to be created by an oscillating strobe of high intensity light with a simple wave length. This light came from "inside the body." The event happened in for His faithfulness. Sharon FYI

DIAMOND-Biden administration unveils rule to force 67 percent of cars sold to be electric by 2032. Biden administration unveils toughest ever emissions rule in bid to force surge in EV purchases. Ford, General Motors Mercedes Bends, Volvo, and Jaguar Land Rover pledged to stop selling diesel powered cars worldwide by 2040. In 2022 Washington and California announced the ban on sale of new gasoline powered cars by 2035. In 2022 Washington and California enacted tougher vehicle emission standards. Connecticut Colorado, Delaware, Maine, Marvland. Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington DC followed. P.S. The average price of an electric vehicle was roughly \$65,000 last year, more than the total yearly household income of 46% of American fami lies.

It's time

CUSTER PARK/BRAIDWOOD-This is in no way a negative comment to the taxpayers of Custer Park, rather a negative comment to the Custer Park Fire Protection District Trustees. Why is it the Custer Park Fire Protection District is not able to handle 90% of their own emergency calls? I have a police and fire scanner at home and 90% of the time CPFPD gets a call whether it be a medical or fire call Braidwood Fire Protection District or Wilmington Fire Protection District has to either assist them heavily as if it was in their own district, or handle the call completely with no response or assistance from CPFPD. As a BFPD taxpayer I find it quite disturbing that my tax dollars are handling a majority of another department's calls, but not getting any reimbursement for handling the incidents. How can the Trustees of CPFPD allow this to happen over and over again for not only this year but for many years in the past. I think it's time to seriously consider closing down the CPFPD, and turning the district over to Braidwood or Wilmington who can actually handle the calls, and who actually have a transport ALS ambulance.

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Average gasoline prices in national average for the sum-Illinois have fallen 0.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.05/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

Area gas prices have narrowed with Coal City stations charging \$4.04/g; Braidwood Wilmington \$3.91/g and \$3.97/g on average as of Monday.

"For the first time in several weeks, the national average price of gasoline has seen a decline, and while the fall was quite small, the bigger news may be that we may have seen a short-term peak for the price of gasoline. While any unexpected outages could push it up again, there is a rising possibility that barring

mer," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

Prices in Illinois are 36.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 35.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

The national average price of diesel has fallen 3.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.12 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois was priced at \$3.44/g while the most expensive was \$5.19/g, a difference of \$1.75/g.

The lowest price in the state was \$3.44/g while the highest was \$5.19/g,

The national average is up such, we may have seen our 22.8 cents per gallon from a high water mark for the month ago and stands 46.4

cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"Typically, gas prices peak between May and June, and with the oil market showing significant cracks in strength, we may have seen the peak in the national average already occur, a few weeks earlier than average. While it's possible we could go higher later this summer should a major hurricane target sensitive infrastructure, it appears the odds that the national average will miss the \$4 per gallon mark are rising. It's certainly looking optimistic for motorists.'

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1/40th of a billionth of a second like a laser beam moving 2.5 billion watts. To create a similar light one would need all the electric power generated on earth. The report said "In the end, we could not determine an image formation mechanism that could make an image with these properties on the Shroud of Turin." As for me, this miracle of God's love confirms my faith that Jesus, the son of God was crucified, died and was buried. He then rose from the dead on the third day. One of science's accepted laws states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed. But over 2,000 years ago our all powerful God created an energy of like equal to all the power generated on present day earth in the briefest of time and that regenerated the life in Jesus. What an affirmation of faith to all Christians. Recognition that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah of the Jews. I sincerely believe all agnostics and atheists have some extremely new scientific facts to consider. Praise the Lord

Praising Biden

COAL CITY-President Biden has been in politics for over 50 years and served as a senator and vice president before becoming the 46th President of the United States in January 2021. Throughout his career, he has been known for his work on issues such as health care, education, civil rights, and foreign policy. Since taking office, President Biden has taken steps to address some of the most pressing issues facing the country, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, economic recovery, climate change, racial justice, and immigration reform. He has also made efforts to promote bipartisanship and work across the aisle to pass legis lation. Many people appreciate Biden's experi ence and leadership skills, as well as his focus on restoring unity and civility in American politics. His administration has also been praised for its diversity and inclusion, with a record number of women and people of color appointed to key positions in government.

Commentary Stay calm when the wheels fall off

FOUNDATION THE A BETTER LIFE

At 17 years old, most people are still struggling to parallel park. Yes, it takes a bit of practice. And once the car is parked, the day is packed with school activities and homework and just hanging out with friends. But at 17, Maggie Taraska had an outrageous goal in mind: Fly solo across the United States.

Both of Maggie's parents are Air Force veterans, so the urge to be airborne is in Maggie's genes. So she went to flight school, put in the hours with an instructor and started on her solo hours. But on her first solo takeoff, out of a small airport in Massachusetts, something didn't sound right. The plane had lost one of the landing gear wheels.

"As soon as I took off, I heard something," Maggie said. "I just felt something was Maggie wrong instinctively."

The Piper Cub had plenty

FOR of gas, so her instructor had time to talk her through the maneuvers from the ground while she circled a few times to gather herself.

I was just petrified. I was thinking about all of the bad things that could've happened; I was thinking about how my parents were on the ground and I knew that they were watching.

Stress and panic can cause any of us to make rash decisions. It takes mental practice to calm down. Take a few breaths, focus on the moment, follow the plan. And remember to breathe. "I panicked a bit, but I followed my training.'

Maggie was a little shaky as she talked to the tower, but she executed a perfect belly landing that skidded on the infield grass. Her father couldn't be more proud.

'By the time I saw Maggie on her approach, it was a better approach than I could've flown," he said. Cheers erupted in the tower when she landed, and Maggie took a deep breath and climbed out of the plane.

Credit does go to the crew for talking her through the procedure. We all need someone to talk us through challenging times. But in the end, it was all Maggie at the controls

We could all be forgiven for calling it quits after an ordeal like that. After all, it was a bit traumatic. So walking away would be understandable. But five days later, Maggie was going through her pre-flight safety inspections, checking under the hood, checking the wings, and especially checking the landing gear.

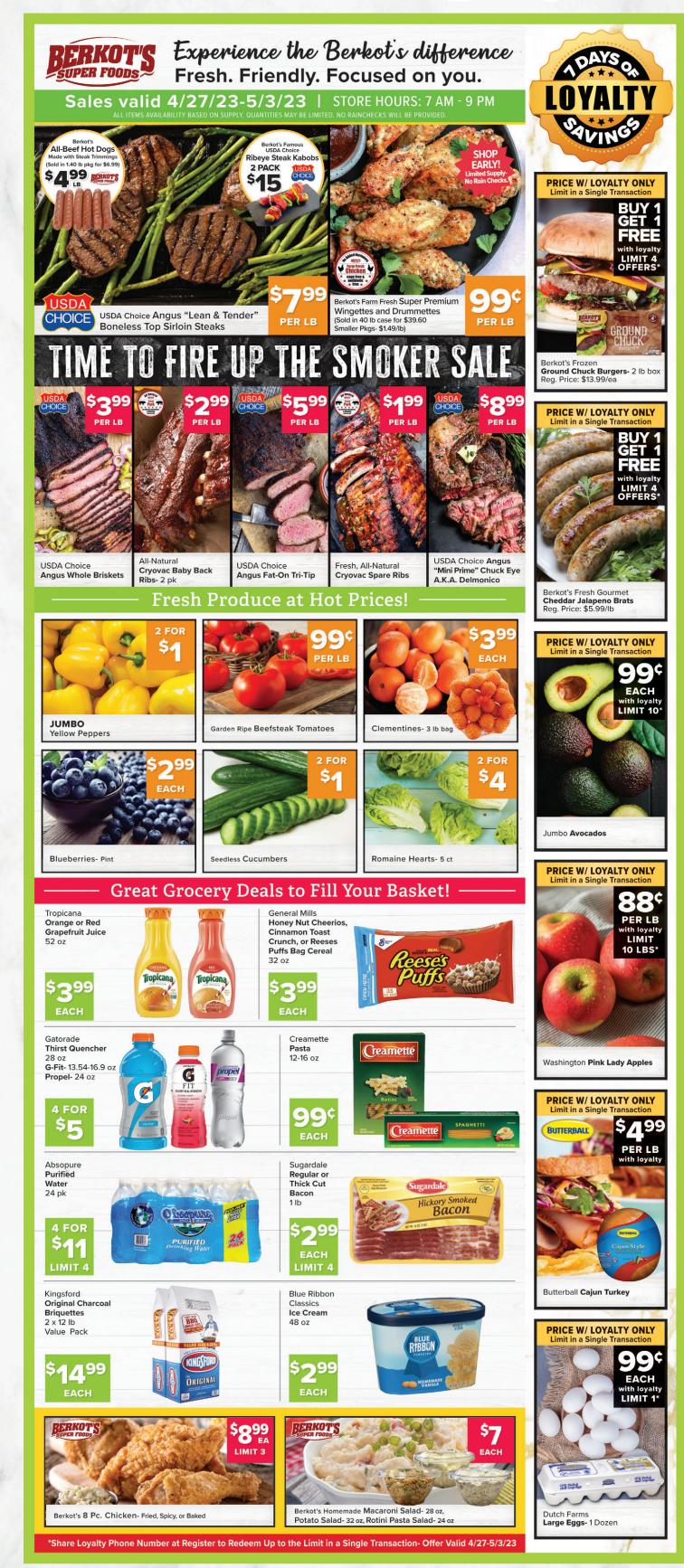
. "It feels amazing," she said about being up in the air again. "It feels really freeing."

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BY ELAINE OHLUND SPECIAL THE TO

In today's busy world it's challenging enough just to get a home cooked meal on the table once or twice a week. But to make it healthy and one that the kids will eat is a whole different ball game.

amazing cooks but family favorites like carmel rolls and spaghetti pie were not exactly the healthiest choices.

It wasn't until I was a mom of three with my youngest being special needs when I really started to consider what I was putting on their plates every night.

I constantly found myself reading endless labels at the grocery store and really doing my research to come to the conclusion that a lot of the food at the grocery store had ingredients in them that I couldn't even pronounce. Or there was one ingredient that kept catching my eye in everything: Seed oils.

vegetable oil, and oils made from soy, corn and sunflower have been linked to causing inflammation throughout the entire body which can lead to disease. diabetes, heart autoimmune diseases and a



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disappear.

Seed oils like canola oil,

slew of other health problems. Now I am no health expert or doctor but I do know that once I started staying away from the seed oils and center isles of the grocery store, I dropped weight and felt so much better. My achy joints and brain fog seemed to slowly

Which then made me real-I came from a family of ize I had to also make this work for my kids. There just seemed to be no solution other than going back to homemade basics and Mother Natures remedies of vegetables, fruits and meat.

> I mean she is the mother of all mothers, so wouldn't that be the most nuturing for our bodies and souls?

> But what kid is willing to eat vegatbles these days when we have sugary snacks availbale on every isle? So, that's when I realized it was going to have to perform somewhat of a magic trick, disguise them in a bolognese sauce because who doesn't love spaghetti?

Magic trick

bolognes sauce 1lb of ground beef 1lb of Italian sausage 1t of red pepper flakes 2 T. Olive oil 1 green pepper (diced) 1 yellow onion (diced) 2 stalks of celery (diced) 4 garlic cloves (minced) 2 carrots (grated) 28-ounce crushed tomatoes (with juice)

8-ounce tomato past 1 cup beef stock 1 honey crisp apple (grated)

8 basil leaves chopped Salt and pepper to taste

1. First brown the meat, both Italian sausage and ground beef in a pan, while the meat cooks, sprinkle the red pepper flakes (if you like a little spice) in with the meat. Once the meat is cooked, drain grease and set aside for later.

2. Grab your favorite pasta sauce pot and heat up 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Once the oil is sizzling add the minced garlic to the pan. Next, add the carrots and celery and saute until they have softened and are fragrant.

My Aunt Joy once told me it's not only important to test by taste but by smell too. Next, add the onion and green pepper and saute until softened.

3. Now you can add the meat back into the pan with the sauted vegetables and add beef stock, crushed tomatoes and tomato paste. Bring to a simmer and lower heat for about 20 minutes.

Make sure to stir throughout the 20 minutes because it's nearly a sin to burn the sauce according to Henry Hill in 'Good Fellas".

While the sauce is cooking you can go ahead and prepare your noodles.

Tip: Cooking with tomatoes can lead to an acidic taste so a tip to balance that out is sugar unfortunately. You can add one tablespoon of sugar, stir and let simmer for a minute and taste again.

If it still tastes acidic then add another tablespoon of sugar, usually 3 tablespoons of sugar will do the trick. However, because we are trying to make this a healthier meal, my Aunt Theresa came up with the genius idea of grating a Honey Crisp apple into the sauce and it does just as good of a job as the sugar. Plus you are adding one more of Mother Nature's remedies to the meal.

4. Once the sauce has finished simmering then you can go ahead and add the basil, salt and pepper to taste.

5. Then serve over warm noodles topped with some Parmesan cheese and watch your kids gobble up a good handful of vegetables that they probably won't even notice.

Tip 2: This one is for the moms who are constantly on the go with sporting events at night. Sometimes I make a double batch and freeze half of it in a tupperware for the following week especially if we have a lot of baseball games to go to.

It's so convient to pull out in the morning and let it thaw. Once you get home you can just heat it up in a pan and make noodles.

Now I understand that not everyone has the time to make a homemade sauce so I did find a spaghetii sauce jar that you can purchase that has all healthy ingredients and no seed oils which is called Rao's Tomato Basil. Mixing in the meat and vegetbales will also do the trick.

Considering I am on this health and wellness journey and want to write about it, I welcome your feed back. Or if you have a health version of a recipe your family likes, let's share it! Email me at news@fpnusa.com or drop correspondance off at 111 S. Water St., Wilmington, IL 60481

And thank you to all of the beautiful aunties and women in my life who inspired my love for cooking.



MY SON Zachary Ohlund grating a Honey crisp apple into a healthy Bolognese sauce. After tricking him into eating the vegat ble hidden sauce he liked it so much he now will help me prep it.

Red Carpet Corridor Festival Craft show and flea market Wilmington, IL • Saturday, May 6

Become a vendor in the craft show and flea market planned for Saturday, May 6, in downtown Wilmington during the Red Carpet Corridor festivities, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A non-refundable permit fee for a 10x10 space is \$35 on or before April 22; \$50 postmarked April 24-29. Do not mail after April 29. For vendors who make payment the day of show the fee will be \$65 (first come, first served). Must arrive by 8 a.m. to set-up. Even non-profit organizations must pay for a spot.

For fresh food vendors (for all who prepare food on site): \$100 fee for a 10x20 space and contract must be postmarked by April 29; \$130 fee if space is paid for after April 29.

Set-up can begin as early as 6:30 a.m. Arrive by 8 a.m. and remove all vehicles by 8:40 a.m. Check in will be at the north end of Water St. Unfortunately, no electricity will be available.

Complete the contract below and return it with a check made payable to "Women of Wilmington" to: Women of Wilmington, c/o Brenda Craig-Cherveny, 1235 Chesson Court, Wilmington, IL 60481.

Questions can be directed to Cherveny by emailing brenniej@aol.com.

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west side of the building. The class will also be offered on Tuesday, May 23, from 4-8 p.m. at the same location.

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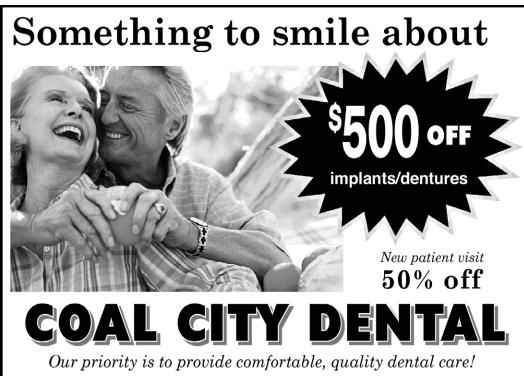


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Future of autonomous farming equipment taking shape

BY DAN GRANT FARMWEEK

The use of driverless ag equipment might seem like something from a science fiction movie, but it's already gaining ground on farms today. And some of that technol-

ogy was on display to farmers from around the world at Classic Commodity in Orlando, Florida, as equipment manufacturers set their sights on improved ag efficiencies.

moving forward as an industry," said Matt Olson, precision ag manager for John Deere. When you look at the future. we continue to evolve at an increasingly fast pace because of technology.'

John Deere released its first autonomous tractor for tillage operations last year — 8R tractors with a TruSetenabled chisel plow, GPS guidance and advanced technolo-

The unit features six pairs stereo cameras, which detection and calculation of herbicide only to weeds it distance.

And it's just the first in what Deere envisions as an entire lineup of autonomous equipment.

We are committed by 2030 to have a fully autonomous production system for row crops, from planting and spraying to harvest and tillage," Olson said.

And it could radically change how farmers manage their operations.

We've gone from manag-"We are committed to ing the whole farm, to fields and more recently to zones,' Olson said. "When you look at the technology we have now, we're able to manage at the plant level through sensors, machine learning and through automation.'

Deere's new See and Spray Ultimate is one example. The new technology can reduce non-residual herbicide use by more than two-thirds by target spraying weeds.

See and Spray Ultimate uses 36 cameras on a 120-foot sprayer boom to scan more enable 360-degree obstacle than 2,100 feet at once to apply Show.

detects. Its ExactApply nozzle control technology also helps reduce potential drift.

The latest See and Spray advancements are for model year 2023 John Deere 410R, 412R and 612R sprayers.

Deere also unveiled new ExactRate technology this year to precisely monitor and control applications of liquid ferduring tilizer planting. ExactRate is compatible with select models of John Deere planters with electric drive, including 1775NT, 1795, DB60, DB44 and DB66 units.

How do farmers prepare for automated technology?

Olson recommends they get comfortable with the JD Center. Operations gain expertise in how to work with a connected machine and make sure their farms have highfidelity boundaries.

Meanwhile, Case advanced its development of autonomous technology when it unveiled its TriDent 5550 sprayer with Raven Autonomy at last year's Farm Progress

Farmers can run the appli- Harvester. cator with Raven Autonomy from any mobile device.

"That's considered supervised autonomy," Kendal Quandahl, Case IH precision technology marketing manag-Waterloo, told from er FarmWeek at Commodity Classic. "You can have multiple machines in one field controlled by one operator.'

Case IH introduced the autonomous sprayer through market research with farmers, who identified field applications as one of their top labor pain points, Quandahl noted. One of the spotlights for

us is the path to autonomy Case IH is working towards, she said. "One of the biggest things we have to help producers understand is it's not just a driverless machine, but rather a series of automated equipment."

Case IH also recognized past achievements in ag equipment design at Commodity Classic as it continued its celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Farmall, an original brand of International

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"We're very excited about the past and innovations on farms from 1923 to today," said Joe Miller, Case IH tractor market segment lead. "We're kicking off the next 100 years of Farmall."

Case IH recently launched new Farmall 90 and 120 model tractors, geared toward specialty markets.

The company is also giving away a Farmall 75C tractor as part of the 100-year celebration. Visit the website, www.farmall100.com for more information about that or go to www.caseih.com to learn about all the latest innovations.





Photo by Daniel Grant for FarmWeek A JOHN DEERE 8 series tractor, featuring autonomy-enabling hardware, sits on display at the 2023 Commodity Classic in Orlando.

Coal City church to host drive-up dinner

The Coal City United Methodist Church dinner roll. All meals will be packed in carryinvites the community to their Drive-Up Pork out containers to take home and enjoy. The Chop Dinner on Saturday, May 6, from 4 p.m. to cost is \$15 per meal. 6:30 p.m.

cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw and meals will be available, so stop by early.

All proceeds will go to the Coal City United Each dinner will include: a pork chop, Methodist Church Building Fund. Only 125

Plainfield man pleads guilty in video gaming burglary ring

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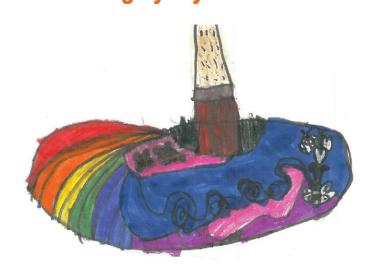
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Attorney General Kwame Raoul said a Will County man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to prison for burglarizing Grundy and Will County businesses and stealing cash from video poker machines.

The plea is part of an ongoing burglary case following a joint investigation with the Illinois Gaming Board, the Illinois State Police (ISP) and several local law enforcement agencies.

Brian Morgan, 42, of Plainfield, was sentenced to nine years in prison in Lee County Circuit Court Thursday after pleading guilty to one count of Class 1 felony theft. Morgan was also sentenced to nine years in prison, to be served concurrently, after pleading guilty to one count of Class 2 felony burglary.

Morgan is currently in prison, serving a separate sentence in connection to unrelated charges.

Members of this burglary ring allegedly targeted bars, restaurants, social clubs and other small businesses that have video poker

and video gaming machines. They broke into dozens of these establishments in multiple counties and stole hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash out of the machines," Raoul said.

In August 2022, the Attorney General's office filed charges against four individuals, including Morgan, alleging they broke into businesses around Illinois and robbed video gaming machines, stealing approximately \$400,000. Morgan allegedly committed offenses in the counties of Carroll, DeKalb, Grundy, Iroquois, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Mason, McLean, Ogle and Will.

The Attorney General's office received support in its investigation from the Illinois Gaming Board and several law enforcement agencies, including the ISP, the DuPage County State's Attorney's office, the Lake County State's Attorney's office, the Joliet Police Department and the Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Iroquois, Kendall and LaSalle county sheriffs.

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Peter Backulich Jr.

BRAIDWOOD-Peter Andrew Backulich Jr., 69, of Braidwood, passed away at home early on the morning of April 20, 2023 after a courageous battle with a number of increasingly difficult health conditions, surrounded, by his loved ones and the prayers of friends and family.

Born Dec. 18, 1954 in Joliet, Pete, lovingly called Cricket by his mother, was the only child of Peter and Betty (Meyer) Backulich. A long-time resident of Joliet and graduate of the Joliet school district, Pete moved his young family to Braidwood after both of his children were born and remained a resident there.

Throughout the years Pete worked in a number of industries - from helping at his father's bait shop, Pete's Bait Shop, to later running it himself, his love of outdoor activities especially fishing and hunting was cemented. His original First Mate, his daughter, Tammie was able (relieved) to pass the torch to her younger brother, Pete. Starting a crawfish farm, continued the theme of outdoor related jobs. For some time Pete was a business owner, running Pete's Pub in Joliet and Pete's Treats. The city of Braidwood was lucky to have his expertise as a Code Enforcement Ágent multiple times over the years. Then he found trucking. Making deliveries on cross country trips, he worked as a truck driver for many years. Even after retirement, Pete couldn't be still. He shortened the routes, but remained a driver, making deliveries for Allegra Printing in Coal City.

A lover of 80's and Classic Rock, his two children were raised with the genre as the soundtrack to much of their childhood. He never lost his love of freshwater fishing or of hunting deer and birds. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Pete and even those who just passed by his home, couldn't fail to see his immaculately kept yard. He was a man who took immense pride and pleasure in his outdoor landscaping. Those who were lucky enough to have a special place in his life, were allowed into the inner sanctum which included the garage where you'd be likely to find him happily tinkering for hours on end. You'd also see that this was a man who believed in being



prepared for every contingency. Not only were Pete's hands always busy, but his mind as well. Always up for a game of Chess, he was able to pass his love of the game on to his son, Peter. When it came to personality, Pete had a very particular chuckle that his friends and family will remember well. He and especially his daughter, Tammie were also quick to find the humor in life. Once you made it into his heart, you were his for life and Pete would go to the ends of the earth for you.

Pete is survived by his former wife and mother of his children, Debbie Backulich; daughter, Tammie Backulich (Garcia) and her husband, Jorge Garcia (Pete's bonus son) and his son. Peter Backulich III and his wife. Brandi and his first granddaughter, Stella Backulich and his long-time friend, Bill Lowrey.

Special thanks must be extended to Lightways Hospice Care of Joliet for helping Pete and his family by providing all the care, guidance and support they so desperately needed at the end of Pete's journey. Every interaction with the Lightways care team proved time and again that they not only provided medications, but also genuine compassion and dignity when it was most needed.

Therefore, in lieu of flowers, we would be honored if you feel moved to make a donation to this organization. Please help us help Lightways to continue their mission and please remember that all lives are sacred and should be treated as such.

Cremation rites were accorded under the direction of Reeves & Baskerville in Coal City and we are eternally grateful to the incredible professionals there who helped guide us through this extremely emotional and often overwhelming process.

A private ceremony is being planned for close family and friends in hopes that we can spend some time together celebrating a lifetime of love, experiences and stories that would have brought out Pete's signature chuckle.

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

William Parkinson _____

YORK SPRINGS, PA-William Burt Parkinson, 82, of York Springs, PA, born in Morris on Aug. 31, 1940

and and raised in Gardner, passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 with his loving family sending him on his Journey to reunite with his parents, Burt and Annabelle Parkinson, who preceded him in death.

Bill left Gardner in 1958 when he joined the Marines and went on with life. That life is well explained by his love and part ner, Amy Worden, of the last 30 years.

Bill and I met in the late hours in the nearempty D.C. newsroom of United Press International, where hunched-over cable editors in green eye shades and legendary war correspondents still toiled and where thermoses were known to be filled with spiked coffee. As I filed copy furiously to our waning number of broadcast clients, Bill would strut in, with that ramrod straight military posture, smiling. He'd edit dispatches while singing to the golden oldies CD commercials on late night CNN. On our first date I knocked on his hull, the one belonging to the sailboat on which he lived in Annapolis. And that was the beginning of a 30year relationship that ended last Tuesday with a Johnny Mathis send off at a nursing home in Gettysburg. He left us just as his treasured apple trees and lilac bushes exploded in colorful, fragrant blossoms - nature's fireworks farewell.

Bill was a fourth-generation newspaper man, a hiker and actor, singer and sailor, poet and pilot, who was mad about cats and words, history and the great pathbreaking polar explorers. He learned newspapering (and now arcane skills like setting lead type) from his father and grandfather who ran The Gardner Chronicle on the old Rt. 66 southwest of Chicago. After eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Bill returned to journalism, first as a reporter for The Joliet Herald-News and as a foreign editor at The Chicago Tribune, correspondent for The Birmingham (UK) Mail and editor at the Associated Press, before founding his own weekly newspaper in

Chincoteague, VA. News jobs took us to Toronto, Ottawa, Annapolis, New York, and Baltimore before we settled into a nearly 200-year-old log cabin in an apple orchard near Gettysburg.

Bill later worked as editorial page editor for The York Dispatch and as an editor/columnist at The Carlisle Sentinel. In his "Senior Moment" column,

he waxed nostalgic about his stint as a teen "carny" with a traveling carnival and considered the finer points of the corn dog, while advocating for a variety of causes, among them the rights of animals and the right to die. He acted in Harrisburg area community theater productions, including in 2005 playing prosecutor Tom Davenport in "Inherit the Wind," while editorializing on a real-life Scopes trial the Dover school board evolution challenge taking place in a federal courtroom a block away. He played his keyboard in local restaurants, had a summer gig as an interpretive historian at Gettysburg National Military Park and developed a one-man show, Lincoln & Gettysburg: The (Carl) Sandburg Experience. At home, he converted an area above our garage into a cat house, taking in scores of cats over the years and earning him the moniker "Semper Feline.

Bill is survived by his son, William (Betsy) and granddaughters, Josie and Sadie, all of Oak Park, IL; his sister, Patricia Swisher, of Braceville; two step-sons, Tim (Deanna) Whalen, of Joliet and Brian (Diane) Whalen, of Virginia and many nieces and nephews. Also his four-legged family members: Olivia the pup, Chloe the horse, Nikki, his velcro cat, many more felines, over the years and me.

A memorial and celebration of Bill's life will held along with his brother-in-law, Bob Swisher's celebration of life on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m at the Godley Park District Small Building. Sail on, sailor.

Eileen Biros

MAZON-Eileen M. Biros, 71, of Mazon, passed away on April 19, 2023, in Morris.

She was born March 12, 1952, the daughter of David and Erandine Sinnott. Eileen was a 1970 graduate of Mazon High School and a 1973 graduate of St. Joseph's Nursing School. She worked as a registered nurse at the Grundy County Nursing Home for 34 years until her retirement. Eileen married William "Bill" Biros on Aug. 10, 1974, at the Kinsman Catholic Church.

Eileen enjoyed quilting but was happiest when she was gardening and in her flower beds. Gossip time with her family while doing dishes was a great joy to her, especially when she made the boys help. Eileen also loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending their sporting events.

Eileen is survived by her husband, Bill; her three sons: Allen (Misty), Andrew (Krista) and Matthew (Janelle); her grandchildren: Cooper, Chloe, Grace and Bryce; her brother, Michael (Debbie) Sinnott; her sister, Jan (Dave) Steffes; her mother, Ernadine Sinnott; her brother and sisters-in-law, Jim and Diane Biros and Barbara and Roger Lund along with many nieces and nephews.

Eileen was preceded in death by her father, David Sinnott; her mother and father-in-law, John and Mary Kay Biros; and one aunt, Darlene Finch.

A Celebration of life was held Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home in Morris, officiated by Celebrant, Carol Walker. Eileen was laid to rest at Ward Cemetery in Verona.

Donations in Eileen's name may be made to Lightways Hospice or the Micheal J. Fox Foundation.

An online guestbook can be found at www.ucdaviscallahan.com where memories and photographs can be shared.

Arrangements were entrusted to U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W Washington Street, Morris.

JOLIET-Kirsten Karen Welch, 40, of Joliet, passed from this life peacefully at Ascension Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, with her loving father by her side.

Kirsten was born Aug. 31, 1982 at Morris Hospital to James F. Welch and Karen E. (Themer) Fabian. She was raised and educated in Morris and attended Morris schools. Kirsten will be remembered for her independent spirit and artistic talents, and her incredible love of animals, especially her feline companion, Koiter. After battling addiction for over half her life which finally claimed her body, may her spirit be at peace, free at last from its chains.

Survivors include her parents, Jim Welch, of Morris and Karen (Ed) Fabian, of Conneaut Lake, PA; one grandmother, Barb Stutzman; one sister, Erika Welch (Richard Sanches), of Morris and one brother, Thomas McGowan, of Wyanet, IL: one niece, Sophia Sanches, and one aunt, Becky (the late Mike) Morfey, and one uncle, Rich Kraus; numerous cousins and her

boyfriend, Bradley Rhodes.

Kirsten was preceded in death by her grandparents: Frank and Margie Welch and Arthur and Gerda Themer; two aunts, Peggy Welch Kraus and Donna Sue Welch, and one uncle, Dick Welch; and one cousin, Tina Davidson.

Cremation rites are being accorded, and the family will receive friends for a memorial visitation on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Reeves Funeral Home, 408

E. Washington St., one block east of IL Route 47, in Morris from 4 p.m. until the time of memorial service at 7 p.m. officiated by Pastor Steve Larson.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book at www.reevesfuneral. com, upload photographs, and share Kirsten's memorial page via social media.

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

John Wethington _

Kirsten Welch _

EAGLE RIVER, WI-John Wethington, 46, of Eagle River, WI and formerly of Dunlap, IL, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at his home surrounded by family.

Alex and Adam Wethington; his parents, Janis Wethington, of Morris and William

Joe A. Hughes

WILMINGTON—Joe A. Hughes, 63, of Wilmington, and formerly of Braidwood, passed away April 20, 2023.

Born Dec. 28, 1959 in Joliet, Joe was a son of Ray and Orphie (Hoy) Hughes. He was raised and educated in Wilmington. Joe spent most of his life working in the various trades and most recently worked as a Journeyman Carpenter with the Local #1 Carpenters out of Chicago.

An excellent builder and 'Jack of all trades,' Joe was extremely creative and handy. He enjoyed tinkering, fishing, music, dancing, and was a Dale Earnhardt fan. Joe had an infectious personality that could draw anyone he wanted in. He was a master debater and loved discussing the most off the wall topics. Arguing was one of his favorite past times. He also loved spending time with his grandkids.

Survivors include his children: Tony (Monica) Hughes, of Wilmington; Angela (Chris) Burnette, of Alpharetta, GA and Andrew (Jane) Hughes, of Custer Park; three grandchildren: Emily Hughes, Lyric Hughes and Lilian



Etchoe; two brothers, Ronald (Rosetta) Hughes, of Wilmington and David (Barb) Hughes, of Channahon, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Roger.

Cremation rites have been accorded, and family and friends are welcome to gather together at The Rustic Inn in Wilmington on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. to

celebrate Joe's life. Joe will be laid to rest in Oakwood

Cemetery in Wilmington at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Joe's memory to his family.

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

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

Dolores M. Youngquist

WILMINGTON—Dolores Youngquist, 87, of Wilmington, formerly of Joliet, passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Born June 15, 1935 in Chicago, Dolores was a daughter of Charles and Laura (Jacobs) Rinehart. She was raised and educated on the south side of Chicago, and on Sept. 3, 1955, she married Robert Youngquist with whom she would share 35 years of marriage until his passing on Feb. 27, 1990.

Dolores was the manager of Browns Chicken in Joliet for several years, and in her spare time she enjoyed crocheting and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. She was a member of United Lutheran Church in Gardner and loved spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, John (Dawn) Youngquist, of Wilmington and Jim (Jan) Youngquist, of Lincoln, IL; one brother, Tom (the late Donna) Rinehart, of Glen Ellyn, IL; five grandchildren: Mark Youngquist, Kyle Youngquist, Trisha (John) Fluckiger, Alyssa (Chris) Lambert, and Jill Youngquist (Leighton Kraft); five great-grandchildren: Peter Fluckiger



and Bennett, Emma, Elliot and Sophia Lambert; one daughter-in-law, Carla Youngquist, and many nieces and nephews, including Collette Rinehart with whom she shared many lunch outings that were very special to Dolores.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Bob; one son, Kenneth Youngquist; three brothers: Al, Don and Chuck Rinehart, and one sister, Judy Reed.

Per Dolores' wishes, cremation rites are being accorded and she will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Joliet with her husband

A celebration of life is being planned for a later date.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book at www. reevesfuneral.com, upload photographs, and the share Dolores' memorial page via social media.

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

Born Feb. 25, 1977 in Morris, John is the son of Janis Wethington (nee Silk) and William Wethington. He was raised in Morris; graduated from Morris Community High School with the class of 1995 and went on to earn his degree in computer information from

Midstate College in 1999. On May 7, 2005, John married Kristi Caldwell in Peoria, IL and together they made a home and started a family together in the Peoria area before recently moving to Eagle River.

John's career was that of an I.T. Specialist, and his career included positions with Heyl, Royster, Voelker, & Allen Law Firm in Peoria, Dunlap United School District, Momentum Technologies, and most recently Sokaogon Chippewa Health Clinic. In addition he was an avid photographer who owned and operated a part-time photography service, J. Utah Photography. John took numerous portraits of families and friends over the years, as well as captured countless sports action shots. He was a rabid St. Louis Cardinals fan; enjoyed fishing, and loved coaching, especially alongside his boys. John took pleasure in playing games with family and friends, especially pick-up basketball games.

John was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother and uncle who will be long remembered and so very missed.

Survivors include his wife, Kristi; two sons,



(Donna) Wethington, of Coal City; one sister, Jennifer (Steven) Stapay, of Gilberts, IL; niece, Emily Stapay and nephew, Andrew Stapay; aunts and uncles: Susan (Robert) Cardinell, of DeKalb, IL; Donald (Coral) Silk, of Des Moines, IA; Thomas Silk, of Morris and Larry (Sue) Wethington, of Tinley Park, IL and several cousins.

John was preceded in death by his grandparents: Donald and Jane (Tabler) Silk and Robert and Thelma (Gill) Wethington; his cousins, Amanda Wethington and numerous aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 24, 2023 in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Morris. A Mass of Christian of Burial was celebrated with Reverend Jason Stone presiding, and Deacon Paul Jung assisting.

Burial was in Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery in Morris, where John was laid to rest with his grandparents. Pallbearers were: Steve Stapay, Andrew Stapay, Ben Grabowski, Shawn Bols, Bob Stansberry and Matt Jensen.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in John's memory to Cardinals Care via St. Louis Cardinals; Ronald McDonald House or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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

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Holistic health & wellness fair coming to Godley Park

The Holistic Health & Wellness Fair presented by Spotted Dog Acres is back and better than ever, offering an array of intuitive readers, crystals, energy workers, aura photography, and more.

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The Holistic Health & Wellness Fair is the perfect opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, explore new modalities, and deepen your understanding of holistic healing.

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have access to workshops and presentations on a range of topics related to holistic healthand wellness.

Admission to the Holistic Health & Wellness Fair is only \$2, paid at the door. Located at Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee St. Godley, IL.

For more information, visit www.spotteddogacres. com/events.

Make your yard wildlife-friendly

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Homeowners can make their yards more friendly for wildlife, ensuring that local wildlife can flourish.

Suburban yards that are mostly empty turf grass do not produce enough caterpillars to feed many of the baby birds that are born in the spring.

Benjamin Vogt, author of "Prairie Up," the new garden design book from University of Illinois Press, said the answer is planting more native plants, shrubs and trees to fill the yard with bird food.

"The way they are traditionally set up in urban and suburban areas, lawns are essentially devoid of wildlife,' Vogt told The Center Square.

In the first two weeks of life, fledgling chickadees need 6,000 juicy caterpillars to sur-vive until they fledge. They can't eat birdseed. Naturalists find dead baby birds in nests in the suburbs because the bird parents can't find enough caterpillars.

Since 1970, the North American bird population has decreased by 3 billion birds. About 90% of the missing birds are from 12 widespread bird families, including war-blers, sparrows, bluebirds and finches.

Nearly all the plants sold at groceries and big box stores every spring are non-native plants that originated in Asia or some other country. Beneficial insects for birds and pollinators in Illinois have not evolved alongside non-native species.

Think of native plants, shrubs and trees as giant bird feeders, Vogt said.

"Native plants are critical to producing new bees and butterflies and moths," he said

Concerned wildlife? Pay attention to the habitat of the yard, Vogt said. He would like people to

reimagine their yards as meadows and prairies.

"Take out boring turf

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Prairie Up has photos and tips on how to make yards wildlife friendly and low maintenance.

"I have a bunch of free YouTube videos to show people native plants and how to group them together," Vogt said. "Even a small garden bed with a few species of plants can make a difference for wildlife."

Do a little research to find plants that match the soil conditions, sunlight, drainage conditions and moisture levels in the yard. Don't plant a plant that needs full sun in an area that gets shady for half the day.

"People put the plants in the wrong place and when they don't grow, they just give up," Vogt sighs. "We don't want that.

Once native plants get established in a yard, they bloom year after year with much less maintenance and less water, Vogt said. No need

for mulch. Vogt is a promoter of

Homegrown National Park, entomologist Doug Tallamy's non-profit organization to make suburban yards more productive for the environment. Tallamy's goal is to convert as much lawn as possible.

"If we could combine all the suburban lawn space in the country, we'd have a square acreage that is the size of the state of Georgia," Vogt said.

The goal is to knit all the backyards together by planting more wildlife-friendly plants, trees and shrubs. Chickadee parents can only travel so far to find the 6,000 caterpillars that each of their babies need to survive the fledgling stage. Not a gardener? Plant an oak tree. It's easy to grow one from an acorn. One mighty oak tree supports an astounding 500 species of caterpillar, many more by far than any other species of tree.

Visit Vogt's website Monarch Gardens for more information

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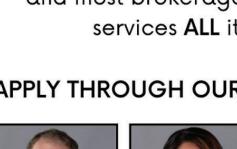


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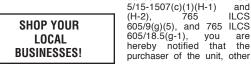
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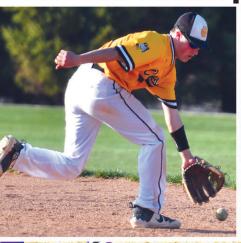
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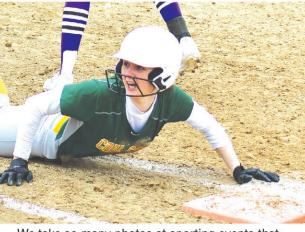
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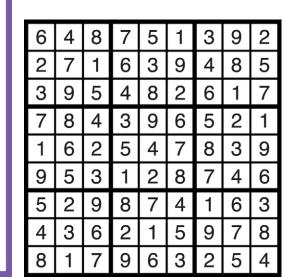
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Authorities have the tools to curb youth riots

The now-notorious violent youth riot in downtown Chicago during a recent weekend got me to thinking of a press conference way back in 2010. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley voiced frustration about what he said were large groups of suburban kids causing trouble on Chicago's lakefront, even though plenty of Chicago kids were also participating, including six teens who brutally attacked an 18year-old suburban woman.

Daley complained that the youths would text each other to organize their mayhem.

Three years later, downtown's problems with unexpected group violence hadn't gotten any better. So, then-Gov. Pat Quinn held a splashy press conference on Michigan Avenue to sign a bill sponsored by then-Sen. Kwame Raoul and then-Rep. Christian Mitchell which doubled the prison sentences (to 6 years) for those who use social media to "incite organized mob vio-

"We don't want flash mobs harming anyone, anywhere, but especially where many people come from other states, other countries," Quinn said. Their promised crackdown never materialized. penalty However, that enhancement is still in state law books.

Illinois has also had a statute on its books since 1969 as the Parental known Responsibility Law. Parents the law during the flash mobs

and guardians can be sued for "actual damages for the wilful or malicious acts of such minor which cause injury to a person or property. Damages under 740 ILCS 115 are recoverable up to \$20,000. The law has only rarely been used.

Ed Yohnka at the Illinois ACLU

told me that his group was talked to some of the kids who "not aware of a specific constitutional deficiency" with the law, and said the courts "long have recognized that one can be held responsible for the actions of others based on specific legal relationships, and recognized the authority of state legislatures to make parents responsible for the torts

Yohnka did say that the law was "bad policy," partly because impoverished parents would be hurt the most. Many of these families are struggling to make ends meet in communities that lack services and resources that help

The state and the City of Chicago also spend millions of dollars a year, and plan to spend much more, on violence prevention programs. In the past, violence interrupters have described being overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of young people breaking



Rich Miller

of their minor children."

support strong families.'

or trends or whatever you want to call them.

Last week, we barely heard from anvone in that sector about how they helped during the weekend violence or how they can help in the future if properly deployed. 2019.

In WBEZ actually went out and

were causing some of the disruptions. The youths understandably complained that parks and recreational facilities in their own neighborhoods on the South and West Sides were decrepit. "There is usually vandalism over the swings, over the slides, there is usually broken material ... there is trash and there is a lot of people soliciting," according to Tyrianna Rodgers, who was on a "girls-only afternoon" in downtown at the time. "It just doesn't look like the place where you would send your kids and say OK, 'You could chill here.'" Four years later, many of those facilities are still

a disgrace. The public radio station also reported at the time that Chicago police were bragging about their ability to monitor the online organization of what are now called "trends," which the station defined as "large teen-led gatherings that are particularly popular among Black teens." Yet, CBS 2 reported last week that the Chicago PD had no clue how the mob violence was organized. And credible reports have emerged since then about police ignoring calls for assistance.

There are really two points here. The first is that all those loud folks pretending that the violence is somehow a new and mysterious thing and a fresh test for a mayor-elect who hasn't even been sworn in yet really ought to take a breath.

The second is that law enforcement and local leaders have been given plenty of legal, investigatory and prevention tools (and there are more than just those listed above) to address these issues. but those leaders appear to be allowing those tools to just rust away in a drawer somewhere.

Rep. Kam Buckner (D-Chicago) had it absolutely right when he complained that nobody has a plan to deal with the violence and that nobody has had a real plan since he was a teen.

"That has to change!" Rep. Buckner rightly roared on social media.

Yes, it does. And it starts with the people in authority doing their actual jobs. Rich Miller also publishes

Capitol Fax, a daily political newsletter, and CapitolFax.





Illinois to receive \$67.6 million in settlement with Juul e-cigarette manufacturer

BY PETER HANCOCK CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced April 12 that he and six other attorneys general have settled a lawsuit against e-cigarette manufacturer Juul that will net Illinois \$67.6 million.

That amount represents Illinois' share of a \$462 million multistate settlement in a lawsuit that accused the company of illegally marketing its products to children.

"Directing my consumer division to initiate an investigation into Juul was a day-one priority for me after I was sworn in in February of 2019," Raoul said. "Within months of taking office we served an extensive civil investigative demand on the company and before the end of 2019 we had filed suit. We've been aggres-

The lawsuit was just the latest in a string of cases Juul has settled in recent months. Since 2019, the company said in a statement, it has reached settlements with 47 states and territories, paying out more than \$1 billion.

As part of its settlement with Illinois, Juul also agreed not to market its products to people under 21, not to use social media influencers to promote its products and to require consumers to be age verified before they can view any of its website content, among other restrictions.

"This settlement with seven state attorneys general represents another critical part in our ongoing commitment to resolve issues from the company's past," the company said. "The terms of the agreement, like prior settlements, provide

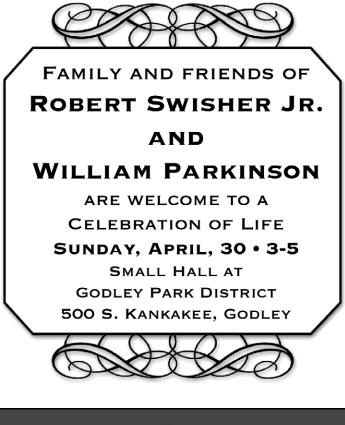
sively litigating against them in Illinois financial resources to further combat underage use and develop cessation programs and reflect our current business practices, which were implemented as part of our company-wide reset in the fall of 2019.'

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In April 2019, Gov. JB Pritzker signed a law raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21. And in 2021, he signed another law applying the same age limit to vaping products and banning advertising that promotes vaping as a method of quitting tobacco use.

Proceeds of the settlement will be used for enforcement of vaping laws, treatment and programs aimed at preventing underage nicotine use.

The other states involved in the suit California, were New York, Massachusetts, New Mexico and Colorado, as well as Washington, D.C.







U.S. coal generation falls to first-quarter low

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It was a brutal first quarter for U.S. coal-fired power plants

generation Electricity from the fuel totaled 162.3 megawatt-hours million (MWh) for January, February, and March-down more than 25%, or 56.7 million MWh, from the same period in 2022, according to data from the Information Energy Administration (EIA). The decrease is a record low for the three-month winter period, and pushed coal's power-market share below 17%, versus more than 22% in the same quarter of last year.

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generation (wind, utility-scale solar and hydropower) grabbed 22.5% of the overall electric market, highlighting the different trajectories for the two energy resources.

This collapse in coal generation was a national development. In the PJM power market, which supplies electricity from New Jersey to Illinois, coal generation tumbled 40%, dropping by more than 20 million MWh, and the fuel's market share fell to just 15%

Ten years ago, coal's market share was well above 40% in the region.

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Where Tesla really stands on the green list Dear EarthTalk: Is Tesla the world's greenest large com-

pany given its product line, use of renewable energy and inno-vations in manufacturing efficiency?

-- Tim M., Fairfield, CT While it's hard to say which large company is the world's "greenest," Tesla, known for its electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy solutions as well as for promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact, certainly would be one of the contenders for such a title.

Tesla's product line, which includes electric cars and trucks, energy storage systems, solar panels and roof tiles, and now even green tiny homes, aims to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emis-

Attorney Lynch files Bevan Last Will

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

WILLIAM F. BEVAN III, Deceased; No. 23 PR 95 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES -

WILL ADMITTED TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS On March 29, 2023, the Last Will

and Testament of William F. Bevan, III. dated December 6, 2021 was admitted to

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS

5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate

	Jennifer M. Lynch
For the Estate of Will	iam F. Bevan, III,
	Deceased
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1861 Black Road	
Joliet, IL 60435	
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANGEL & WITT Descende

ANGELA E. WITT Deceased; 2023PR197 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Angela E. Witt. Letters of Office were issued to Richard M. Witt whose address is 2511 Chevy Chase, Joliet Illinois 60435 as Independent Executor whose attorney of record is Marilyn Wysocki of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

resentative, or both, on or before the 19th day of October, 2023 if malling or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act ate si claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.



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By promoting the adoption of EVs. Tesla seeks to contribute to reducing air pollution and addressing climate change.

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However, it's important to

note that sustainability and

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ing the "greenness" of a com-

pany requires considering var-

ious factors beyond just its

product line, use of renewable

energy, and manufacturing

supply chain, labor practices,

waste management and social

impact also play a role in determining a company's overall sustainability perform-

Tesla stack up? The non-profit

As You Sow ranks the pioneer-

ing EV maker at #5 on

Clean200, its global list of large

companies ranked according

with Alphabet (parent compa-

Telekom AG and Verizon filling

Apple tops the list at #1,

of Google), Deutsche

to sustainability criteria.

Factors such as the entire

So where exactly does

Tesla has also been recog-

efficiency,

In addition to its products, Tesla has also made efforts to use renewable energy in its operations. For example, the company has built large-scale solar energy installations and has invested in solar panel manufacturing.

advanced technologies in its Furthermore, Tesla's factories. These efforts are Gigafactories, which are used aimed at optimizing energy for manufacturing batteries usage, reducing waste, and and other components for improving overall environ-

Dodson petitions for name change

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

WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the petition to change the name of KRISTEN MARIE DODSON, CASE NO.: 2023MR0000113

change the manual DODSON, CASE NO.: 2023MR0000113 LEGAL NOTICE On May 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held on the Request of KRISTEN MARIE DODSON to change her to KRISTEN MARIE KLOVER name to KRISTEN MARIE KLOVER CHEEK. This hearing will be held before The Honorable Judge Anderson, Room 905, of the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, via Zoom ID: 930 2919 0133; PIN: 236236. Frank J. Meents

Frank J. Meents Attorney for Petitioner 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A Channahon, Illinois 60410 Telephone: (815)534-9515 Facsimile: (815)534-9516 Actorney No: 06298859 E-mail: frank@meentslaw.com Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, April 12, 19 and

26. 2023

Attorney Lynch files Bevan estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. BEVAN, III, Deceased; No.

CLAIM NOTICE

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the death of William F. Bevan, III. Letters of Office were issued to Rita M. Rock whose address is 415 Wintree Lane, New Lenox, IL 60451 as Independent Administrator,

whose attorney of record is Jennifer M. Lynch of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the rep-

resentative, or both, on or before the 12th day of October, 2023, or if mailing or deliv-

ery of a notice from the representative is

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

Order them on-line by April 30 and pick them up in Wilmington on Saturday, May 13.

A rain barrel will capture 70-90% of a typical rain fall, allowing some overflow to cascade across your lawn to storm drains in the street or countygreen.com

Attorney Wysocki files

EVs, are powered by renewable in the other top spots in front of Tesla.

ACCORDING TO CLEAN200, Tesla is the fifth greenest big compa-

ny in the world behind Apple, Alphabet, Deutsche Telekom AG and

As You Sow updates this list every year based on the most current data on each company's so-called "clean" revenue, that is, income derived from green, non-polluting sources.

Whether Tesla can rise above #5 next year is anybody's guess, but it's rise on the Clean200 list may be worth betting on given its #9 listing in 2021 followed by #6 in 2022.

And this past March, Tesla shocked the business world at its 2023 Investor Day by unveiling not a newer, more affordable Tesla-for-the-masses as expected but instead a master plan to use the company's evolving suite of products and marketing platform to help steer the world away from fossil fuels once and for all.

According to Tesla founder Elon Musk, switching over from fossil fuels to renewable energy globally would cost \$10 trillion, less than the world would spend on fossil fuels over the timeframe it will take to transition. "Earth can and will move to sustainable energy, and it will do so in your lifetime," Musk told investors.

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Rain barrel, compost bins to be available in Wilmington

swales in some subdivisions.

You may use the water you captured for watering your garden, plants, trees, and bushes between rain events This saves you money and reduces pressure on our drink ing water sources.

Prices start at \$64.50, up to \$186.50 depending on the style. To place an order go to the event calendar at will-

Ballard files summons for dissolution of marriage

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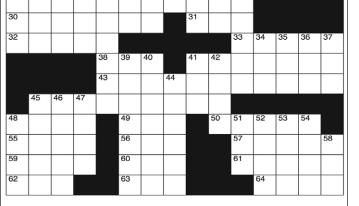
Attorney Wysocki files

Witt estate claim

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- 5. A cirque
- 8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 11. Influential report author
- 13. Satisfaction
- 14. Recurring only at long intervals
- 15. Islamic calendar month
- 16. Neither
- 17. Gelatinous substance
- 18. American electronic music producer
- 20. Old computer system
- 21. Professional organization
- 22. Malaria mosquitoes
- 25. Not composed of matter
- 30. It's in the ocean
- 31. Peyton's little brother
- 32. French commune

CLUES DOWN

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Marilvn L. Wysocki For the Estate of Angela E. Witt Deceased

BY: Marilyn L. Wysocki 1861 Black Road Joliet, IL 60435 815-725-8000 Atty. No. 06275404 Published in the Free Press Advocate, Wednesday, April 19, 26 and May 3, 2023.

required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed

Jennifer M. Lynch For the Estate of William F. Bevan, III, Deceased

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Notice of Sheriff's sale of 1202 Towpath Lane

26, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

RSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED AT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO LLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT

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

ie Fox, Special Representative of Sherrell B Martin, Deceased; Joel Martin; Unknown irs and Legates of Sherrell B Martin; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; nna Renee Martin A/K/A Renee Martin; Jeffrey Ray Martin fendant. No. 21 CH 0361

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the **28th** day of **February**, **2023**, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the **18th** day of **May**, **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 9 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 10, IN KANKAKEE FEEDER CANAL SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 10, 1972, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R72-12421, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 1202 Towpath Lane, Wilmington, IL 60481 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is brick. The color is brown. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied. P.I.N.: 03-17-35-403-016-0000

P.I.N.: 03-17-35-403-016-0000 Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twen-ty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the resi-dential 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 cer-tified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominum, 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 (o)(1) and (o)(4) of Section 9 and

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 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: MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE

N. Dearborn Suite 1300	
Chicago, Illinois 60602	
. 312-346-9088	

Plaintiffs Attorney Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, April 26, May 3 and 10, 2023.

Velcich estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN LEE VELCICH, Deceased; No. 22 PR 443

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the death of KAREN LEE VELCICH. Letters of Office were issued to Nicholas G. Velcich whose address is 13 Bristol, Romeoville, IL 60446 as Independent Administrator whose attorney of record is Marilyn L. Wysocki, of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of October, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has heen filed

Marilyn L. Wysocki For the Estate of Karen Lee Velcich, Deceased

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY DIVORCE NOTICE Case No. 2022FA000093

To whom it may concern and to Damon Eugene Ballard, address and whereabouts unknown

Take notice that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court, Portage County, Wisconsin, for the dissolution of marriage of Chaundra Elise Ballard, petitioner, and Damon Eugene Ballard, respondent.

Now, therefore, unless you, Damon Eugene Ballard and all whom it may concern, files your answer to the Petition in said suit or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court Branch 2. Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner: Louis J. Molepske Jr., 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI, 54481, before May 23, 2023 which is 40 days from the day after the first date of publication, a Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. Dated: April 4, 2023

/s/ Chaundra Ballard, petitioner

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Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption

Per the Illinois Property Tax Code (Sec. 15-172): Beginning in taxable year 1994, a senior citizen's assessment freeze homestead exemption is granted for real property that is improved with a permanent structure that is occupied as a residence by an applican who (1) is 65 years of age or older during the taxable year, (2) has a total household income of **\$65,000 or less in taxable year**, (3) is liable for paying property taxes on the property or has a legal or equitable interest in the property as evidenced by a written instrument.

The Chief County Assessment Officer is giving notice that the 2023 Application and Affidavit for Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption (PTAX -340) is available upon request and the deadline to submit the completed applica tion is July 1, 2023.

Applications may be obtained at your local township assessor's office or the Chief County Assessment Office, 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, IL, 60432; or by calling (815) 740-4648 for further information. In addition, please visit our website at <u>www.willcountysoa.com</u> for senior assistance event scheduling.

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MIKE KELLEY

Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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COALER SPORTS

Scoring in twos giving Lady Coalers the win

Scoring for the Lady Coalers came in pairs on Monday when they shutdown Herscher 12-5.

Coal City scored a pair of runs in the second, third, fourth and fifth innings to take a commanding 8-3 lead. They put an exclamation point on their win with four runs in the sixth to improve to 19-5 overall, 9-0 in the conference.

Coal City finished with 14 hits compared to seven for Herscher as Jadyn Shaw went 4-for-4 with a double for three RBIs. Khole Picard went 3-for-3 and walked with one RBI. Makenzie Henline hit a triple while Makayla Henline has two hits. Hitting a double and a single was Masyn Kuder while Kerian Copes had a pair of singles.

Kuder pitched all seven innings for the win, allowing five runs (four earned) off seven hits, three walks while striking out four.

Left on base

On Saturday, Coal City left nine players stranded on base against LaSalle-Peru, scoring only one run in the bottom of the second, loosing 7-1.

Mayson Kuder pitched five innings for Coal City and gave up seven hits, two errors and three walks. Kuder didn't have one strikeout. Bri Combes relieved her in the sixth inning with three strikeouts, gave up four hits and zero walks.

Mia Ferrias led in hits for Coal City going 2-for-3. Makayla Henline went 2-for-4. Jadyn Shaw had a big hit with a triple and went 1-for-3. Abby Gagliardo went 1-for-3 also.

Seesaw battle

On Friday, the Lady Coalers put up a good fight against JCA but lost 12-11.

JCA took an early 2-0 lead. However, Coal City started swinging in the top of the third putting three runs on the



DIVING TO THIRD base and beating the tag is Coal City's Mia Ferrias.

tie it 3-3. Both teams each scored two runs in the fourth inning making the score 5-5.

the bottom of the fifth scoring one run making it 6-5. The Lady Coalers tallied three runs is an understatement," said in the top of the sixth taking the lead back but it wasn't enough for JCA's five runs in the bottom of the sixth.

In the top of the seventh Coal City never gave up, scoring three runs to tie it up. But a triple. Jadyn Shaw went 2-for-JCĂ got the walk-off run to win it 12-11.

"I'm proud of the way our girls battled tonight against a very good JCA team. They knocked us off 12-2 a month ago and we competed with

board while JCA only scored to Gagliardo had a career night hitting a game tying seventh inning homer and adding 4 RBIs on the evening. Khloe JCA took back the lead in Picard went 3-for-5 on the evening as well. To be sitting at 19 and 5 right now being proud coach Rodney Monbrum.

Abby Gagliardo and Khloe Picard were the big hitters for Coal City each going 3-for-5. Gagliardo also had a home run while Picard contributed with 4 with one RBI.

Bulldog sweep

On Wednesday, Coal City defeated the Streator Bulldogs for the second day in a row, 9-6.

Streator took an early lead them for 7 innings. Abby scoring one run back to back in

the first and second innings while Coal City was only able to score one run in the bottom of the second, starting the third with a score 2-1. Coal City hitting well and playing smart scoring innin after inning taking the lead.

It was Masyn Kuder who pitched 6.0 innings and did it well and kept Streator scoreless with eight strikeouts and only giving up two runs in the first two innings. Bri Combes relieved her in the seventh, she had given up six hits and four runs in the seventh but it still wasn't enough to take the lead from Coal City.

Kuder also did well offensively for the Lady Coalers in hitting going 2-for-3 and hit a double. Makayla Henline also went 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Khloe Picard went 2-for-2 with one RBI. Addison Harvey went 1for-2 and had a double.

On Tuesday, Coal City needed only five innings to get the job done, winning over Streator, 14-4.

Coal City and Streator tied in the first inning however things picked up for Coal City when they scored a total of 12 runs in the third and fourth innings. At the bottom of the fourth Coal City had the lead 14-1. The game ended with the Mercy rule at the end of the fifth because Streator was only able to put three more runs on

the board for a final of 14-4.

Masyn Kuder pitched three innings and had three strikeouts and only gave up four hits. Bri Combes relieved Kuder and pitched two innings and had one strikeout and gave up four hits.

Photo by Amy Walke

Makenzie Henline led the Lady Coalers in hitting going 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs. Kerigan Copes followed going 2-for-3. Makayla Henline went 2-for-4 and both Henline sisters each had a double.

The Lady Coalers play at Seneca tonight (Wednesday). On Monday they host Reed-Custer before traveling to Braidwood Tuesday.

Photo by Amy Walker



Lady Coalers finish first in own shootout

The Coal City girls soccer team suffered a 3-0 loss to Joliet Catholic Academy on Monday, making their record -2 overall.

Lady Coaler goal keeper Chloe Plueger had 10 saves. Lady Coaler Shootout



SWINGING AWAY for a hit is Lady Coaler Abby Gagliardo.

Photo by Eric Fisher COAL CITY KEEPER Chloe Plueger makes the save. Plueger recorded five saves in the Lady Coaler Shootout.

Coal City took first place in the tournament over the weekend. Peotone a Beecher tied for 2nd place. and

Coal City 3, Beecher 3. Coal City goals were scored by Audrey Cooper 2, Kylee Kennel 1. Keeper Chloe Plueger has three saves.

Coal City 7, Princeton 0. Goals for the Lady Coalers came from Audrey Cooper 2, Cara Planeta 2, Kylee Kennel 1, Maddie gomez 1, Ava Meyer 1.

Coal City 1, Peotone 0. Goal was scored by Cara Planeta, assisted by Maddie Gomez. Keeper Chloe Plueger had two saves and earned her 5th shutout of the season.

All tournament awards went to Aylianna Castle, Cara Planeta, and Audrey Cooper.

LADY COALER Kerigan Copes tags the Streator baserunner out at first base.



Military signing day set for June 3

There are sports signing days for athletes, so why not one for young men and women committing to serving their country in the United States military.

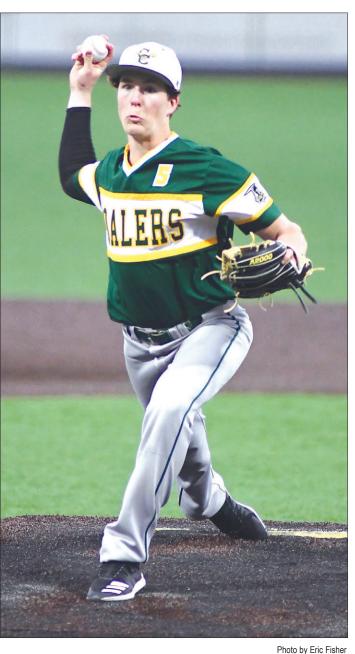
Local veterans will host a military signing day to honor area graduates committing to serve in the various branches of the armed forces. The event will take place Saturday, June 3 from 1-3 p.m. at the Morris American Legion Post 294, 212 W. Washington St., Morris.

All Grundy County graduates are invited to participate and asked to register by May 22 through the online registraavailable at form tion www.eventbrite.com/e/military-signing-day-for-grundycounty-il-high-school-graduates-tickets-619433611607

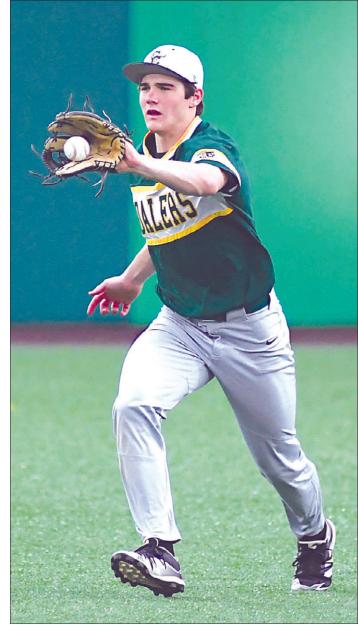
There is no cost to participate in the signing day.



COALER SPORTS







GETTING THE WIN over Seneca on Thursday at Slammer's Field in Joliet was Coal City junior Joe Watson.

FIELDING A BUNT on Thursday at Slammer's Field in Joliet is catcher Danny Olson.

MAKING A CATCH while on the run in center field is Coal City's Jim Feenev.

Coalers still in the hunt for ICE title

The baseball Coalers have won seven of their last eight games, beating Herscher 8-6 in 9 innings on Monday at the Joliet Slammers stadi-

Coal City advances its record to 11–6 and 8–1 in conference play. With Wilmington beating Reed-Custer to give them their second conference loss on Monday, the Coalers still have a shot at claiming the ICE title.

Kayden Kuder threw really well in relief, and picked up the win hurling four innings and allowing no runs one hit and five strikeouts.

Kaelyn Natyshok had a single and a double with the biggest hit of the game in the ninth inning belting in a two- run homer. Cade Baldauf contributed three singles,

Jimmy Feeney scored two runs with two hits and Cason Headley scored two runs while adding a key RBI double. The coalers

Rally time

The Coalers earned a come-from-behind victory on Thursday against Seneca at the Joliet Slammers stadium.

The Coalers rallied from being down three runs to upend the Seneca fighting Irish, 10-6. They got on the board their first turn at bat, scoring a lone run. But Seneca answered with four runs in the top of the second to go up 4-1. Coal City came through with some clutch hitting and heads up base running to take a 5-4 lead after two.

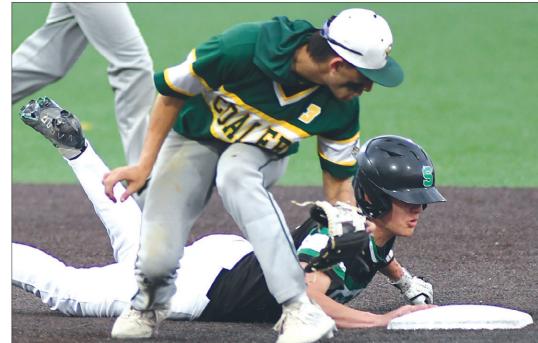


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bumped a day due to Monday's lousy weather. On Tuesday Coal City got a 4-0 shutout from starting pitcher Carter Garrelts who threw 6.1 innings. Joe Watson came on in the seventh to get the final out.

'We played really well today. We laid down four bunts and advanced runners," said Jerry McDowell. "Carter threw the ball real today and Joe Watson got two big outs for the save."

The Coalers took advantage of five Streaton errors to put three runs on the board in the second inning. They added a lone run in the seventh for a 4-0 lead before shutting down the Bulldogs in the final frame.

Garrelts recorded six strikeouts and no

runs, giving up four hits. Jim Feeney, Wyatt Wickiser, Braiden Young, Nolan Eddy, Cade Baldauf and Creide Skubic all had one hit.

On Wednesday the Coalers trailed twice early before getting a 15-11 victory at home over Streator.

The Bulldogs rattled off four runs in the top of the first. Coal City rallied for seven runs in the bottom of the frame for a 7-4 lead. But in the second Streator went up 8-7.

Their lead was short-lived as the Coalers scored seven runs in the third and one in the fourth to put them away for good.

But the Irish bats did rest, scoring two runs in the top of the third for a 6-5 lead. That's when a rain storm came through causing a 30-minute delay.

The wait didn't delay the Coalers as they scored two runs in each of the fourth and fifth innings plus an insurance run in the six to seal the victory.

Joe Watson started on the mound for Coal City, lasting three innings with six runs and six BEHIND THE BACK tag at second base is made by Coal City senior Nolan Eddy on the Seneca base runner who made it back safely.

hits, three walks and two strikeouts. Cayden inning after getting a stolen base. Kuder pitched four innings in relief, and gave up only one hit, recorded six strikeouts and only one walk for the win.

Coal City junior Jimmy Feeney had two hits and two runs scored. Kaylan Natyshok, and Braiden Young each added RBI doubles. Jack Varnak added an important run in the sixth Tuesday and Wednesday after games were

Cade Baldauf singled and walked for two RBIs, Creide Skubic singled, walked, stole sec-ond and scored twice. Austin Davysingled in a run while Tanner Wallace also had a hit.

All bark no bite

The Coalers swept the Streator Bulldogs on

The Bulldogs actually out-hit Coal City 13 to 11 but the guys in green made the best of their hits with a grand slam from Braden Reilly in the first inning. He also had a single, a walk and scored three times. Other Coalers with mul-tiple hits included Nolan Eddy (double, single) and Jim Feeney (two RBIs). Baldauf finished with two RBIs with a triple and a walk. Nolan Ness had a hit, two walks and scored a run. Young and Cason Headley each had a hit.

The Coalers host Reed-Custer Monday before playing in Braidwood Tuesday.



IN THE HOT BOX - Coal City junior Jimmy Feeney dives for second base on Thursday at Slammer's Field in Joliet where the Coalers defeated Seneca 10-6. Feeney got caught leading too far off first and was tagged out at second.



Photo by Eric Fisher SPITTING RAIN—Coal **City coach Jerry** McDowell heads to the dugout between innings as rain arrived in the third inning on Thursday. After a 30minute delay, the game resumed and the Coalers rallied to beat Seneca 10-6.



Photo by Eric Fisher SAFE AT SECOND— Coal City base runner Creide Skubic pops up looking for what happened to the ball while stealing second base against Seneca on Thursday at Slammer's Field in Joliet.