

# "Never be afraid to dream big" 109th class of Coalers graduates from Coal City High School

#### **BY ANN GILL** EDITOR

As the Coal City High School class of 2023 sat together one last time, they were reminded that their presence in the school's gymnasium on a Sunday afternoon was a celebration of all they had accomplished the past four years.

Yet that is not all. We are here to accept the challenge of having prosper-ous futures," salutatorian Logan Hawkins said in his graduation day salutatorian Logan address to his classmates.

As the school's 109th class to graduate, they head out into a world that has changed since they first stepped into the school as freshmen.

This, their senior year, was the first "normal" school year since they began their journey as high schoolers.

"I want to commend you for your resilience and perseverance. The last four years have not exactly been normal," principal Jennifer Kenney told the class. Just over half-way through their freshman year a worldwide pandemic took hold and forced them from their classrooms and activities. They were students who were learning remotely, wearing masks, and sitting six feet apart.



COALER GRADUATE Chad Reinert is all

for future Coalers to achieve.

'It was a long journey back to a normal life, but we made it. On the positive side, we have also experienced triumphs, achievements and moments of pure joy. Each of these experiences has shaped us, and molded us into the people we are to day," said Carley Morris, the class secretary/treasurer.

The graduates are state championship wrestlers and award winning actors and actress. They have won numerous titles in math, scholastic bowl and academic competitions, not to mention regional and sectional athletic titles. They have created prize winning artwork and qualified for national competitions.

'You have shown that in the face of adversity, you have the strength and determination to succeed," Kenney said. As the principal pointed out, suc-

cess in school is usually a good indicator of success in the future.

The 160 members of the class have chosen a variety of paths to follow after graduation.

DAVE SPESIA WAS sworn in as the village of Coal City's 26th mayor on Wednesday, May 10. The oath of office administered by Grundy County Judge Scott Belt.

# Spesia seated as town's 26th mayor

#### **BY ANN GILL** EDITOR

An afternoon of golf provided Dave Spesia with a mayoral view of the village of Coal City, and his first hole in one.

As Spesia prepared to take on his duties as the town's mayor he called on his predecessor to provide some background, insight and instruction, but instead of a telephone chat or meeting in a room with florescent lights, the two headed out into the sunshine for a round of golf to discuss a range of topics.

o as their, "smooth transition of power," provided the said. time necessary to address several topics of importance hole 16, the conversation took ahead of Spesia taking the oath.

Grundy County Judge Scott Belt administered the oath and outgoing mayor Terry Halliday was there to witness the transi-

Upon taking his new seat, Spesia shared some thoughts and stories from the mayoral golf outing.

"At one point during our meeting, around the 15th hole, I told Terry I was at a mass on a day he spoke about giving time, talent and treasures. For the rest of the 15th hole we talked about the topic of time, talent and treasurers and how that applies to aspects of com-The meeting, dubbed by munity service and how as their, "smooth transi- important it actually is," Spesia Then as they came upon a detour. 'Hole number 16 is a 157 Spesia was sworn in as the elevated T-Box, par three. Terry hit straight but short of the

smiles ahead of Sunday's graduation ceremony. An Acclaimed Coaler, he will continue his education at the Unviersity of Nevada Las Vegas.

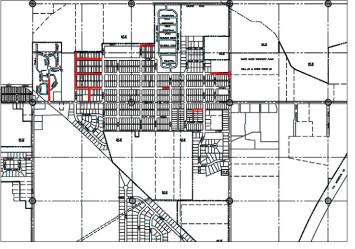
Yet, they persevered and found success in academics, on the playing field and the stage. They set the bar higher

According to Kenney, 41% plan to attend a four year college or university, 30% will continue their studies at a jun-

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village's 26th president/mayor on Wednesday, May 10.

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Courtesy image THE VILLAGE OF Diamond will complete over \$294,000 in roadway upgrades this summer. D Construction, of Coal City, was awarded the contract at a meeting last week. The streets slated for upgrades are marked in red.

# Diamond to complete \$294,000 in street repairs

#### **BY ANN GILL** EDITOR

will invest over \$294,000 in town funds to improve streets and alleyways.

Terry Mayor Kernc announced last week that the Village Board had agreed to move forward with the improvements and accepted a submitted by D bid Construction at a cost of \$294,127.50. The project will be paid for with village funds.

This year's street maintenance work will focus on various areas within the village, including additional patching and drainage work.

Streets to be repavement include

 Meadow Lane in Country The Village of Diamond Meadows Subdivision from Route 113 [Division Street] to Winding Trail.

• McGinty Street north of the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City campus to the deadend just north of Hugh Street.

• Clark, Stellon and Hugh streets from McGinty east to Dewey Street.

• Tash Street from Route 113 to Clark Street.

• Will Road at the intersection of Stellon Street and approximately one block of Stellon Street to the west.

The project also includes some additional small projects

including the transition of Redmond Street to Tracy Street and Perona Lane.

Areas slated for improvement were determined through a review of the town's streets and are the start of what the mayor plans to be a multiyear street improvement project

Kernc would like to see the village embrace a plan that would allow for annual neighbor improvements.

"I like to do a neighborhood at a time. Get one section done including ADA ramps and fix any sidewalks needing repair and then move on to the next block," the mayor said.

In the coming weeks, the village will undergo a pavement management survey through a grant awarded by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning [CMAP].

A digital survey vehicle will travel village streets collecting digital imagery of the pavement surface and roadside assets.

Data collected from the drive will be used to develop a plan village officials can use to schedule roadway upgrades SEE STREETS, PAGE 2





# Little business on Village Board last and first agenda

#### **BY ANN GILL** EDITOR

In a brief meeting that started with one mayor and ended with another, the Coal City Village Board conducted little business last week.

for its regular meeting last office and with no business to from the village engineer week, it started as every meeting does with approval of the request or variances. The only previous meeting minutes and thing left to address were the payment of bills totaling individual reports of trustees \$47,728.89.

The recently elected vil-

When the Board gathered lage officials were sworn into were provided with an update Illinois attend to like contracts, pay and appointed officials.

regarding two projectswastewater treatment plant modernization and road maintenance.

Engineer Ryan Hansen, of The Board and public Chamlin & Associates, said the

Department Transportation responded to the town's submission of motor fuel tax for street improvements.

Bids for the project will be opened at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 6 at the Village Hall. The lowest responsible bid will then go before the Board for

a vote. Hansen further report-

ed the treatment plant modernization is quickly coming to completion with paving work at the entrance to the facility one of the last remaining pieces. That work should be completed within the next few days

The monthly police activity report was presented by Chief Chris Harseim who noted total officer activity in the month of April was 549 calls, bringing the year to date total to 2,328 calls.

Last month, officers issues citations, 17 criminal 36

of charges and 189 verbal warnings, and responded to seven traffic crashes.

The chief provided an update on the activity of the countywide Pro-Act Unit that made nine arrests in April-six felony and three warrant.

The group seized .57 grams of cocaine, 9.82 grams of fentanyl and 3.5 grams of methamphetamine bringing the total amount of narcotics taken off the streets to 81,518 grams since March 2021.

Additionally, ProAct offi cers seized four firearms last month. Since the group's inception, 21 firearms have been taken off the streets, and 10 vehicles and \$53,000 have been seized.

"That is extraordinary, Harseim said.

The next meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 24 at the Village Hall.

green, we lost mine as it hit the green and when we arrived on the green Terry checked the cup and bingo

Spesia

mine was my first hole in one. Our conversation quickly turned from Coal City golf instruction," the new mayor said, noting with a chuckle it was at that point there was a shift with him offering the outgoing mayor some instruction—in the sport of golf.

That late April meeting on the golf course was beneficial and successful.

The mew mayor thanks Halliday for his service and commitment to the commu-

nity. "You have given your time, talents and treasurers while serving the residents of for 26 years. The fact that you were able to commit 26 years while raising a family and working full-time to provide for you and your family is admirable. So on behalf of the residents of Coal City I thank you for your service," Spesia said.

Spesia went on to thank those who provided support during his candidacy and acknowledging his challenger, Ross Bradley.

"Together Ross and I proved it possible for two candidates to run for political without personal office attacks," Spesia said. He thanked Bradley for his 12 years of service as a trustee.



Photo by Ann Gill

NEWLY ELECTED VILLAGE Trustees Pam Noffsinger, Dan Greggain and Dave Togliatti were sworn into office last week along with village clerk Alexis Stone. Grundy County Judge Scott Belt administered the oath of office.

The mayor went on to thank his family, his wife and children were among those looking on as he took the oath.

And, the new mayor acknowledged the community he will lead for the next four years,

"I would like to thank the residents of Coal City for having the confidence in me to serve your as president/mayor, I am eager to start and I am extremely optimistic for the future of Coal City," Spesia said.

Following the swearing in of the mayor, Belt administered the oath of office to the newly elected village clerk, Lexi Stone and trustees Dan Greggain, Dave Togliatti and Pam Noffsinger.

"Thank you to the residents for putting me here and I can't wait to get started," said Noffsinger, who moves from the position of clerk to trustee.

She shared that she will be around to assist Stone transition into her new position and the two plan to sit sideby-side at the table.

Several family members of the officer holders were in the room for the first meeting of the new board, and Trustee Tim Bradley took a moment to thank each of them for their attendance and the support they will provide in the com-

best for our community and residents," Spesia said.

Wednesday, May 24.

# **Promotion ceremony** to honor eighth graders

#### STAFF REPORT

The Unit 1 School District will hold its promotion ceremony for the eighth grade class at Coal City Middle School on Friday, May 25. The ceremony will be held in the competition gym at the high school beginning at 7 p.m. A number of end-of-year activities have also been planned

for the students including a recent dance and an upcoming class trip to Six Flags Great America.

The final day of school for all students [with the exception of seniors and eighth graders] is Wednesday, May 24. It will be an early dismissal day with the Early Childhood Center letting out at 1:15 p.m., with the following building dismissal times elementary school, 1:35 p.m.; 1:25 p.m., intermediate school; 1:45 p.m., middle school, and high school at 1:40 p.m.

# Support group helping Alzheimer's caregivers

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter would like to invite anyone caring for a loved one patients. with Alzheimer's or dementia to a monthly Caregiver's Support Group held the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Coal City, 4470 E. Rt. 113 in Coal City. The church is located one mile west of Coal City on Highway 113.

Alzheimer's caregiver support groups have many benefits for both caregivers and

Support group partici-pants benefit from social and emotional support while learning more factual information about dementia.

This meeting is for caregivers only. For more information, contact Becky Haldorson at 815-791-2658.

### **Streets**

based on pavement conditions over the course of 10 vears

In addition to the pavement work approved last week, Kernc said the village plans to complete some patching work this summer in various locations within the village. In advance of the planned roadwork the town's public works department will be completing some drainage improvements to ensure the longevity of the pavement upgrades.



LUKE HAWKINS, valedictorian of the Coal City High School class of 2023, addresses his classmates at Sunday's commencement cere-

ing months and years. As the Board expressed a readiness to get a new term started, so did the mayor. "I am looking forward to

working with each of you as we navigate thought the next for years. Future decisions, some of which will be difficult and even at times unpopular should be informed decisions with input from our staff and professional services, and always be made on what is

The first full meeting of the new Village Board is set for

mony. Joining Luke on the stage is his brother, Logan Hawkins, saluatorian of the class. The brothers will continue their education at the University of Alabama majoring iin civil and aerospace engineering respectively.

# Graduation

ior college, 12% will enroll in a trade or technical school, 15% will head into the workforce and 2% will serve their country in the armed services-Anthony Cirrencione, Skyler Milinkovic and Landen Selio.

Cirrencione joined the Army National Guard in December 2021 and Milinkovic will begin her service with the U.S. Navy in September.

As for Selio, moments after accepting his diploma and tossing his cap into the air, he bid farewell to his family and friends walked out of ĆCHS to begin his training and responsibilities as a member of the United States Marine Corps.

Responsibility, a point made by the principal, who shared that in graduating they are accepting a responsibility.

"A responsibility to be good citizens, to contribute to society, and to make the world a better place. I have no doubt that you are up for the challenge, and I am excited to see the impact you will make," Kenney said.

In their final moments as high school students, the graduation speakers reflected on their days at CCHS. The impact of their teachers, the dances, football games, contests, state championships and stage performances.

"We will always be able to share moments that made CCHS most memorable," class vice president Reagan Robson said.

As the graduates prepared to accept their diplomas issued by superintendent Chris Spencer and the Board of Education, valedictorian Luke Hawkins offered his classmates a few words of advice.

The most powerful six words in his address, "never be afraid to dream big.

With diplomas in hand and tassels turned to the left, the class of 2023 was left with this from its president, Braiden Young.

'This is an amazing accomplishment for all of us, to be a part of the life long learning culture here at Coal City. With that being said even when we go off into our own lives, we will still have Coal City to come back to, whenever in need, because of the great community we have established here. Once a Coaler, always a Coaler."

As the ceremony concluded the graduates clad in Coaler green robes rose from their golden chairs and exited the gymnasium to the Coaler fight song.



CARLEY MORRIS, secretary/treasurer of the class, accepts her diploma from Unit 1 Board of Education president Ken P. Miller.



#### Saturday, May 20

@ Berst Hall Assumption Church, Coal City Hours: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. First game starts at 5:30 p.m.



includes 20 games of bingo, a dauber, a slice of pizza, drink, popcorn, and dessert

Extra Cards and Slices of Pizza available for purchase. Sponsored by Assumption Catholic Church and the FCSLA.



THE 160 MEMBERS of the Coal City High School class of 2023 were honored during the school's commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 14. Among the graduates [from left]: Mateo Blessing, **Collin Dames and Peyton Benson** 



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District, which covers parts

of Ford, Grundy, Iroquois,

LaSalle, Livingston, McLean

and Will counties, will visit

with the public during the

open house. Bunting will

serve as the keynote speaker

for the Grundy Area FFA

near Emington, and he sup-ports youth in the FFA

organization and the agri-

awards) will start at 6 p.m.,

for those who RSVP if plan-

ning to attend no later than

Friday, May 19. RSVP to

Courtney Kloeckner at 815-

The Grundy Area FFA

Rep. Bunting is a farmer

The banquet (meal and

House

# **Coalers medal at SkillsUSA competition**

#### STAFF REPORT

Rachel Hall has a busy summer ahead of her as she has qualified to compete in two national conference competitions-both focused on education.

Hall, a recent graduate of Coal City High School, was named the state champion in the early childhood education competition at this year's SkillsUSA Leadership Conference. She was one of two Coalers to earn top honors in the field of education.

Hall and fellow classmate Marianna Hren enrolled in the Grundy Area Vocational Center's [GAVC] foundations of teaching methods course and participated in in turn SkillsUSA, a career and technical educational organization.

Hall will travel to Atlanta, in mid-June for the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference and Competition where she will compete against students from across the United States

Hall's national qualifying event required her to write a preschool lesson plan and create a project to go along with that lesson. Additionally, she had to read a story to a panel of judges, present the lesson plan and complete an interview focused on the teaching profession.

"Rachel worked really hard creating a plan for this competition. She was given the scenario of having 10 students in a preschool class that had one Spanish speaking student while creating a language arts lesson," said Deb Eungard, Skills advisor and foundations of teaching methods instruc-



FIVE COAL CITY High School seniors placed at the recent SkillsUSA competition. The students, pictured with instructors Deb Eungard [left] and Joe Terrel [right], who are also graduates of Coal City High School, are [from left] Rachel Hall, Marianna Hren, Peyton Polarek, David Torres and Chris Collins. Hall and Hren were state champions and Hall advanced to the national competition in June.

nents of her entry on a presen- the teaching and learning protation she prepared for the fessional portfolio competistatewide Educators Rising competition, and that earned her a first place finish and a spot in the national contest set on having placed first in the to take place at the end of June in Orlando, FL.

For the Educators Rising contest, she wrote and illustrated a book on social/emotional skills for preschool students that she then presented to a panel of judges.

For the Skills competition, she selected a book that dealt with social emotional issues, recreated a couple of her children's literature pages dealing with her raindrop, had the students create a raindrop of feelings and had to write their name all while throwing in Spanish words such as rojo for red," Eungard said

Hall is the first state chamoion in the category since programming in 2008.

Hall based the compo- win, Hall finished second in Eungard said. tion, a category won by her classmate.

> Hren is the state champicategory of teaching and learning professional portfolio.

This competition is similar to the edTPA that teaching candidates must submit to receive their teaching licensure," Eungard said.

In this contest, participants must take a 5 to 8 minute lesson and create a portfolio with four sections-planning/preparation, creating an environment for learning, teaching/learning and professional preparedness.

Eungard said that the contest judges shared with her that Hren and Hall prepared portfolios that would have passed the edTPA requirements.

'Very impressive for two Eungard took over the center's high school seniors. It speaks subject areas serves students programming in 2008. volumes for their training, site from six high schools.

Along with her first place dedication and work ethic,"

Since this is a state only competition, it does not qualify for the national contest.

Three additional Coal City High School seniors enrolled at GAVC placed at the state

SkillsUSA competition. Christopher Collins and

David Torres finished second in television video production. Both are students in the computer graphics and multimedia design course and have been assisting with the center's livestreaming of athletic and other events this school year.

'A great accomplishment for these two students,' Eungard said.

Senior Peyton Polarek took third place in welding at

this year's contest. Eungard said he was the final welder of the day at the contest and the center is, "very proud of his top three finish.'

GAVC offers courses in 14

#### Grundy FFA to celebrate member achievements, honor sponsors

The Grundy Area FFA Illinois' invites community members to join the group for the banquet chapter on Saturday, May 27.

The Grundy Area FFA Banquet is an annual event to celebrate the achievements of its members and the activities of the chapter for the 2022-2023 school year. Members are presented with degrees and honor award winners.

In addition, the chapter will recognize supporters and sponsors who helped youth pursue their interests in agriculture.

There will be an open house starting at 5 p.m. to give the community a chance to see what the GAVC Agriculture Program entails.

Students will showcase what they have learned over the year and give tours of the school farm.

State Representative of

Open House and Banquet will be held at the GAVC barn/land lab located at 690 S. Carbonhill Rd., Coal City. Parking is available in the

955-0711

Banquet.

culture industry.

south parking lot of Coal City Middle School. Jason R. Bunting, new

#### Family Bingo Night May 20

Assumption Church Family Bingo Night will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 5-8 p.m. at the Coal City Assumption Church Berst Hall, 150 S. Kankakee St., Coal City. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with the first game starting at 5:30 p.m. Admission fee is \$10 per person which includes 20 games of bingo, a dauber, a slice of pizza, drink popcorn and dessert.. Additional cards and extra pizza will be available for purchase. This event is sponsored by Assumption Catholic Church and the FCSLA.

# 2023 graduates earn title of Acclaimed Coaler

#### **BY ANN GILL** EDITOR

In demonstrating what students must achieve to be ready following high school, 29 members of the Coal City High School class of 2023 made a commitment to their futures and in doing so have been named Acclaimed Coalers.

Students who met certain requirements are honored and celebrated as an Acclaimed Coaler and on May 12, less than 48 hours prior to receiving their high school diplomas, the second class of honorees were recognized.

Among them are National Merit Scholars, athletes, artists, performers and musicians. They're graduates heading off to college to become police officers, engineers, nurses, scientists, teachers, musicians, actors, graphic designers and heavy equip-

ment operators. Acclaimed The

framework was something the district could adopt, but it took the concept a step further and developed its own framework with input from district educators, administrators, counselors.

The goal they set was for students to have early exposure to college and career options, encourage participation in community service, focus on career path courses, increase student involvement in school and community and motivate students.

As principal Jennifer Kenney said, the program will provide an opportunity for students to be recognized for more than just academic achievement.

The program is a way to reward and incentives students to become ready for college and career, the Coaler Way.

Members of the senior class recognized as Acclaimed the program," Kenney said, at CCHS and for some, Grundy cial needs student and that Coalers are Natalie Appleton, noting the Acclaimed Coalers Area Vocational Center. Derek Carlson, Kerigan Copes, Collin Dames, Mae Finch, Rachel Hall, Joseph Hutchings, Isabelle Kostbade, Heather Kroeger, Silvestre Mayorga, Carley Morris, Jacob Nadess, Ryne Phelan, Mia Ratajczak, Chad Reinert, Josh Ritchie, Reagan Robson, Angelina Seeley, Taylor Sitar, Bohden Vanek, Jackson Wilcock, Jaden Williams and Braiden Young.



COAL CITY HIGH School recognized 29 students as Acclaimed Coalers. Earning the title of Acclaimed Coaler were [seated from left]: Reagan Robson, Rachel Hall, Carley Morris, Kerigan Copes. Mae Finch. Izzy Kostbade, Natalie Appleton, Heather Kroeger and Angelina Seeley. Row two: Braiden Young, Mia Ratajczak, Gavin Chernesky, Brady Ehman, Jackson Wilcock, Luke Hawkins, Bohden Vanek, Joseph Hutchings, Taylor Sitar and Derek Carlson. Row three: Logan Hawkins, Jaden Williams, Jacob Nadess, Josh Ritchie, Kaelan Natyshok, Collin Dames, Silvestre Mayorga, Lucas Crater, Ryne Phelan and Chad Reinert.

Ehman, Logan Hawkins, Luke and Hawkins Kaelan Natyshok. bestowed on those who achieve specific academic

Each of the honorees have This honor is been involved in numerous activities throughout high

rest.'

For Mayorga, it is the knowledge and experiences he gains during high school.

And, in the case school and have succeed in the Ratajczak it was finding her came from her ability to work

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**NEED EVENT PUBLICITY**?

Village of Coal City to host public hearing on zoning text amendment

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**ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Coal City Planning and Zoning Board will conduct a public hearing on June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, City, IL, to consider approval of a Zonin Code Text Amendment that would ado certain amendments within the Villag Code to update its adopted building regu lations, amend the tenure of its appoint ments and eliminate a conflicting portion code regarding the storage of vehicles or

residentially zoned property. At the public hearing, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to

provide oral and written testimony. Published in the Coal City Courant

"We are very excited about classroom through their work passion for working with spe-

program was developed in response to the Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness Act [PWR] that was enacted to support Illinois high school students find success in the path they choose after graduation.

The PWR Act is based on four main strategies one being the Postsecondary and Career Expectations [PACE] framework and that is focused on three key areas-career exploration and development, college preparation and selection and financial literacy.

The state developed

The school honored six of the student with the title of Acclaimed Coaler Scholar a distinction granted to Gavin Chernesky, Lucas Crater, Brady

Attorney Longest files Wren estate notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

In the matter of the estate of: FERN LOUISE WREN, Deceased, Case No 2023PR16

#### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors, of the death of FERN LOUISE WREN. Letters of death of FERN LOUISE WREN. Letters of Administration were issued to Sherrie Hobbs, 85 East Park Street, Coal City, IL 60416 as Independent Administrator whose attorney of record is GLORIA M. LONGEST, 385 S. Broadway Street, Coal City, Illinois. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Grundy County Courthouse, (111 East Washington St. Morris II. 60450) or with the represen-St., Morris, IL 60450), or with the representative, or both, on or before the 3rd day of November, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Sec. 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 with-

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#### Sherrie Hobbs Independent Administrator of the Estate of FERN LOUISE WREN Gloria M. Longest #06194360 385 S. Broadway Street Coal City, Illinois 60416 (815) 634-0000 (815) 634-2641 – facsimile Published in the Coal City Courant May 3, 10 and 17, 2023.

Attorney Longest files Greslik estate notice

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION In the matter of the estate of: TERESA A.

Deceased, Case GRESLIK 2023PR29

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program honors well rounded students who are ready to reach their college and career goals.

The students honored, Kenney said, "stand out from

most proud of during her time and PALs students. at CCHS, Kerigan Copes said it was working with her softball team to raise funds to support Megan's Mission.

Foreclosure sale of 1923 Taller Road

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff, -v.- ERIC D EVANS; Defendants, 21 CH 21

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 11:00 AM on June 21, 2023, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111

Corporation, will at 11:00 AM on June 21, 2023, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 East Washington Street front door entrance, MORRIS, IL, 60450, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Lot 72, Rockwell Estates Subdivision First Addition, being a subdivision in the Southeast 114 of Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded May 24, 2004 and filed in Plat Cabinet H, Slide 63, EXCEPTING therefrom that part of said Lot described as beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot; thence Southerly on the West boundary of said lot, being a S0 foot radius curve, concave Meaterly, and relation 433 72 feet to the Westerly aver 60 foot radius curve, concave Westerly, an arc length of 33.72 feet to the Westerly exten-sion of an existing common wall; thence Easterly on said Westerly extension and on said common wall and on the Easterly extension of said common wall, 102,78 feet to the East line of said lot; thence Northerly on said East line, 104.56 feet to the Northeast corner of said lot; thence Southwesterly on the North line of said Lot, a distance of 133.96 feet to the point of beginning, in Grundy County, Illinois. Commonly known as 1923 TALLER ROAD, MORRIS, IL 60450

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Foreclosure sale of 2406 Lynwood St.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff, -v.- ELIZABETH BLACK et al; Defendants, 2022 FC 83

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FOR A DISTANCE OF 214.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 5 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 95 FEET TO A POINT WHICH FALLS ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2E; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 5 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID EAST LINE FOR A DIS-DEGREES 5 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID EAST LINE FOR A DIS-TANCE OF 22.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 5 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 95 FEET TO A POINT WHICH FALLS ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2E; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 5 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 22.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL LOCATED IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL 4 OF SAID LOT 2E) ALL SITUATED IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 2406 LYNWOOD STREET, MORRIS, IL 60450 Property Index No. 02-33-229-012 The real estate is improved with a residence.

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Keep landlines for sen-

WILMINGTON-Illinois' most vulnerable

groups will be affected by a recent FCC deci-

sion that approves deregulation allowing tele-

com companies to replace copper wire land-

line phone service with Internet-based phone

service. According to the FCC Order, the exis-

tence of landline service is preventing us from

transitioning to the next generation of commu-

nication technology because it requires expen-

sive infrastructure maintenance. However, this

decision will negatively impact the 1.6 million

seniors in Illinois who still rely on landline

service, including my parents. They struggle to

use their cell phone, and their Internet connec-

tion is often unreliable. It is irresponsible for

the FCC to prioritize telecom giants' profit over

the needs of rural communities, senior and

elderly folks, and places with poor Internet

connectivity. How can we tie the primary means of communication of these groups to

something as unreliable as an Internet connec-

tion? They would lose Internet connectivity

completely if the power went out. If the federal

government does not protect the interests of vulnerable groups, it is the responsibility of the

Illinois state legislature to step in and advocate

for them. They must ensure that no one is left

you to the person who paid for my stuff at

Casey's this morning. I had an issue with my

card and didn't have cash on me. I went out to

check my vehicle for cash, came back in and

she paid for it. Thank you so much. It's an

embarrassing thing that can happen but I

appreciate you stepping in and saving the day. Thank you so much. You are awesome!

previous city mayor and clerk complaining

about Tony Áltiery, being rehired as the super-visor of public works. In your post you talk

about friends hiring friends. How can you com-

plain about something like this when your son

BRAIDWOOD-I saw a Facebook post by a

BRAIDWOOD— I just wanted to say thank

behind in this so-called "upgrade."

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An illegal hire BRAIDWOOD—It's just the first meeting of the new city council and the four commissioners have already shown that they are going to be ganging up on our new mayor in order to do what they want, regardless of what he thinks or what the public thinks. The appointment of Mr. Altiery to the Supervisor of Public Works posi-tion was done in the most back-door and nontransparent means possible. His name was not listed on the agenda for the public to be made aware and the position was never even advertised as a job opening with the city for interested applicants to apply. Is this position even included in the FY24 budget which was approved by the previous council? I don't think so. Is this position going to be included in the Local 150 Operators Union? I don't think so. Since this is not a union position, will he be able to operate machinery, backhoes, snow plows, etc.? I don't think so. Since he does not have the required EPA licenses and certifications, will he be able to supervise the employees of the water treatment and a sewer plants? I don't think so. If a position is not included in the budget, how can someone be hired for it? Those are all reasons why the previous Supervisor of Public Works stepped down to take a position within the union which resulted in the position not being filled by the previous council which Mr. Altiery was affiliated with. So what exactly did the four commissioners just illegally hire? Seems awfully fishy, doesn't it? Twelve pages of qualifications and achievements isn't a justifiable reason to an underhanded deed. All of this, on top of committing a violation of the Open Meetings Act which requires the public body to indicate in the motion the reasons as permitted by the Open Meetings Act for which they are entering into closed session. Hopefully someone will submit a complaint to the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor. The four commissioners need to learn that they cannot do whatever they feel like. Either play by the rules, be completely transparent or face the consequences. Oh wait, they all had extreme difficulty explaining to the voters what the word transparency meant during the Meet The Candidates night, so maybe they truly have no clue what it means.

#### Not Kamala

SHADOW LAKES-Biden said he appointed Kamala to be in charge of artificial intelligence, no joke. I hope it's Kamala the Uganda giant the wrestler from the WWF in the 90's? I would feel better after the wonderful job she did on the border. Eddie

#### Miss The Grill

COAL CITY— Why did The Grill close so many years ago? I wish it was still here instead of the places we have now.

#### Good credit doesn't pay

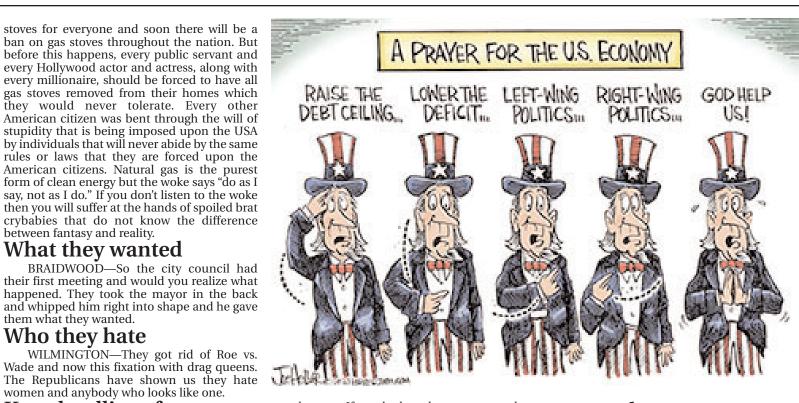
WILMINGTON—How does it feel to know that you work all your life to pay your bills and have a good credit rating and now the Feds (Liberal Democrats) pass a bill that went into effect Monday that says we get charged higher mortgage fees than those with poor credit? This is what the Biden Administration is doing to take from the good and give to the free loaders. Tell me how this is any different than those who go into businesses, take what they want and walk out without paying for it? Thanks to the Democrats the whole world is turned upside down and the crooks have the right of way.

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tered voters. If you look at the percentage the four commissioners won with you will see nobody wants any of you or your opinions in the city of Braidwood we have four commissioners who care about this city. Unfortunately until the mayor removes himself from your control he will never do what's right for Braidwood. Fortunately, the commissioners will continue to keep this city moving forward.

#### Better news

WILMINGTON- Must be short of good interesting news in the Wilmington paper as the front page carried an article of some woman giving birth in an ambulance. Really we don't need an actual account and description of her giving birth with our morning coffee. Seriously, is there not something else news worthy?

#### Four years of nonsense

BRAIDWOOD- It certainly didn't take long to learn that the top priorities of the present city commissioners is threefold: Don't work with the mayor, provide for your friends, and keep the public in the dark. When the mayor did exactly as he said he would during the campaign and did not re-appoint the administrator, the council gave their friend a new job as a supervisor of Walsh's and Wietting's departments in spite of the fact that each department already has someone in charge. The chain of command above that is supposed to be the commissioner of that department. I guess Walsh and Wietting simply want a paycheck on the backs of us taxpayers without having to do any work. There was no advance notice that Altiery was going to be appointed, no discussion on the topic, the public didn't have an opportunity to address the matter and there was absolutely no mention of ow much he will get paid, what his benefits might be or anything else that the public should be informed of. The mayor very correctly did not vote for the appointment but with the clique it really doesn't matter. The commissioners have him outvoted. So I'm sure it will be four more years of the same old nonsense. After all, the commissioners have to work toward getting their friend vested in the city pension.

#### Town Hall lies

#### 51 years later

I didn't scream either. It was 1972 and I was raped. It was someone I knew. I didn't tell my parents, I didn't call the police, I didn't go to the hospital and I didn't scream. A lot of things that happened back then didn't get talked about, that doesn't mean it didn't happen. I hope my rapist is worried about that his children and grandchildren would think of him if they knew. Do I speak up now that 51 years have passed?

#### Came with strings

BRAIDWOOD-I voted for the four Braidwood commissioners now in office. Big mistake. I should have looked closer. Somehow I missed all the puppet strings attached too them

#### Not on Mother's Day

COAL CITY—The high school graduation was very nice on Sunday. The only thing was a regret they held it on Mother's Day. Please take into consideration never having it on Mother's Day again.

#### Mental health excuse

WILMINGTON-I hear these guys on the right claiming that mass shootings are a mental health issue. Does that mean racism, bigotry and hate are all mental health issues too?

#### The Bullseye

WILMINGTON—The good news about the recent CNN interview of Trump is that a lesson has been learned. The bad news is that we learned that lesson long ago and should not have repeated it. Good journalists never fire a cannon into a crowd and likewise never do a live interview of a presidential candidate without rebuttal by a legitimate opponent and furthermore, never present to an audience whose bias is as obvious as its rowdy catcalls. And especially with a candidate such as Trump whose 30,000 lies were recorded during his presidency by reliably impeccable sources. CNN has played the fool and created a Bullseye of a mistake. Irene

#### This is outrageous

BRAIDWOOD—At least two dozen home-less vets have been evicted from New York hotel

#### loo much hability

WILMINGTON-We finally got our islands back for the taxpayers to enjoy without having outsiders partying down and swimming in the river at the South Island with all the lawsuits and now you're moving all the trouble to the North Island with this kayak launch. Explain to me how you're going to do this without the financial liability when someone drowns making the Wilmington citizens being on the hook to pay for it. By the way our taxes have almost doubled this year and now you're dreaming up a kayak launch that's going to cost us at least over \$110,000 plus more if you don't get your \$80,000 grant. All I can envision is a lot of people partying with their kids swimming in the river and overloaded kayaks and someone drowning and big lawsuits plus our taxes going up to pay for outsiders' fun. Remember we have two car dealers leaving and another that just sold out so who's going to pay for your pipedream? How's that Ventrac 2120 sidewalk snow remover doing that was costing us \$36,392 plus \$6,000 maintenance? All this great spending for outsiders and we can't even find money to bring back the leaf vac which is something that everyone can use.

#### Sheer stupidity

MORRIS-New York has now banned gas

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was hired as the foreman of the Street department under your friend Fay Smith when he was the street and public improvement commissioner? Based on your history nothing surprises me out of you and your regime.

#### Focused commissioners

BRAIDWOOD-In response to the three negative sound offs about the Braidwood election. It is obvious you had the information about what the mayor was doing before it was announced at the city council meeting. You are all the same group that once again tried to get re-elected for the 2nd time and failed once again. You know what's going on in advance because the mayor is your puppet. The new mayor won with 20% of the vote from all regis-

WILMINGTON-Watching the town hall meeting with the ex-president on CNN, I could only take 10-15 minutes of watching and hearing the tired old lies. Why didn't the moderator ask the ex-president these questions? "You say there is video evidence of voter fraud? So where is it? On Hunter Biden's laptop?" "You say you could end the Ukraine War in 24 hours. If you believe in democracy, as you say you do, why don't you share this master plan? Would it upset your boyfriend Putin?" "You said the U.S. should default on the debt, even though you had Congress raise the debt ceiling three times as president. Does that explain why you increased our national debt by over \$7 trillion in just four years?"

rooms to make room for illegals. The hotel will get more money from the government for housing illegals than for housing the vets who have only resided there for two weeks. This is outrageous.

#### What a shame

COAL CITY-My son just graduated from Coal City High School on May 14, 2023. He was told he could not wear his Marine sash on the outside of his gown. Shame on you Coal City High School for treating our armed forces this way. If a war breaks out God have mercy on your souls because then it's okay for my son to fight for you.

#### Commentary

# Preisdent Biden's electric vehicle folly

America lacks the grid to power an electric vehicle fleet

#### **BY ROBERT ZUBRIN**

The Biden administration is currently preparing regulations to drastically cut the number of new combustion combustion-powered vehicles sold in the United States. The new regulation being prepared by the EPA would require that by 2032, 64% of all new cars sold in the U.S. would need to be electric vehicles, an elevenfold increase over their 5.8% market share now. According to the administration, this massively costly intervention into the market is necessary to save the world from the "existential threat of climate change.'

Aside from its fantastic costs, which also include building millions of electric vehicle charging stations, the strategic, economic, and environmental consequences associated with vastly expanding our nation's reliance on Chinese rare earth metal exports, and the question of whether electric cars really do reduce overall carbon emissions, there is a fundamental problem with this initiative.

Electric cars require electricity. Biden wants to use our grid to

drive America's vehicles. But we American transportation fleet. don't have the juice to power them. Not by a long shot.

In 2021 the United States used 26.9 quadrillion BTU's (or quads) of energy to power its transportation sector. At the same time, it produced 12.9 quads of electricity, over 99% of which went to existing residential, commercial and industrial users.

It's true that internal combustion engines only have an efficiency of 28% while diesels have an efficiency of 43%, so that between the two, America's vehicle fleet is about 35% in converting 26.9 quads of fuel into 9.4 quads of motive power. The electrical utility system is also about 35% efficient, outputting its 12.9 quads of electricity from 36.7 quads of raw energy input. That's why powering an electric car using grid power produced from fossil fuels does little to reduce overall carbon emissions. Furthermore, charging the battery of an electric car is typically around 83% efficient, and the car itself is 90% efficient in turning the electricity in its battery into motive power, for a net vehicle efficiency of about 75%. That means that it would take about 12.5 quads of electricity - roughly equal to the entirety of our current electric power output – to drive the current

Of course, Biden is not demanding that we switch our entire fleet to electric vehicles instantly. He only wants two thirds of new vehicles to be electric by 2032, and it would take some time after that before they constituted a large portion of the fleet. This would give us time to expand our power generation capacity. So let's say we have 20 years to expand our grid enough to power half the current fleet – or about 40% of the anticipated fleet size of the year 2053. To do that, we would have to increase our power output at a rate of 0.337 quads per year. This is equivalent to adding 99 billion kWh of output (or 13.3 GW of capacity operating at 85% full load) to our grid every year for the next 20 years.

In contrast, for the past 15 years, The United States has increased its electric power output at a rate of 3.3 billion kWh per year. To implement Biden's plan, America would have to immediately start bringing new power plants online at 30 times the rate it now does.

In principle, that is not impossible. From 1957 to 1977, the United States increased its electric power output at an average rate of 70 billion kWh per year, 20 times

the current rate, and that was accomplished by a country with (in 1967) one-third of America's current GDP. Based on orders received during this period, from 1981 to 1991, U.S. nuclear electricity output alone was increased at a rate of 35 billion kWh per year.

But then regulators slammed on the brakes. U.S. nuclear capacity today is no more than it was in 1991, and total electric production capacity, from all sources combined, has barely increased at all since 2010.

If Biden's program is to be implemented without crashing America's power grid, what is required is a total reversal of the regulatory state's War on Energy. Furthermore, if the electrification of transportation is to actually result in a reduction of carbon emissions, the vast amount of new capacity required will need to come from a carbon-free source.

The only way to do that is through nuclear power.

Robert Zubrin @robert\_zubrin is president of Astronautics, an aerospace R&D firm. His latest book, "The Case for Nukes: How We Can Beat Global Warming and Create a Free, Open, and Magnificent Future," was recently published by Polaris Books.

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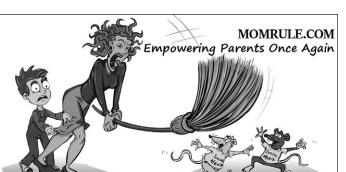
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# A journey to Madagascar



THE COAL CITY High School Drama Club and Coal City Theatre Department will present "Madagascar, A Musical Adventure, Jr." on Friday, May 19. The musical features fourth and fifth grade students from Coal City Intermediate School and is directed by Coal City High School senior Derek Carlson with assistance from his fellow drama club members that include Amelia Fritz, Kilen Davidson, Izzy Kostbade and Stephen Byers, Jr. The single public performance of the show will begin at 7 p.m. in the Coal City Performing Arts Centers. Reserved seat tickets can be purchased on-line at bit.ly/CCTDTickets.

# Celebrating 50 years of musical theatre



IN OBSERVANCE OF the 50th anniversary of the musical theatre program at Coal City High School, the Coal City Theatre Department is inviting the cast, crew and pit orchestra of the school's first musical, "So this is Paris," directed by Sue Borror Boldt and Lynn Wright, to reunite and be recognized at its annual Braodway Revue performance on Sunday, May 28 at 2:30 p.m. in the Coal City Performing Arts Center. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by e-mail to agill@coalcityschools.org.

#### **Grief support** group starting in Coal City

A Grief Share Support Group is starting at Coal United Methodist Church, located at 6805 E. McArdle Road, on Tuesday, June 6, at 6 p.m.

The group will meet monthly and will be administered by Mary Baudino, certified grief counselor, and Karen Hart, parish nurse.

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is invited to attend this caring, supportive group. For more information, please contact Karen Hart at 708-217-5808.

# Extended hunting,

Sportsmen in Illinois may soon get the optional of purchasing fishing, hunting and trapping licenses on a threeasis instead of annually The measure, championed by State Senator Patrick Joyce (D-Essex), passed the Senate 56-0 Thursday to allow an easier way to obtain a hunting, fishing, trapping and sportsmen license. "This is a commonsense measure that will save people time," said Joyce."People will have more time to engage in outdoor activities without having to worry about if their license is expired.' The bill would allow residents to obtain the license at three times the cost of an annual one. This is a big convenience factor for people who hunt, fish and trap, but it also helps out our state's conservation," said Joyce. "By switching to three-year license options, we will save people the hassle of renewing their license every year while also helping generate more revenue at a time for the state's efforts." conservation

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#### Letter to the editor Let's do a little more to honor our veterans

Dear Editor:

Memorial Day is one the most difficult days of the year for our service members, Veterans, families, and survivors. While some will celebrate the holiday with picnics and vacations, many of us will be remembering those we lost - our shipmates, battle buddies, wingmen, and Marines who died for our country.

Out of the many famous and impactful quotes I have heard over the years, one stands out in particular:

'Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude must be more than visits to the troops, and once-a-year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well." — Jennifer Mulhern Granholm, former Governor of Michigan.

Those simple and impactful words serve as an "ah ha" moment to channel our energy into thoughtfulness, generosity, and kindness throughout the year. We honor

positive experiences, harmonious communities, and a country that respects the freedoms they gave their lives protecting.

I have the incredible honor of serving Illinois' nearly 600,000 Veterans as the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA). Each day, I witness a dedicated and talented staff serve Veterans through our Field Service Offices and our five residential homes in Anna, Chicago, Manteno, and Quincy. LaSalle,

Each day, our teams arrive at work to help Veterans thrive in Illinois. This is just one of the many ways we honor the Veterans who have gone before us.

Over the past two years, I have met Veterans who served our country in every major conflict beginning with World War II. We honor their legacy by learning about them and helping them reach their career, education, health care, our nation's heroes by creating and housing goals. Our

Veteran Service Officers are lives of our Veterans, their positioned around the state to one-on-one work with Veterans to discuss their personal and family aspirations and assist them in obtaining their earned benefits and serv-

ices. Illinois' Veterans are IDVA's north star, and we honor their service with support customized to their individual needs.

Returning to Illinois just a few years ago was a homecoming of sorts. My wife and I met at Great Lakes many years the ago, married at Bluejackets Chapel, and kicked off our lives right here in Illinois.

Thirty years later, we are wholly dedicated to honoring all Veterans: those who lost their lives and those who are still with us today.

Being a Veteran is a unique experience, one that less than one percent of our population will ever know. I'm asking everyone to remember the community's role in the

families, and survivors. Join us on Memorial Day (and every day) in tribute of those who served. The smallest gesture -

planting a tree, volunteering, or checking in on a Veteran who is alone, can make a difference. tremendous Simple gestures have enormous impact, and if we all share in this effort, we will continue to nurture a world that truly honors those who have given their lives.

We know there is so much love and support going on in our communities. This Memorial Day, remember the words of Gary Sinise (AKA "LT Dan"),

"While we can never do enough for our defenders and their loved ones, we can always do a little more."

Blessings to you on this Memorial Day.

**Terry Prince** Director, Illinois Dept. of Veterans' Affairs



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# Tips to avoid check fraud

surging across Illinois, with criminals using elaborate and organized methods to target consumers and businesses.

Grundy Bank is partnering with the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA) to share tips for consumers to protect themselves, and their bank accounts, from this fraudulent activity.

Check fraud is one of the most common forms of identifv theft. These criminals target their victims with sophisticated schemes that can involve a legitimate payment request, a blank check stolen from a checkbook, a previously paid or canceled check found in the garbage, or a check placed in the mailbox to pay a bill.

In addition to wiping out bank accounts, this form of identify theft can also tarnish the victim's credit report.

Data from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, bureau of the U.S.

Check fraud has been Department of Treasury, completely while avoiding shows that at least 23, 949 Illinois consumers and businesses fell victim to check fraud in 2022.

This is a whopping 86 percent increase from 2021, and a 347 percent increase over the last decade. It's estimated that the average loss per check fraud incident is \$2,412.

These losses can be especially detrimental to families struggling to get by amid the high inflation or small businesses seeking stability after years of pandemic-related disruptions.

These are steps consumers can take to protect their checkbook, including: ordering checks from a reputable source, properly disposing of checks, safeguarding checks and account information, imprinting digital checks with a bold font that is difficult to alter, tracking and monitoring bank accounts regularly, filling checks out properly and

abbreviations and mailing checks at the post office instead of using mailboxes.

If consumers suspect suspicious behavior, they should contact their bank immediate-

"With this dramatic increase of check fraud in Illinois, it is imperative that individuals take steps to protect themselves, "said Randy Hultgren, President and CEO of Illinois Bankers Association.

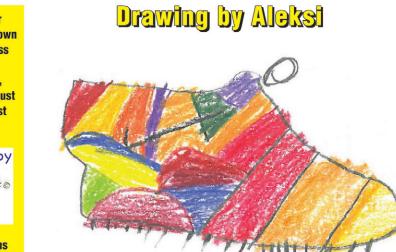
'These tactics are constantly evolving, and the best way to protect your hardearned money is to be aware of these ploys and take the steps to avoid fraud before it happens."

The IBA encourages consumers to reach out to their financial institutions or visit Illinois.bank for more information about security features and safety tips.

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# Limit what you eat from IL lakes, streams

of Public Health (IDPH) announced updated consumption advisories for sport advisories were removed for eye, sauger, flathead catfish, fish caught in Illinois waters.

(PCB) Methylmercury advisories were relaxed for

The Illinois Department Mackinaw, Mississippi, and Wabash Rivers. Most notably, all PCB

the Mississippi River.

A statewide methylmer-

species of black bass, gar, salmon, and trout, as well as striped bass, white bass, wallchannel catfish throughout muskellunge, northern pike, and associated hybrids.

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certain species in the Fox cury advisory remains in place immediate health hazard from Chain O'Lakes, the Illinois for all Illinois waters. It cau-River, and Waukegan North Harbor. PCB advisories were removed for certain species in the Fox Chain O'Lakes, Frank nant, and children less than 15 Holten State Lakes, Powerton Lake.

tions sensitive populations any Illinois water body, there (those who are nursing, pregnant, or may become pregyears of age) to eat no more and the Illinois, than one meal per week of all IDPH Fish Advisories website.

eating contaminated fish from are concerns about effects of long-term, low-level exposure to PCBs and methylmercury in fish. More information is at the

# UPD



Alex Nsengimana

Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life...

#### **OCC Shoebox Ministry Secret Tour**

Date: May 20, 2023

Time: 11:00 am / Lunch 11:45 am (RSVP lunch) Place: Island City Baptist Church I 120 Vine St. Wilmington, IL 60481 I 815-476-9750

Come on out to see someone who has received a Christmas Shoebox through Operation Christmas Child and the impact it has had on his life! General public is invited. We will provide a soup and sandwich luncheon afterward if you would like to stick around and ask more questions.

Growing up in midst of an unstable Rwandan government, ALEX NSENGIMANA experienced first-hand the tragedies of his nation's genocide. At the height of tribal unrest, the genocide claimed the lives of his caregivers. Fleeing for his life, Alex escaped gunmen and eventually ended up in an orphanage that was his home for the next several years. He received a shoebox from Operation Christmas Child one year after arriving at the orphanage and remembers being so excited to have a gift to call his own. The shoebox gift sowed seeds of hope and love that he desperately needed. He realized that God had a specific plan for his life. Alex now serves with Operation Christmas Child paying forward the hope and love he received through a shoebox gift. To find out more about how God protected and intervened in his life after surviving the Rwandan genocide, please join us for a special time of Alex telling his story of redemption and forgiveness.

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# JBITUARIES

#### – Michael R. Mizerka Jr. \_\_\_\_\_



Hospital.

WILMINGTON-Michael R. Mizerka Jr. "Mike," 64, of Wilmington, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at his home.

Born on Oct. 2, 1958 in Hinsdale, IL, he was the son of Michael and Joanne (nee Muehlnickel) Mizerka Sr. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1980-1984. For over 10 years, Michael has been employed by Eco-Lab.

Michael had many hobbies including jeep club, fishing, morel hunting, R.C. trucks, metal detecting, geocaching, moonshine, crossbows, astronomy, four-wheeling, ice fishing, bicycling and fossil hunting. His favorite hobby was proudly showing off his sandrail, Toxic Tomato.

Michael is survived by his mother, Joanne Mizerka, of Westmount, IL; daughter, Kaley Smith, of Downers Grove, IL; brother, John (Amber) Mizerka, of Goose Lake; sister, Liz Mizerka (David Black), of Coal City; Uncle Rudy and Aunt Carol Majeske, of Goose Lake; nieces:

BRACEVILLE-David V. Scroggins, 52

Cassy, Jessi, Nikky, Tyler, Faith and Alexis; as well as his beloved fur baby, T.J. Michael was preceded in death by his father, Michael Mizerka Sr. and Cheryl Biniak Bear.

Funeral services will be held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Bethania Cemetery in Justice, IL. The visitation will also be at the funeral home on Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 3-

8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations that can be made to the Michael Mizerka Legacy Fund through paypal: michaelmizerkalegacyfund@outlook.com.

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

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

#### – Harry W. Paulson ——

COAL CITY-Harry W. Paulson Sr., 66, of Coal City, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family.

Harry was born on Feb. 9, 1957 in Chicago to Howard and Dorothy (Jeffers) Paulson. Harry was employed as a Manager of Vehicle Maintenance by the City of Chicago. He enjoyed working as a mechanic and only retired a few years prior to his passing. He spent his free time fishing out at his summer home in Shadow Lakes, spending time with his friends, children, grandchildren and granddogs. Harry was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all.

Harry is survived by his wife, Maureen Koranda; his daughter, Sarah Martinez and her husband, Brian; his sons, Harry W. Paulson Jr. and his wife, Nicole and the late SPC Kevin Paulson. Also surviving are his dearest grandchildren: Angela Paulson, Michaela Martinez and Addyson Paulson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ĥoward and Dorothy Paulson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Ferrari Funeral Services, 1044 Ferrari Drive, Coal City.

Cremation rites were accorded following services, as were Harry's wishes.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www. ferrarifuneral com

Ferrari Funeral Services of Coal City were entrusted with arrangements.

#### – Delphine Kozlowski \_\_\_\_\_

ELWOOD-Dephine Kozlowski, 92 of sister. Elwood, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the Ascension Living Villa Franciscan Place in Joliet.

Born May 23, 1930 in Chicago, Delphine Frances was a daughter of Peter and Jane (nee Nowicki) Skiba. She was raised and educated in the Southshore neighborhood of Chicago, and on May 1, 1954, she married Aloysius Francis Kozlowski.

Survivors include four children: Diane (Michael) Tomaselli, of Florida; Michael Kozlowski and David Kozlowski, both of Wilmington and Susan (Raymond) Schillaci, of Elwood; as well as seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Delphine was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Aloysius; one daughter, Karen Babczak-Harris; one granddaughter, Christina Kozlowski; and one brother and one

Funeral services were held Monday, May 15, 2023 at Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington to Saint Rose Catholic Church in Wilmington for a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated with Reverend Sebastian Gargol presiding. Interment followed at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made as gifts in Delphine's memory to Saint Rose Catholic Church, 604 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington, IL 60481 where she was a member.

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

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

#### Francis Kulas \_

HOT SPRINGS VIL-LAGE, AR-Francis "Frank" Kulas, 94 of Hot Springs Village, AR, and formerly of Wilmington and Chicago, passed away Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Born March 6, 1929 in Chicago, Francis Chris was a son of Francis Chris Sr. and Bridgett (Maloney) Kulas. He was raised in the Bridgeport neighborhood; graduated from De LaSalle

High School and went on to attend American School of Banking. Frank honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, and was stationed in Germany. His career was in banking, and Frank retired from Exchange Bank in Chicago in 1989. He was a former member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish in Wilmington and was a life member of Hickory Hills Rod and Gun Club. In his free time, Frank enjoyed picnics, fishing and shoot-

Survivors include his children, Robert (Sandra) Kulas, of Hot Springs Village and Marybeth (Michael) Costello, of Addison, IL; three grandchildren: Matthew Gatz (Sarah), Francesca Gatz (Ken) and Samantha (Tyler)

Bice, and four great-grandsons, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Frank was preceded in death by his

parents; three sisters: Catherine Kulas, Margaret (Roman) Ziolek and Lorraine (Stanley) Gill, and one brother in infancy.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at St. Bernard Parish in Homer Glen and was celebrated with Father Joe McCormick, OSA presiding.

Burial followed in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Justice, IL.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Franks memory to: The Veteran's Administration "Charities."

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

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

#### Jessica Casey \_\_

On May 11, 2023, God reached down

to Jessica Turner Casey and said, "Come with me.'

born Feb. 15, 1990, to She was

(Stephanie) Turner and niece, Emerson, of Newman IL; extended family: Steve, Megan, Calleigh, Talan, Kaysen VandeWe erken, and



SOUTH WILMINGTON-Neal Tjelle, 66, of South Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at Ascension Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

Born Dec. 4, 1956 in Morris, Neal Edwin was a son of Harry and Nina (Horrie) Tjelle. He was raised in Gardner and graduated from Gardner South Wilmington High School with the class of 1975.

Neal worked as a laborer with Local #75, and made his career with D Construction. He itation at Reeves Funeral Home, 203 Liberty St. was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Gardner on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 9 in South Wilmington, and belonged to the a.m. until 12 p.m. Funeral services will follow at South Wilmington Firemans Beach and Park 1 p.m. in St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 165 Rice Rd. in South Wilmington. A Mass of Christian



Robert and Pamela; daughter, Angela Lynn Scroggins and sister, Mildred "Millie" Scroggins.

Braidwood, Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 3 p.m. until the time of funeral services beginning at 7 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

the family would be appreciated.

online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com.

#### Neal E. Tjelle

Pana, IL; seven grandchildren: Jack and Elle Halliday, Owen and Avery Otloe, Chase and Layne Price and Noah Weddle; four siblings: Don Tjelle and John Dale (Villa) Tjelle, both of Gardner; Bruce (Deb) Tjelle, of South Wilmington and Susan Tjelle, of Gardner and numerous nieces and nephews.

Neal was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends for a vis-

Visitation for David will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory,

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to

For more information and to visit his

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

#### of Braceville, passed away suddenly, Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Morris

David V. Scroggins

He was born March 31, 1971 in Joliet to Robert and Pamela (nee Worley) Scroggins. How do you sum up someone's life with a dash, especially when that life lived was only 52 In the words of David, vears? Tomorrow isn't promised and this thing called life is nothing but a test, no one

makes it out alive." His family meant every thing to him, he was a devoted dad, husband, papa, and friend. He was brutally honest and he would tell you that he wasn't perfect, but he sure made it known that he loved God, his wife, kids and grandbabies. David had an amazing work ethic and never did anything halfhearted, it was all or nothing. Over the years he climbed out of poverty, earning his associates degree, eventually owning and operating his own HVAC business. He was sarcastic, had a great sense of humor and would get a kick out of this final joke, "Faced with the prospect of another 30 years of April's cooking, David chose to pass into the Eternal love of God."

David married April on July 26, 1997. Together two families became one. April had her daughter, Breanne Elizabeth and David had his children, Amber and Angela Scroggins and in October 1997, their son, DJ was born.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, April (nee Pritchard) Scroggins of Braceville; children: Breanne (Jon Wills) Wren, of Plano, IL; Amber

(Alex Vandenberg) Scroggins, of Land O Lakes, FL and David "DJ" Scroggins, of Braceville; grandbabies: Isabella, Tripp and Lina of Florida; Grayson, Everleigh and Norah Wills, of Plano; brothers and sister, Robert "Bobby" (Brittney) Scroggins and their children, Cullen, Zadie, and Gavin of Tennessee; Brandy (Adam) Rochelle

and their children, Ridge and River, of Tennessee; William "Billy" Scroggins and his daughter, Violetta, of Tennessee; sister-

in-law, Stephanie Zaragoza, of Tennessee; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Angela and Rodney Ridgley and their children, Austin, Brandy Zack, RJ, the late Brittney, and Jason Pritchard; and mother-in-law, Patty Pritchard.

He is preceded in death by his parents,

Club where he enjoyed camping for many years and was a member of the Hillbilly 500 Club.

Neal was a very kind and hardworking guy, who jumped at every opportunity to help family and friends. He took great pleasure in gardening and to his grandkids. The took great pleasure in galden-ing and doing anything outdoors, including afternoons spent with his siblings. He was a lov-ing dad to his daughters and the best "Papa Neal" to his grandkids. Throughout the years, he loved traveling and taking road trips, particularly spending time out west and in Colorado.

Å friend to all, Neal will be remembered for his kind demeanor and great smile. Survivors include his three daughters:

Brittney (Kyle) Halliday, of Coal City; Karli (Jarad) Otloe, of Normal and Karla Price, of

Burial will be celebrated with Rev. Stanley Drewniak presiding.

Burial will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Neal's memory to Make-A-Wish Foundation or to the Ronald McDonald House.

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

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

Bobbi (Jerry) Curl, of Coal City and Kevin Turner, of Dwight. Jessica graduated Dwight High School in 2008. Her love for family and friends was present everyday she shared with each of us. Jessica will be remembered for her generosity and compassion for helping others. This love and compassion also

carried on to the care of many animals particularly helping rescue dogs. Jessica was a devoted Kansas City Chief fan and loved to watch her favorite team with family. She will be sadly missed by each one of us.

Jessica is survived by her parents, significant other, Nathon Hogan, of Odell; her children: Audrina, Logan and Lorelai; brother, Tim

Tyler, Cas sidv and Emmett Curl and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. She is also survived by her grandparents, Judy Schott, of Pontiac and Larry and Mary Ellen Turner, of Dwight.

Jessica was preceded in death by her Grandfather, Dave Schott and cousin, Don Foley, both formerly of Pontiac.

A celebration of life will be held at the Dwight United Methodist Church on June 11, 2023 at 5 p.m. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of services, also at the church. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials in honor of Jessica may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society.

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#### Take into consideration "No Mow May" for your lawn

Dear EarthTalk: What's the background on the "No Mow May" movement?

– J.D., via email Lawns cover some 40 million acres-or two percent-of land in the United States, making them the single largest irrigated crop we grow. We mow, rake, fertilize, weed, chemically treat and water them sucking up time, money and other resources.

And in spite of all that they provide little if any benefit to wildlife. In fact, they likely do more harm than good. Indeed, grass-only lawns lack floral resources and nesting sites for bees and other pollinators, and serve up a cocktail of toxic pesticides.

Addressing these issues is where the No Mow May campaign comes in, encouraging people to refrain from mowing their lawns during the month of May

The idea is to let wildflowers and other plants grow, providing important habitat for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. The campaign was started in the United Kingdom by the environmental charity Plantlife in 2018. Since then, it has gained popularity in other insects, as well as birds and



countries, including the U.S. and Canada.

The goal of No Mow May is to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and to encourage people to take action to support pollinators.

Many people mow their lawns frequently, often using gas-powered mowers that emit carbon dioxide and other pollutants.

This can be harmful to the environment, as well as to human health. Mowing also destroys wildflowers and other plants that provide food and shelter for pollinators. By refraining from mowing their lawns during the month of May, people can help to create a habitat for pollinators.

This can include bees, butterflies, moths and other small mammals that feed on avoid mowing any areas where them. These creatures play an important role in pollinating crops, which is essential for the production of many types of food.

No Mow May is not only good for the environment, but it can also be good for your lawn. Allowing wildflowers and other plants to grow can help to improve the health of your soil, reduce erosion, and provide a natural fertilizer. This can lead to a healthier lawn that requires less maintenance over time.

If you decide to participate in No Mow May, there are a few things you can do to ensure that your lawn stays healthy and safe.

First, make sure that your lawn is free of any hazards, such as large rocks or debris, that could pose a risk to people or pets. You should also check for any weeds or invasive species that could harm native plants.

During the month of May, you can still perform basic lawn maintenance, such as watering and weeding. You can also mow any areas that are high traffic or that pose a safety risk. However, it's best to wildflowers or other plants are growing.

No Mow May is just one example of how individuals can take action to support biodiversity and protect the environment. By making small changes in our daily lives, we can help to create a healthier, more sustainable world for ourselves and future generations.

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PART OF NO Mow May is to let wildflowers flourish on lawns where they would otherwise be mowed away.



#### Local gas prices below statewide average

Six out of 10 area stations reaching as low as \$66 in early had gasoline prices Monday that were below the statewide average.

That's good news for motorists who saw the price at the pump drop 5.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.88/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

"With oil prices bouncing back over \$70 per barrel after

May, we've seen gasoline prices move higher in some states, while others have continued to decline- the national average has seen little change as a result. But overall, gasoline prices continue to see significant relief from year ago levels," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

The low price locally was

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\$3.54/g on Monday in Braidwood. Nearby stations were \$3.56/g. while in Wilmington the average was \$3.74 with a low of \$3.68/g at Lorenzo Road. Coal City stations were priced at \$3.89/g to \$3.94/g.

Prices in Illinois are 19.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 95.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois was priced at \$3.26/g while the most expensive was \$5.19/g, a difference of \$1.93/g.

"We're likely to soon see gasoline prices slip to their largest year on year deficit since Covid hit, when prices fell over \$1 per gallon from 2019- so the relief at the pump as been significant, and even though the gas price decline hit pause last week, it's looking more likely that barring a major hurricane or series of refinery outages, the national average may not end up hitting the \$4 per gallon mark- something that will make most motorists very happy.'

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#### **REAL ESTATE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY MORRIS, ILLI COUNTY NOIS FREEDOM MORT GAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, ELIZABETH BLACK et al

#### Defendant 2022 FC 83 SALE PUB-OF

NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 9, 2023, an agent for The Ju-dicial Sales Corporation, will at 11:00 AM on June at ... 2023, at the poty Courthouse, indion Grundy County 111 East Washington Street front door entrance, MOR-RIS, IL, 60450, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below the following described real estate: Commonly known 2406 LÝNWOOD STREET, MORRIS, IL 60450

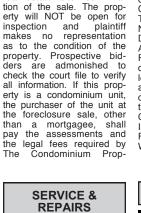
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the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale pavable to The Judi-Sales Corporation. third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes. special assessments, or special taxes lev-

ied against said real estate and is offered for sale with out any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" con-dition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser

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Attorney 14-22-07787 No. Attorney ARDC No 00468002

Case Number: 2022 FC 83 TJSC#: 43-1052 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices you are advised that Act. Plaintiff's attorney deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 11:00 AM on June 21. the Grundy 2023, at / Courthouse, 111 Washington Street County East front door entrance, MOR-RIS IL, 60450, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1923 TALLER ROAD, MORRIS, IL 60450

Property I 02-31-478-034 No Index The real estate is improved with a townhouse with a garage. down of car Sale two 25% terms: the highest bid by certified close of the funds at the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation No third party checks will be The balance, in accepted. certified funds/or wire within transfer. is due twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject general real estate taxes, special assess ments, or special taxes lev taxes assessied against said real estate and is offered for sale with out any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no repre sentation as to the condiproperty. Pro of the spective bidders are ad monished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the

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# Senator puts threats in proper perspective

My associate Isabel Miller recently interviewed Sen. Robert Peters (D-Chicago) about the national controversy he found himself in after posting a statement on Twitter. I thought I'd share it with you this week. Here's Isabel...

A few weeks ago, Sen. Robert Peters posted a tweet that he knew would generate backlash. What he didn't know was that it would go national.

The tweet was in response to teens converging on downtown Chicago. The Chicago Tribune reported three teenagers were wounded in two shootings and 16 were arrested during the violence: "I would look at the behavior of young people as a political act and statement. It's a mass protest against poverty and segregation."

Now-former Fox News host Tucker Carlson jumped in, telling his millions of viewers: "So, what happens if you encourage this kind of behavior, if you cheer the mob rather than restraining the mob? Well. ugly and totally inevitable things will happen. Productive people will flee, innocents will die and ultimately you will get from this mob racial attacks. All of that is happening in Chicago right now. All of it.'

Peters said he was paraphrasing a 1966 quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "A riot is the language of the unheard."

"If I actually said what Dr. King said, I think ... [people] could've responded even more harshly,' Peters said. "I don't want anybody to ever get hurt. I have a district where there's a lot of violence, particularly in a lot of

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comfort and I think we seem to be caught up responding to the same questions in relatively the same way. And I think a lot of people are sick and tired of it.

"And we have to look at it from both the historical context and the present context about what are we going to do to change things. If a kid has had their school closed, or healthcare institution closed, or they've had their housing foreclosed or they've been evicted, or they're living cooped up in housing too small, mismanaged, then we have to do whatever we can to change that. And it's clear that we need to push back on what has been a terrible, terrible status quo for people.'

Despite receiving hate and threats for his comments, Peters said he remains com-

believe in violence, that needs to be clear. I just want a good-faith discussion about what it means to have safety in every zip code. Instead, I was met with a person [Carlson] defended terrible

**Rich Miller** 

right extremism their fair share of safety and and thought it would be good to come after me."

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Peters said he struggles with whether speaking out is worth the threats. "I don't want to have to worry about not only my well-being, but the well-being of the people I care and love.

"Everyone's 'tough on crime' until they want to send dangerously violent, anony-mous emails," Peters said. "There was a massive contradiction and hypocrisy by some people, and it just goes to show some people authentically want to bring safety to every community and make sure that every kid and every parent and every person, whether they're struggling with housing and health care, there are people who really want to do that. I think I belong to those people."

Peters is known for carry-

mitted to his ing a heavy workload in Springfield, and he also served not on Chicago Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson's transition team. Asked how he balances all of his tasks, Peters said, "Well, I mean, I have the unfortunate thing of having been born with ADHD. And, you know, it has its ups and downs. But it's almost sometimes this work is kinetic; you know what I mean? It's moving quickly. And you have to make quick assessments and you need to power map what you can and cannot do, and you need to know ... what is an immediate thing you can make happen and what is something that might be longer term.

'When I was younger, I was told I would amount to very little. After my dad passed away, I struggled with what the meaning of the world was and sort of figured that out and you combine all the sort of kinetic sort of ADHD energy with a drive that the meaning of my existence is to show that nobody has to go through the things that myself or my family, or the people I love around me had to go through."

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

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Dates/Times of your sale:

Address of participating sale:

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Make your check payable to First United Methodist Church and you may drop off or mail your check to FUMC, All-Town Garage Sale, 401 E. Kahler Road, Wilmington, IL 60481. Call the church office M-F 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 815-476-5474 with any questions. (The First United Methodist Church of Wilmington is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken items. All unsold items and trash must be removed after the sale.)

Brandon Rd. bridge closed

the Des Plaines River, in Joliet, has been closed for emergency repairs. The closure is necessary to replace a mechanical component on the bridge that failed Saturday morning.

Motorists should cross the river at McDonough Street via

Brandon Road bridge over U.S. 6, U.S. 52/Illinois 53 and Road, and Laraway Road. Laraway Road. Signage will alert drivers at U.S. 6, immediately north of the bridge, as well as near Larkin Avenue on U.S. 6. To the south of the signs will alert motorists at when the bridge can reopen Woodruff Road, Patterson will be announced later.

IDOT is working to get all

traffic detours in place. The evaluation of the necessary repairs is ongoing. A Brandon Road bridge advance more definitive timeline for





#### 14th ANNUAL WILMINGTON ALL-TOWN **GARAGE SALE**

Thurs., June 1 ~ Fri., June 2 ~ Sat., June 3

The 14th Annual All-Town Garage Sale will be sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. We will be producing MAPS of listings throughout the town. All of the advertising will be done for you and bargain hunters will be out all over town. You may sign up for one or all three days, and specify your hours. We will also have sellers inside the church and vendors/crafters can have a space in our parking lot for an additional \$10 (for all 3 days). MAPS can be picked up at the church on Thursday, June 1st beginning at 8 a.m. through the entirety of the sale. Return the filled-out form below by May 26 with a \$10.00 donation to have your information in our Map Listing (60481 RESIDENTS ONLY). These forms are also available at Wilmington City Hall, Wilmington Library, FUMC church, or download from our website at: www.fumcwilm.org

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Felix Township to hold road district budget hearing

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FELIX TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET Notice is hereby given that a tenta-tive budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes for the Township of Felix in the county of Grundy, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024, will be on file and available to public at Felix Township Office, 6525 E. Whitetie Rd. Coal City, Illinois on May 11, 2023. Please call John D'Arcy-Supervisor for an appointment at 815-634-7288 or e-mail felixclerk1@gmail.com.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appro-priation ordinance will be held at 6:00 o'clock p.m. Wednesday June 14, 2023, at the Felix Township Office and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held on Wednesday June 14, 2023

Dated this 11th day of May 2023 John D'Arcy- Supervisor Megan Wharrie- Clerk

Published in the Coal City Courant

on May 17, 2023.

#### Felix Township to hold town budget hearing

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FELIX TOWNSHIP BUDGET Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Felix Township in the county of Grundy, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024, will be on file and available to public at Felix Township Office, 6525 E. Whitetie Rd. Coal City, Illinois on May 11, 2023. Please call John D'Arcy- Supervisor 815-634-7288 e-mail or felixclerk1@gmail.com to schedule an appointment

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appro-priation ordinance will be held at 6:00 o'clock p.m. Wednesday June 14, 2023, at the Felix Township Office and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held on Wednesday June 14, 2023.

Dated this 11th day of May 2023 John D'Arcy- Supervisor Megan Wharrie- Clerk

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Grundy County seeking bids to replace HVAC systems at courthouse

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Grundy County is inviting sealed proposals from responsible and responsive ven-dors for the full removal and replacement of two (2) existing RTU HVAC systems located at the Grundy County Courthouse 111 E. Washington St. Morris, IL 60450. Sealed proposals must be submitted in an envelope and clearly marked on the exterior "HVAC Replacement" and contain four (4) copies of the complete proposal with one (1) original packet with an original signature. No responsibility or liability will be attached to any County official, employee or agent for the premature opening or failure to open any proposal not marked according to this instruction.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until 3:00 pm (cst.) June 21st, 2023, at the Grundy County Administration Building, 1320 Union St., Morris, IL 60450. At 3:00pm (cst.) June 21st, 2023; sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Fax and elec-tracia extension and will be the consented

Tronic submissions will not be accepted. Proposal documents are available at the Office of the Grundy County Purchasing Manager located at the Administration Building, 1320 Union St., Morris, IL 60450, and for inspection online at www.grundycountyil.gov/proposals-and-rfp/ or Demandstar at www.demandstar.com. The proposer remains responsible for obtaining all addenda, which will be posted at the same website. The "Technical" and "Procurement Procedures" contact for this project is Alec Macdonald, the Grundy County Purchasing Manager. Any inquiries that prospective firms may have regarding this RFP should be directed to the Grundy County Purchasing Manager in writing via e-mail at amacdonald@grundycounty il.gov

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Florence Township to hold annual Budget Hearing for three funds

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice of Public Hearing Florence Township

Will County, Illinois (Tentative 2023/2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance) Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of Florence Township, Will County, Illinois, to consider the tentative 2023/2024 Budget and Appropriation 2023/2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Florence Township Road District, Town, and the Multi Twp. Assessment, Will County, Illinois. Said hearing will be held at the Florence Township Hall in Symerton, Illinois, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on June 13th 2023

13th. 2023.

Notice is further given that the Township Board of Trustees, at public hearing, shall adopt the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, or any part thereof, as such Board of Trustees deems necessary.

All citizens of the Road District present at the hearing and desiring to be heard concerning the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be given an

opportunity to do so. Notice is further given that said ten-tative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be filed and made conveniently available for the public inspection in the office of the Road District Clerk, 30309 South Riley Road, Wilmington, IL, 60481. Call for an appointment at 815-953-3249.

Dated 5/9/2023 John Seibert Florence Township Clerk Will County, IL Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Attorney Wysocki files Webb 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 GLADYS WEBB, Deceased; No. 2023 PR 187

No. 2023 PR 187 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the death of Gladys Webb. Letters of Office were issued to Dwayne Roberts whose address is 17 Arlington Drive, Romeoville, Illinois 60446 as Independent deministrator whose attorney of precerd is Illinois 60446 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Marilyn L. Wysocki, June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 17th day of November, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

. Marilyn L. Wysocki For the Estate of Gladys Webb, Deceased BY: Marilyn L. Wysocki 1861 Black Road Joliet, IL 60435

815-725-8000

Atty No.: 06275404 Published in the Free Press Advocate, Wednesday, May 17, 24 and 31, 2023

Attorney Wysocki files Conway 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 PERCY CONWAY, Deceased;

#### No. 2023 PR 231 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of PERCY CONWAY. Letters of

Petition for name change of Maholovich minor

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, 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 RALPH EDWARD MAHOLOVICH to RALPH ANTHONY

MAHOLOVICH, Case No. 2023 MR 000117 NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the request of: Antoniette Marie Maholovich to change the name of minor. Ralph Edward Maholovich minor, shall appear in the Will County Court, Room 905, 100 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, Illinois 60432 at 9 a.m. on the 7th day of June, 2023 before the judge assigned to hear said matter, and the there present a petition requesting the name of Ralph Edward Maholovich be changed to Ralph Anthony Maholovich be /s/ Antoniette Marie Maholovich

Petitione Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, May 10, 17 and 24. 2023.

Attorney Black files Connor estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - IN PROBATE No. 2023 PR 32

In the Matter of the Estate of GARY W. CONNOR,

Deceased CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of Gary W. Connor. Letters of office as Independent Executor were issued to Elisabeth Y. Connor, 2432 Sycamore Dr., Morris, Illinois 60450, whose attorney is FRANK J. BLACK, BLACK & BLACK, 201 Liberty Street, Suite 211, Morris, Illinois 60450.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Grundy County 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 paties or it mailing or delivery of a paties is 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. ELISABETH Y. CONNOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR Frank J. Black

Black & Black 201 Liberty Street Suite 211

P.O. Box 148 Morris, IL 60450 815-942-0594

Published in the Coal City Courant

on May 3, 10 and 17, 2023.

103 Fossil Ridge sold for delinquent taxes

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

To: David Gerger, Gary W. Gerger as Trustee under the Gary W. Gerger living Trust Agreement dated October 23, 2003, MICHAEL F. TOMASEK as RA for Shadow Lakes II Association, Lauren Staley Ferry, County Clerk of Will County, Illinois, Unknown Occupants of 103 Fossil Ridge Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 103 Fossil Ridge Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481 TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX000143 FILED: 4/25/2023 TAKE NOTICE

County of Will Date Premises Sold:12/9/2020 Certificate No. 19-03757 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): And Special Assessment Number: Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 103 Fossil Ridge Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 02-24-04-153-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/11/2023.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact mount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which

will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/11/2023

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Joliet, Illinois, on 11/6/2023 at 9:00 am in Courtroom 905, Will County Courthouse, 100 West Jefferson

Hometown Storage to dispose of property

#### LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Lien

Hometown Storage, 2920 E Division St., Diamond, IL 60416, 815-634 3333 hereby is asserting a Possessory Lien in pursuant to your contract and the State of Illinois Self-Service Facility Act. Tenant: Jacob Peters. 218 Largemouth Ln., Wilmington, IL 60481, Unit 312.

If unpaid rental charges, late fees and associated charges are not paid for in full by June 15, 2023, the property will be

sold to satisfy the lien. Published in the Wilmington Advocate on May 17 and 31, 2023

Symerton passage of a proposed appropriation and budget ordinance

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Legal Public Notice of the Village of Symerton, Will County, Illinois, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/1-2-6. Passage of a proposed appropriation ordinance and budget docu-ment for the fiscal year of 2023-2024 was considered at a public meeting on May 8, 2023, and passed by the Village Board of Trustees, at 18385 W. Commercial Street, Symerton, Illinois. A copy of the ordinance and budget

is available to the public for viewing and inspection by contacting the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 18385 W. Commercial Street, Symerton, Illinois dur ing regular working hours at (815) 476-6266

Dated this 8th day of May 2022.

Eli Geiss, Mayor Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Cole petitions for name change

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF WILL, SS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY COUNTY ILLINOIS GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the petition to change the name of CARL ROBERT COLE to PIPER RAINE COLE, Case No.

2023 MR 3 NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned on behalf of themself, Carl Robert Cole adult, shall appear in the Grundy County Court House, 111 E. Washington St., Morris, Grundy County, courtroom WEST at 9:00 a.m. on the 30th day of June, 2023 before the judge assigned to hear said matter, and then there present a petition requesting the name of CARL ROBERT COLE be changed to PIPER RAINE COLE.

/s/ Carl Robert Cole and shall be made to the attention of Mrs. Published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, May 3, 10 and 17, 2023.

N/A

N/A N/A

Cindy Christensen, Superintendent. No bids will be received at any time after the specified closing time. All interested parties are invited to apply. Bidding doc-umentation may be obtained at the district

office or by emailing Mrs. Christensen at cchristensen@swil74.org. All work for the project is to be completed by August 10, 2023. Heather Buck, Secretary

of the board of Education

South Wimington Cons. School District #74 Published in the Coal City Courant on May 10 and 17, 2023

Smith applies for property variance

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE

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 fifth day of June, 2023, at 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: Variance to allow a shed closer than 3ft to a property line and to allow shed over 100 sq. ft. without concrete pad.

At the following address: 75 Barney Way, Coal City. Legal description of property: Coalfield Estates 3rd addition Lot 45, Section 2-32-8 Request for the above appeal was applied for by: Wayne Smith Said Board of Appeals will be at said time and place to hear all persons in sup-port of such matter or any objection thereof.

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Village of Carbon Hill

to hold hearing on

housing poultry

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT VILLAGE OF CARBON HILL

VILLAGE OF CARBON HILL Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Village of Carbon Hill Planning and Zoning Board located at the Carbon Hill Village Hall at 695 N. Holcomb Street, Carbon Hill Illinois on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., to consider a Zoning Text Amendment initiat-ed by the Village of Carbon Hill Village Board to amend Chapter 320, of the Village of Carbon Hill Municipal Code regarding regulations and licensing for housing of

regulations and licensing for housing of poultry within the Village of Carbon Hill. All interested parties are invited to

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Questions or comments may be submitted orally, in writ-ing, or both. A copy of the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 320 of the Village of the Carbon Hill Municipal Code is on file with the Village of Carbon Hill and available for inspection during normal busi-

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VILLAGE OF CARBON HILL VILLAGE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD Publishd in the Coal City Courant on

So. Wilmington School

District seeks bids for

asphalt project

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

NOTICE

The Board of Education for South Wilmington Cons. School District #74 is requesting sealed bids for an asphalt proj-

ect at the Grade School. Sealed bids will be received by the district office at South Wilmington Grade School, 375 5th

Avenue, PO Box 459, South Wilmington, IL until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday,

Each bid shall be labeled "South Wilmington Grade School Asphalt Project"

ness hours.

May 17, 2023.

May 18, 2023.



26. Clue

31. Ocean

41. Cool!

sea surface

30. Farm resident

39. Unable to hear

42. Cape Verde capital

44. Kilo yard (abbr.)

49. Regenerate

50. Not healthy

51. Chinese sword

45. Middle Eastern nation

46. It yields Manila hemp

48. People operate it (abbr.)

52. Mild expression of surprise

27. Ridge of jagged rock below

29. Helsinki neighborhood

32. Where ballplayers work

43. One point north of due east

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Relative biological
- effectiveness (abbr.)
- 4 .Chinese philosophical principle
- 7. Branch
- 8. Jewish spiritual leader
- 10. Slang for requests
- 12. "So Human An Animal"
- author
- 13. Rocker Billy
- 14. British Air Aces
- 16. Type of tree
- 17. "Tough Little Boys" singer
- Gary 19. State attorneys
- 20. Goddess of fertility
- 21. Localities
- 25. Beloved singer Charles

#### **CLUES DOWN**

death of PERCY CONWAY. Letters of Office were issued to Lynetta Gwen Conway whose address is 1105 Spring Green Drive, Joliet, IL 60433 as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Marilyn L. Wysocki, June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

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

Marilyn L. Wysocki For the Estate of Percy Conway, Deceased

BY: Marilyn L. Wysocki 1861 Black Road Joliet, IL 60435 815-725-8000 Atty No.: 06275404 Published in the Free Press Advocate, Wednesday, May 3, 10 and 17, 2023

Attorney Wysocki files Sukle 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

JOAN M. SUKLE, Deceased; No. 2023 PR 230 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of JOAN M. SUKLE. Letters of Office were issued to Larry Briones whose address is 22445 S. Remington Drive, Channahon, IL 60410 as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Marilyn L. Wysocki, June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 3rd day of November, 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 been filed.

Ma	arilyn L. Wysocki
For the Estate of	of Joan M. Sukle,
	Deceased
BY: Marilyn L. Wysocki	
1861 Black Road	
Joliet, IL 60435	
815-725-8000	
Atty No.: 06275404	
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Street Joliet Illinois 60432

You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY.

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/11/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Will County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Joliet, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:

302 North Chicago Street Joliet, IL 60432 TELEPHONE: (8 (815) 740-4615

Everet, LTD. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 5/2/2023

8139-932583

Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, May 17, 24 and 31, 2023.

Persons may appear in person or by

agent Dated this 5th day of May, 2023.

Published in the Coal City Courant on May 17, 2023.

Village of Coal City seeking bids on surplus real property

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### NOTICE OF BID ON SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY IN THE

#### VILLAGE OF COAL CITY, ILLINOIS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Sections 11-76-1 and 11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-76and -2, that the Village of Coal City duly enacted Ordinance No. 23- 08, entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SUR-PLUS REAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE VILLAGE OF COAL CITY (Big Timber Parcels: Outlot A - 06-35-301-069; Outlot B - 06-35-301-032; Outlot C – 06-35-301-058) [the "Ordinance"] at a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on April 12, 2023. The Ordinance authorized the sale of multiple vacant and unimproved parcels of real property in the Big Timber Estates subdivision, as follows:

(1) Property commonly known as Outlot "C" of the Big Timber Estates subdivision, bearing permanent index number (P.I.N.) 06-35-301-058, and legally described as follows:

Outlot C in Big Timber Estates Subdivision, being a subdivision of part of the southwest of Section 35, Township 33 North, Range 8, East of the third principal meridian in Coal City, in Grundy County, Illinois

("Lot C"):

(2) Property commonly known as a public park known as Outlot "A" in Big Timber Estates subdivision, bearing permanent index number (P.I.N.) 06-35-301-069, and legally described as follows: OUTLOT A IN BIG TIMBER ESTATES SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SEC-

TION 35, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAN THEREOF RECORDED DECEMBER 16, 2003, AS DOCUMENT NO. 427943, AND CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED JANUARY 6, 2005, AS DOCUMENT NO. 443516, IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

("Lot A"); (3) Property situated off of East Big Timber Drive in Big Timber Estates subdivision, bearing permanent index number (P.I.N.) 06-

35-301-032, and legally described as follows: That part of the West 696.30 feet of the South 65 feet of the North 610 feet of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 33 North Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian, which lies between the Easterly and Westerly lines of Lot 3 as extended Northerly in Murphy's Subdivision, a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 33 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian, as per Plat recorded September 15, 1965 in Plat Book D, Page 60, in Grundy County, Illinois, situated in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois ("Lot B")

Lots A, B and C are each located in the Village's RS2 zoning district. The Village favors single-family detached residential devel opment on Lot A and desires to sell Lot B and Lot C together for development of one, single-family house on or across Lots B and C. The single-family home development(s) should complement existing residential uses in the vicinity of the properties. The properties are being sold as and the Village makes no representation as to the condition of the properties or suitability for any particular development plan. The successful bidder for Lot A, if any, should propose development of a cul-de-sac servicing Big Timber Drive and dedication thereof to the Village and/or grant of a permanent easement allowing the Village to maintain the cul de sac and the public to access it.

Any person may submit a written sealed bid for Lot A and/or Lot B and Lot C together. Lot B and C must be bid together for a single, unified development. There is no minimum bid(s). The bids should include a purchase price and a development plan for the subject prop-erty that details the proposed structure(s) or other improvements, if any, to be constructed and an estimated project schedule. The Village will consider development proposals consistent with the Village's Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, and the terms of this Notice. The terms of this Notice shall govern in the event of conflict or inconsistency. The Village has the right to accept or reject all or any portion of a bid in any combination and expressly reserves the right to sell Lot A to one purchaser and Lots B and C to another, or to reject all or any bid and withdraw either or all of the properties from being offered for sale.

The Village will negotiate purchase and sale agreement(s) with the selected bidder(s) which would formalize the terms of sale, establish the method of legal title conveyance, detail any required zoning relief, and provide a timeline for completion of the development. The Corporate Authorities may accept any bid(s) or portions thereof determined to be in the best interest of the Village by a vote of 3/4 of the Corporate Authorities then holding office. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed in the public interest. These decisions will be final and not subject to recourse. This request for proposals does not obligate the Village to pay any costs incurred by any bidder in the submittal of a bid or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation of that bid.

Sealed bids for the all or any of the properties shall be marked "SEALED PROPERTY BID" and be sent to Administrator Matt Fritz, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway Street, Coal City, IL 60416. Said bids must be received on or before June 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The bids shall be opened and considered in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2 at the regular meeting of the Village of Coal City Board of Trustees on June 14, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway Street, Coal City, IL 60416. For further information regarding the Property, interested persons may contact Village Administrator Matt Fritz at 815-634-8608 during regular business hours.

Respectfully submitted Pam Noffsinger

Village Clerk

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# COALER SPORTS

# Lady Coalers ready for post season run

Don't let Monday's 7-5 softball loss to Beecher fool you. The Bobcats are a powerhouse team just like Coal City and the Lady Coalers can build off their last two games, both losses, as they head into the regionals.

They were scheduled to host Wilmington last night, a team they've beaten 16-5, 15-0 during the regular season so there is loads of confidence they will be playing Friday at 4:30 p.m. for the regional trophy.

On Monday, the Lady Coalers (27-8 overall, 14-0 conference) trailed 5-0 after a pair of home runs in the first two innings. Beecher may have out-hit Coal City 14-9 but the Lady Coalers made a run at them scoring one in the third and two more in the sixth to narrow the gap to 5-3. But the Bobcats added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh while Coal City scored two in the bottom of the frame to come up short 7-5.

"We battled all night and had nine hits against a very good Beecher program," noted coach Rodney Monbrum. "I'm happy with the way we competed tonight. Addison Harvey hit a monster two run homer to keep us in the game. Hopefully we get another shot at Beecher in a couple of weeks.

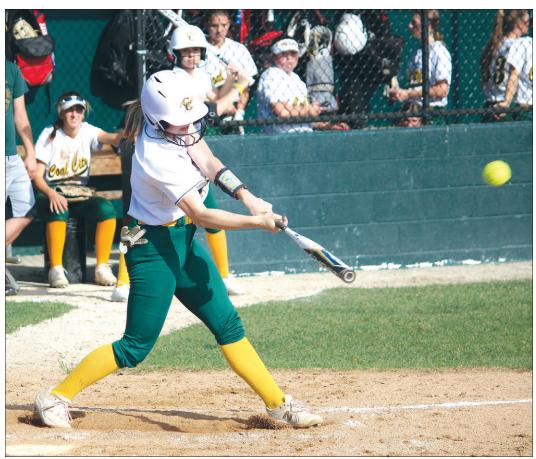
Abby Gagliardo and Addison Harvey came through with RBIs to lead the rally.

Makenzie Henline and Gagliardo had two hits each. Harvey had a homer in the sixth inning

Masyn Kuder took the loss for Coal City, surrending five runs off eight hits over three innings

#### Bradley 4, Coal City 2

On Saturday the Lady Coalers had one bad inning, giving up four runs in the sixth, to the Boilermakers. Other than that, they held the hosts scoreless through six innings.



**Coal City 2, Morris 1** Kuder, the freshman

After Morris scored one

#### **RIPPING A HIT for Coal City is Addison Harvey.**

"I was proud of the way striking out four and walking our team competed in all 7 innings today," said coach Rodney Monbrum. "We got out one. going into the post season and I'm happy with the way we're playing," Monbrum commentof some defensive jams and Kuder pitched well against a ed.

very tough Bradley lineup." The Lady Coalers took a 1-0 lead in the fourth when Jadyn Shaw lofted one out of the pitcher, dominated on the park. Then in the seventh mound, throwing her best out-Makayla Henline hit a solo ing of the year. Kuder pitched home run to help the Coalers all 7 innings giving up 1 run, 2 to six hits total. Shaw had a double and Henline a single to seven strike outs. lead the effort with two hits each. Kerigan Copes singled in run in the first, Kuder shut fourth at bats. them down the remaining six

Kuder gave up four runs on six hits over six innings, Ma

pair of hits leading the way for "We made progress today

"Tonight marked our 27th victory of the year and I'm proud of the way our girls battled all 7 innings. We've competed and won in about every way possible this season which will prepare us for the upcom-ing post season," Monbrum said.

#### The ICE clincher

Coal City finished conference play without a loss (14-0),

clinching it with a 13-1 mercy rule win over Lisle on Tuesday. 'Tonight our girls clinched

Coal City. Makenzie Henline had an RBI single.

Photo by Alyssa Ohlund

the run to get the batter out. of the team effort and how mitted four. everyone has contributed all season. All year it's been everyone on board and buying in,"

the coach said.

Both of our pitchers have kept us in games, our defense has been rock solid, and our

bats have been our strength." The Lady Coalers out-hit nes. the conference championship the Lions 13-3 and made only Makayla Henline had a going a perfect 14-0. I'm proud one error while the Lions comthe Lions 13-3 and made only

Photo by Alyssa Ohlund AT THE WALL-Lady Coaler Abby Gagliardo makes the catch on

With four runs in the first and five in the second the Lady Coalers took away their momentum early for the win.

Copes went 3-for-4 for four RBIs including a triple. Shaw (three RBIs), Harvey and Henline each hit doubles.

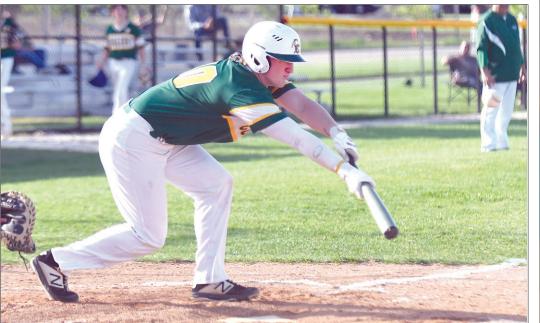
Kuder and Bri Combes combined for pitching the win.

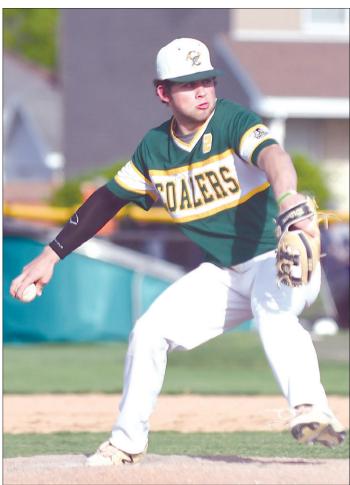
# **Coalers primed for regionals,** must get by 'Cats, Joliet Catholic

The Coalers picked up two more victories on Saturday as they hosted Rochester and Pleasant Plains.

The Coalers (19-8) have won 15 of their last 17 games as they prepare for Thursday's regional start at home against Wilmington.

"I'm very proud of the team," said Coal City coach Jerry McDowell. "They have worked very hard to get where



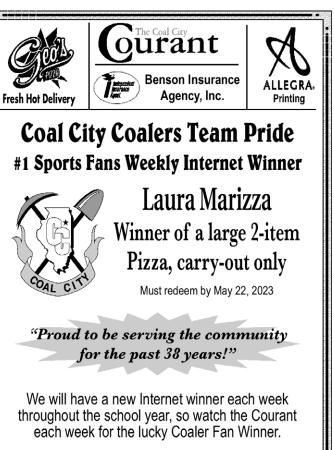


they are today. They ve won lot of close games all year and playing well under pressure.

"When I first met them in February to today they took it all in and pulled together. All 22 have contributed in one way or another. They earned this, it's a total team effort,' McDowell said of the ICE conference champions.

The Coalers split with the Wildcats 1-2, 3-1 during the regular season. The Wildcats are playing well too, winning 14 of their last 16 games after a rocky start. Wilmingto, with only two seniors, relies on several underclassmen who are showing their varsity experience.

In the 5–0 win over



"Support Coal City High School Athletes"

Photo by Alyssa Ohlund

LAYING DOWN A BUNT during last week's win at home is Coal City's Cason Headley.

Rochester, Coal City pitcher Feeney, Derek Carlson and likely Joliet Catholic Academy hits through six innings with four strikeouts. Austin Davy pitch the 7th, leading his third save. Braden Reilley, Jim save.

Caden Kuder allowed only two Braiden Young all had a double and scored a run or an RBI.

In the game two, the Coalers shut out Pleasant Plains 5-0. Senior Carter Garrelts picked up his sixth victory of the year, giving up only one hit in six innings to go along with nine strikeouts.

Leading hitters were Cade Baldauf, Joe Watson, Wyatt Wickiser, Lucas Nolan and Will McCardle.

'We played really great all around baseball for two games today," said McDowell. "This is nice to see playing our best baseball going into regional week.'

Coal City traveled to Sandwich on Tuesday before Thursday's post season run against Wilmington.

The Coalers secured the ICE conference title last Tuesday by edging Lisle at home, 7-6.

Coal City got out to a fiverun lead in the sixth inning and held on for the win. The Lions threatened in the seventh with four runs but Austin Davy threw one-third of an inning to get the Coalers out of a jam.

Reilly got the win pitching 6 2/3 innings, allowing five hits and six runs while striking out eight.

Eddy led the Coalers with two hits. Baldauf, Carlson, Feeney, Nolan Ness and Creide Skubic each had hits.

The Coalers need to get past Wilmington to advance to Saturday's 11 a.m. regional championship against mostly

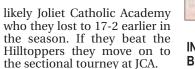


Photo by Alyssa Ohlund

IN CONTROL on the mound for the Coalers last Tuesday is senior Braden Reilly who was credited with a 7-6 victory.



# COALER SPORTS



Photo by Amy Walker

REGIONAL CHAMPIONS! The Coal City girls soccer team won the regional plaque at Manteno Friday, beating Bishop McNamara 3-2 to improve to 11-6-2 overall. Team members include (front, from left) Kimberly Perez #25, Azra Malovski #8, Cassidy Jenke, Ana Flores, Aubrey Mellen #3, Beth Greene, Cara Planeta, Maddie Gomez and Corina Barkley. In the back row are coaches Mike Kostbade and Todd Painter, Ayliana Castle, Alaina Morales, Ava Meyer, Mariah Pena, Kiley McKim, Makayla DeMarse, Peyton Benson, Kylee Kennel, Chloe Plueger, Hayden Francisco, Audrey Cooper and coach Steven McCleary.

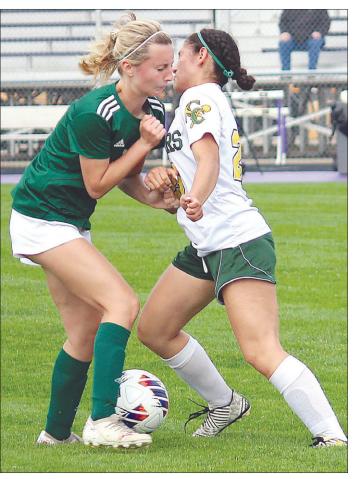


Photo by Amy Walker STANDING HER GROUND during the regional win over Bishop McNamara is Lady Coaler defender Ana Flores.

# Lady Coaler kickers claim regional title

The Coal City girls soccer team held on to beat Bishop McNamara 3-2 to claim the regional championship at Manteno on Friday.

The Lady Coalers advanced to the sectional at Manteno last night and if they beat Chicago University they will play either Herscher or Peotone for the sectional title on Friday at 4:30 in Manteno.

Against Bishop Mac the Lady Coalers went up 2-1 in the first half. Goalkeeper Chloe Plueger did a good job defending the goal in the second half (eight saves) to escape with the victory and regional plaque.

Coal City (11-6-2, 3-3 conference) goals were scored by Kylee Kennel 2 with 1 assist. Cara Planeta contributed a goal and 1 assist. Corina Barkley had 1 assist.

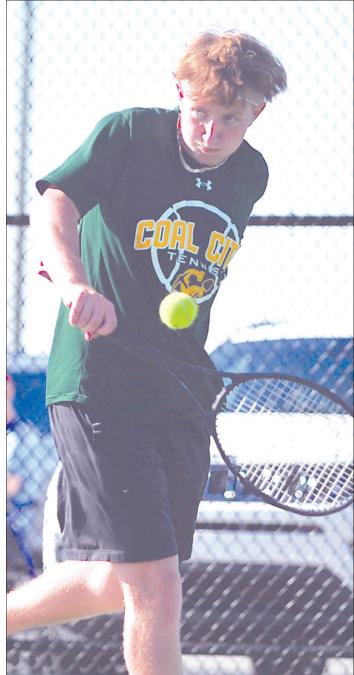
The got to the title match by defeating Beecher 2-1 on Wednesday. The score was tied 1-1 at half-time before sophomore Kylee Kennel kicked the game winner to do all the scoring for Coal City.

Keeper Plueger had six saves. It was a nice way to rebound after losing their final match of the regular season to Streator, 1-0, ending in penalty kicks. Keeper Plueger had 6 saves.



Photo by Amy Walker MY BALL! Coal City's Audrey Copper doesn't let a Bishop McNamara defender prevent her from getting to the ball during the regional championship game on Friday.





# The first pitch



Photo by Eric Fisher MAKING A LEAPING serve during a recent match is Coal City's Owen Franklin.

Photo by Eric Fisher NO. 1 SINGLES player for Coal City, Timi Shabani, keeps the volley alive with a back-handed return last week at home.

# Ramirez gives Coalers a hightlight against L-P

LaSalle-Peru would have swept the Coal City tennis team last week but No. 2 singles Coaler Martin Ramirez held on to win.

Ramirez defeated LaSalle's Lucas Hardy 6-4 , 7-6 (1) to give Coal City a reason to celebrate. Alls other matches ended in defeat as the team score leaned 4-1 for L-P

Singles: No. 1 - Adam Kasperski, LaSalle (L.-Peru) def. Timi Shabani, Coal City, 6-2 , 6-0.

Doubles:

No. 1 - Andrew Bollis and Danny Santoy, LaSalle (L.-Peru) upended Max Zolecki and Owen Franklin, Coal City, 6-1 , 6-0. No. 2 - Michael Milota, LaSalle and Jon Milota, LaSalle (L.-Peru) beat Coal City's Chad Reinart and Devon McVey, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 3 - Colin Krug and Michael Peters (L.-Peru) out-scored Will Thompson and Carson Hart, Coal City, 6-1, 6-1.

The Coalers will compete in the Ottawa Sectional May 19-20.



Photo by Amy Walker

THE FIRST PITCH—Dr. Kent Bugg, retired superintentdent of the Coal City School District, threw the honorary first pitch during the Strike Out Cancer game against Reed-Custer. Bugg returned to the Coal City field in memory of his daughter Megan who's battle with cancer ended in March 2022.