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Building a brand

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

As the saying goes, "Once a Coaler, Always a Coaler" and as the Unit 1 School District moves into a new academic year that passage takes on new meaning.

Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, all Coal City students will be known as Coalers. The Board of Education made the decision earlier this year to drop the Warrior mascot at the middle school and bring all

levels under a unified identify.

The mascot change is part of an overall branding that is taking place across the school district as outlined in annual strategic plan.

When the document was drafted last summer, one of the action items was the modernization and branding of all interior and exterior buildings and athletic facilities.

The process began at the start of the spring semester as a group of 20 educators and administrators—15 of them Coal City alumni—came

together to begin the process of building a brand for the district.

"They are very excited about this and it's been a good process," Superintendent Chris Spencer said.

"We are at a time where we can really kind of unify the district and become one with all having the same mascot," said Brad Boresi, who serves as the high school's dean of students and assistant athletic director. In his role with the district, Boresi took the lead with the committee.

Over the course of several

months the group looked at the school colors and logos.

"One of the tasks we came up with was seeing if there were other logos out there that might be a good representation of our district, that also hit the lower grades as well," Boresi said.

The group came up with five possible logos and the new additions play more to the lower grades.

Although nothing is finalized when it comes to logos, some old favorites remain including a muscled

Charlie Coaler and the interlocking C's with ax and shovel.

"We are in a really good spot where we can start to make some decisions and move forward and hopefully by next school year we roll some of these out," Boresi said.

The goal is to be consistent across all grade levels in terms of school colors, fonts and utilization of logos as these things will be used for signage, spirit wear, communication

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Registration fees increase for new school year

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

As one school year comes to a close, registration has begun for students returning in August.

The Unit 1 School District's on-line registration for parents of returning students is open and accessible through the district website and its new mobile app available for download on the App Store.

Superintendent Chris Spencer reports enrollment fees for the 2023-2024 school year have increased by \$10 across all grade levels.

The new fees are based on a recommendation made to the Board of Education in March 2020. At that time, the district's Budget Efficiency Committee passed a three-year student fee structure that gradually increases registration costs.

The basis of that recommendation came from a review of district revenues, enrollment numbers and fees in neighboring districts.

District fees were extremely low in comparison so there was room for an increase.

Nine weeks after the Board approved the new fee structure, a worldwide pandemic took hold and a decision was made to push the implementation back one year.

So this coming school year marks the final year of increases outlined in that original 2020 approval.

The 2023-2024 registration fees are \$50 for pre-kindergarten, \$70 per student in kindergarten to grade five, \$85 for students enrolled at the middle school and \$100 for high school students. There is an additional \$125 fee assessed to those enrolled in the high school driver's education course.

Registration fee payments go to the district's general fund to off-set educational programming costs.

At a meeting earlier this month, the Board of Education set cafeteria, athletic and summer school fees, as well as the assessment for non-eligible students who are provided bus transportation. That cost is \$600 per child, per academic year.

Summer school attendance is \$60 for students in kindergarten to fifth grade and \$90 per session—two are offered—for middle and high school students. Students opting to take drivers ed during the summer are assessed a \$150 fee.

Cafeteria fees are set to increase by 10 cents at all grade levels. SEE FEES, PAGE 2

Micetich awarded for his work in musical theatre

STAFF REPORT

On a night that celebrates the best in high school theatre, Jack Micetich shared the stage with his students.

Micetich, Coal City Theatre Department's producer and director, was honored Monday evening by Broadway in Chicago with its Illinois High School Musical Theatre Award for Best Direction.

The award is presented to a high school director for, "setting a standard of excellence by casting a cohesive vision for the production and guiding their students in their characters and environment of the musical."

The 2023 award was presented to him for his work on the spring production of "Anastasia," that resulted in six total IHSMTA nominations that included Best Production.

Four Coal City High School students were nominated in the categories of Best Performance by an Actor and Best Performance by an Actress for their work on the spring production. The students Stephen Byers, Jr., as Vlad; Derek Carlson, as Dmitry; Collin Dames, as Gleb, and Izzy Kostbade, as Countess Lily, were in the IHSMTA spotlight as they took part in auditions and workshops with theatre professionals.

They were featured in the opening number of the May 22 awards ceremony, taking the stage with the other nominees. In all, 24 students were



Courtesy photo

THE BEST DIRECTION Award at the Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards went to Coal City Theatre Department's Jack Micetich [center]. The producer/director of the school district's theatre program was nominated for his work with the high school's spring production, "Anastasia." The production earned a total of six nominations, the most of any school in the program that is sponsored by Broadway in Chicago. Four students were nominated in acting categories and were also recognized during the May 22 awards ceremony in Chicago. The nominated students were [from left]: Collin Dames as Gleb, Stephen Byers, Jr., as Vlad, Izzy Kostbade, as Countess Lily and Derek Carlson, as Dmitry.

nominated—12 actors and 12 actresses—with the top two finishers earning a spot at the Jimmy Awards in New York City.

As a nominee in the category for Best Production, Byers and Kostbade provided a packed theatre with number from their nominated show.

In accepting his award, Micetich gave credit to his students—all of his students.

"I would not be standing here if it wasn't for our stu-

dents. There is not a place for me to direct without them. They are the storytellers, they are the people up there, they are the ones doing the work. I can put anything out there that I want to and I can put all the ideas, but without their buy in and commitment this does not happen," he told those gathered in the Broadway Playhouse at Chicago's Water Tower.

The production was adjudicated by individuals selected by Broadway in

Chicago, and their comments noted how impressed they were with every aspect of his direction.

In comments shared by the award's host, LeeAnn Trotter, "the quality of every facet of this production and the way in which Coal City's version of "Anastasia" brought forth truth, creativity, color, specificity and energy to this piece that was truly outstanding. Amazing shows

SEE AWARDS, PAGE 2

Infrastructure improvements on tap in Diamond

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

The village of Diamond will be investing over \$1.2 million in water and sewer infrastructure projects this summer.

Mayor Terry Kernc said the village will put its \$340,000 allotment of American Rescue Plan [ARP] money into the replacement of approximately 2,000 feet of failing and aging water main, the rehabilitation of lift stations and replacing

service line connections to a block of homes along Route 113 [Division Street].

The improvements will be further supported by \$601,801 in congressional spending that was secured by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth.

On tap for this summer is a long awaited project focused in the area of School Street and Perona Court.

"We had a situation about three years ago where we repeatedly had failed connections were service lines met

and we had to continually go in there and work on it. So I told those residents we will get the money and replace all of the water main, so we are going to do that," Kernc said.

Village officials will also put the federal dollars into replacing a 1.5 inch water service line that runs along the north side of Division Street from Dewey Street west to McGinty Street.

The narrow line will be abandoned and the homes serviced by that line will be connected to a larger main

located on the southside of the roadway, a move that will require the village to bore under the state highway to make the connection.

Kernc said the village will also be completing a service line inventory to ensure there are no lead lines located in the village.

"At this time we don't think we have any lead lines, but this will provide assurance that we don't," the mayor said, adding if lead lines are located the village will change those out from the connection to the house.

The village is also planning to replace the pumps in its lift stations and install a supervisory control and data acquisition [SCADA] communications system to better monitor the equipment.

Diamond has also secured the \$335,693 necessary to finish out a water meter replacement project.

"When complete, all the meters in town will be new auto read meters, this will allow [staff] to drive through the village to read meters."

The current system of

meter reading requires staff to walk through neighbors to gather water usage information. The new system will streamline the process.

Kernc said the funds come with a low 1% interest and 50% forgiveness on the borrowed funds.



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Carbon Hill continuing its summer tradition

Todd Cumming names Homecoming grand marshal

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

The tradition is set to continue in the village of Carbon Hill as the summer festival season gets underway with the 73rd annual Homecoming. Residents and town officials will welcome people from a cross the area for five days of family fun in just one month—June 21-25. The event, that started as a reunion of former mine workers in

1949, has become one of the most anticipated local events of the summer. This year's festival will get underway at 6 p.m., Wednesday June 21. At that time, festival grand marshal Todd Cumming will be recognized by the Village Board. The short ceremony being held just steps away from the softball field where Cumming runs the annual Josh Cumming Memorial Tournament, an outing named in memory of his late son. The first pitch of that tournament will also take place right about that time. Teams will continue to play through the close of the festival on Sunday, June 25. As always the festival will feature bingo games, entertainment, a big

parade and carnival. Town officials report a new company, All Around Amusement, Inc., will be providing rides and games. And, with a new carnival, comes new opportunities to make the event for all. A friends with disabilities event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 to provide those who might be sensitive to certain lights and sounds, a chance to enjoy the carnival atmosphere. Admission to this event will include a free bag of popcorn and a drink. The new company is also offering a mega pass that is good for one unlimited week long ride wristband. The cost is \$50 in advanced and \$60 during Homecoming.

Pre-sale wristbands are now available at Berkot's Super Foods, Bum's Tavern, Midland States Bank Mustachio's Bar and Grill, Old National Bank, The Cove, Quality Auto Body and the Carbon Hill and Coal City village halls. Single day, unlimited ride wristbands will be available, during the festival, for \$30 per person, per day. Bingo games with prizes donated by area businesses will be held from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Saturday from 3-10 p.m. and Sunday from 3-9 p.m. This year's lineup of entertainment includes the Ethan Bell Band on Friday, On the Tree and The Brad Pack on Saturday, Fiddler Rock! Featuring Casey McGrath and BOGO Free on

Sunday. There will be a bean bag tournament starting at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 and the Carbon Hill School Museum on Second Street will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The big parade steps off at 1 p.m. and will be by Cumming. He will then be honored at the museum beginning at 4 p.m. As always, the food stand—operated by Mustachio's Bar and Grill—and beer garden will be open. The 73rd annual Homecoming will then close out with a bang, as the Mad Bomber will send burst of color into the air with a fireworks show starting at 9:30 p.m. at the softball field.

Animals take over CCIS library



MILLER'S ZOO—Animals have taken over the Coal City Intermediate School library. Students in Tanya Miller's fifth grade class brought an alligator, an elephant, a turtle, a polar bear and other creatures into the library as a showcase of what they have been working on in math class. Taking inspiration from a project she saw on a teaching site, Miller's students created a Volume Zoo to reinforce the skill of calculating volume. Students grouped together to create an animal using discarded cardboard boxes. Using a ruler they measured and calculated the total volume of their animal. Each box was then wrapped in colored paper and sealed with tape and glue. Once the animals were constructed, the students added additional elements including eyes, sunglasses and even a crown. Students participating in the project were [from left]: Samantha Albano, Aubrey Olszewski, Jonna Allen, Isabella Escareno, Pearl Friddle, Danielle Greene, Olivia Edmonds, Teigan Trofimchuck, Chloe Bernard, Dominic Velasco, Dane Van Duyne, Bryson Male, Levi Ritter, Quinn Frankovich, Cyrus Simonds, Layne Motzny, John Bergmark, Fiona Lindley, Greyson Fergelec, Wyatt Janczak and Logan Marshall.

Students of the Week



COURTESY PHOTO
COAL CITY INTERMEDIATE School Students of the Week for May 17 are (from left): Ivan Pantoya, Lian Bakii, Bailey Gabehart and Jake Benson.



COURTESY PHOTO
COAL CITY INTERMEDIATE School Students of the Week for May 24 are (from left): Callie Lehnus, Garryn Kent, Pearl Friddle and Cyrus Simonds.

Award

like this don't happen, it's almost hard to believe this is a director at a high school." In Micetich's words, these productions don't happen without a dedicated company. As well as a supportive community and school district, and a creative team that make all of this possible for the students. This is the 12th year that Broadway in Chicago has hosted the awards, a program open to schools from across the state. Under Micetich's direction, the Coal City Theatre Department has earned 23 IHSMTA nominations—five Best Scenic Design nominations—two wins, three Best Direction nominations—one win, three Best Production nominations, eight Best Actor nominations, four Best Actress nominations, and one Best Actor finalist.

Painted barrels completed by Art Club



COURTESY PHOTO
STUDENTS AT COAL CITY Middle School were asked to paint two rain barrels for ExxonMobil's pollinator and sensory garden. The barrels were painted by art teacher Amy Siefken and students in the CCMS Art Club over the course of the 2022-2023 school year. Art Club students participating in the project were [from left]: Caroline Childers, Aubrey Jensen, Tevin Kent, Xavier Gerber, Emily Tazelaar, Faith Connell, Lorelai Erhard, Jackson Dvorak and Dalton Quesada.

Brand

and uniforms. Although not every building will have its own logo, they will options, "that is synonymous with being a Coaler," Boreis said. As Spencer has said on previous occasions this is something the lower grades have been looking for, as they have been unclear if they are Coalers or Warriors. The changes make it clear everyone is and will always be a Coaler. "I think it will do some really good things for the district," the superintendent said.

Motorized vehicles not allowed on paths, sidewalks

The village of Diamond has issued notice that motorized vehicles are not allowed on the bike path, following an incident involving a dirt bike. According to village officials an individual on a bicycle was struck by someone operating a dirt bike on the path. The driver of the motorized vehicle failed to stop after striking the bicyclist. "This should never had happened," stated the village issued notice that was sent

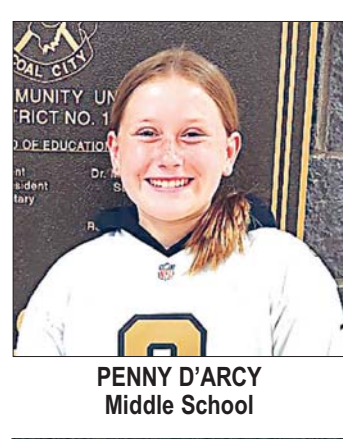
out over is messaging and alert system. It is illegal for children and adults to operate any motorized vehicle—dirt bike, golf cart, four wheeler or similar item on the bicycle paths, sidewalks, or any village property including its streets. The reminder of the rules came with a statement that the village, "will prosecute offenders."

Fees

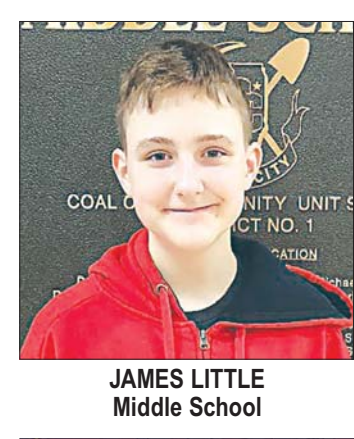
els. The cost of a school lunch will be \$3.10 at the early childhood and elementary schools, \$3.25 at the intermediate and middle schools and \$3.50 at the high school. School breakfast—served in grades kindergarten to fifth grade will be \$1.60 and the cost of an adult lunch is \$4. The milk fee is 40 cents at all school buildings during the lunch hours and 30 cents for breakfast. Intermediate, middle and high school students involved in athletics will be assessed a one time participation fee of \$25. Attendance at athletic events is free to all middle and high school students with

school ID, as well as senior citizens age 62 and older and elementary level students attending with a parent. Adult admission at the middle school is \$2 and \$4 at the high school. Students without school ID will pay \$2 to attend a sporting event. Season passes for fall athletic contests at the high school will be \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and \$30 and \$21, respectively for the winter season. The cost for a district pass is \$18 for adults and \$15 for students during the fall season and \$41 and \$25 for the winter season. Athletic passes are good for all regular season home contests. Passes can not be used during tournament play.

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Growing enrollment calls for another kindergarten classroom

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

The annual kindergarten roundup—a spring event that provides a preview of fall enrollment—indicates more than 140 students are expected to attend classes in August.

Children who are 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 are eligible to attend kindergarten.

Superintendent Chris Spencer told the Board of Education that 127 children participated in the roundup and registered for class and three others were slated to participate. That puts the class size at 130 students.

"Which is a very big number for us," the superintendent said.

Kindergarten enrollment is expected to grow beyond that as the district is aware of the potential for another 12 students.

According to Spencer, eight current pre-kindergarten students, who are ready to move up to the next level and will age out of their current program have not

yet signed up, and four current kindergarten students were expected to be retained.

On average, 15 to 20 children enroll in kindergarten after the roundup and during the months leading up to the start of the school year. So the enrollment number is expected to grow.

Based on the current numbers, Spencer asked the Board of Education to add a seventh section of kindergarten and it was granted.

An additional section—based on projected enrollment numbers—will reduce class sizes from roughly 24 students to 21.

"I know the Board has been very adamant about trying to stay away from larger class sizes," Spencer said.

In anticipation of the need for an additional teacher and the Board's consideration, the district posted the position and is seeking applicants.

In the final month of the school year, kindergarten enrollment was at 125 students.

Post 1336 to mark Memorial Day with ceremony

STAFF REPORT

On Memorial Day, St. Jovin Post 1336 will join the community in saluting the men and women who served in defense of our nation, paying particular note to those from the community who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in defense of freedom. In all, 761 Coal City area residents were called to military service from World War I to Vietnam and 24 of them did not return home.

Post 1336 will host a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 29 on the campus of Coal City Intermediate School, 305 E. Division St., site of the community veteran's monument.

Commander James "Hoppy" Phillips reports post members will gather at 11:30 a.m. and a three round rifle volley will take place at 11:45 a.m. and will be followed by a reading of the names of those

from the community who died in service.

Taps will be played, a prayer given by the group's chaplain and then post members will raise the American flag and the flags representing each branch of military service from half to full staff.

The history of Memorial Day dates back to three years after the Civil War ended, May 5, 1868, when the head of an organization of Union veterans—the Grand Army of the Republic—established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

Major General John A. Logan of Illinois declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would bloom all over the country. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the

Arlington Mansion, once the home of General Robert E. Lee.

It was not until after World War I that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then it was placed as the last Monday in May.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law, the National Moment of Remembrance Act, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day for one minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

The Grundy County Veterans Assistance

Commission [GCVAC] has announced Memorial Day ceremonies will also be held at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, at 11 a.m. on Monday. The national cemetery is located at 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood.

Volunteers are needed to set up grave site flags ahead of Memorial Day. This will take place on Friday, May 26 beginning at 9 a.m. Those willing to help should meet at the main flagpole. Assistance is also needed on Tuesday, May 30 to remove the flags. This volunteer opportunity begins at 8:30 a.m.

Locally, Memorial Day observations will take place at Mazon Park beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday. The ceremony hosted by Mazon American Legion Post 352 and the John Martin Steele VFW Post 6049 in Morris will observe the day with a parade that starts from Chapin Park at 10:30 a.m. to a ceremony on the Grundy County Courthouse lawn at 11 a.m.



THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT at Coal City High School has selected Brady Ehman as its 2022-2023 Business Student of the Year. Ehman [right] accepted the award from business instructor Harlan Kennel at the school's annual scholarship night.

Ehman selected CCHS Business Student of the Year

Coal City High School senior Brady Ehman has been selected the school's Business Student of the Year.

The award, presented annually by the school's business department, recognizes a business student who displays the characteristics and self-motivation to have a successful future. Candidates must have at least six semesters of business courses and maintained a B average or higher.

Business instructor Harlan Kennel, when presenting the award, said Ehman has been enrolled in business education classes all four years, completed eight courses and achieved a perfect score in all.

Ehman, the son of Jason and Kelly Ehman, finishes high school third in his class with a 4.7 grade point average—the highest rank and gpa achieved by a Business Student of the Year in the last 10 years. He will attend Illinois State University to study computer science.

"He is a remarkable, intelligent young man who truly enjoys learning the skills needed in today's business world. It is clear, Brady displays the characteristics and has the self motivation to have a successful future," Kennel said.



ST. JUVIN POST 1336 presented the flag of the United States and those of each branch of the armed services at the Sunday, May 21 service at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Coal City. Posting of the colors was accompanied by the preparation of the ceremonial 'white table' honoring those who have not returned and those that have served our nation. Army veteran and Hometown Hero Dale Skubic [from left] assisted members Jim Richards, junior vice commander; Keith Roseland, adjutant/quartermaster; Don Tira, trustee, and commander James [Hoppy] Phillips.

VFW posts colors for Armed Forces Day

Courtesy photo

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Board agrees its time for a tune up

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

The time has come for an overall evaluation of the musical instruments utilized by band members, so the Unit 1 School District is bringing in a professional.

At the recommendation of Lynnae Bontrager, the director of bands at Coal City Middle School, the Board of Education entered into a service agreement with King Music, Inc., of Bradley.

Although students own their instruments, the district owns a variety of specialty instruments that are available for student use across all levels.

According to Jason Smith, the district's chief school business official, the company will evaluate the full fleet of instruments and make necessary repairs to ensure all are in working order.

Once the initial assessment and repairs are completed, the district can enter into a yearly maintenance contract to ensure the pieces remain in good playing order.

"That adds to the longevity of the instruments and makes sure the students participating for the intermediate school through high school have the access to the instruments they will play," Smith said.

This change is a new approach to what has been done for many years in that the band directors would evaluate the equipment and have to come to the Board each year with equipment requests.

When a piece does come to the end of its useful life, Smith said the company would work with the district to find

the best deal on replacing the equipment.

The agreement is for one year, with the option to move into a maintenance contract. The first year of maintenance would be provided at no additional cost.

Smith is of the opinion this is a good enhancement for

the band program and will benefit students at all levels.

"I think this is a good idea. Let's see how it works," Board president Ken P. Miller said.

Repeat burglar arrested for crimes in Grundy County

The Grundy County ProAct Unit arrested a Chicago man and charged him with burglarizing three homes in the county.

Sheriff Ken Briley reports that with the assistance of county residents, sheriff's detectives were able to identify Kelvin Davis as the suspect in the burglaries that occurred in the area of Dwight and DuPont roads between 5-7 p.m. on April 29.

According to the sheriff's office, the burglar entered the homes by breaking a window and then made his way through the houses taking items and leaving through the front or a sliding glass door.

On May 18, the Grundy County ProAct Unit located Davis in Chicago's southside Fernwood neighborhood. He was taken into custody on an \$300,000 arrest warrant for residential burglary secured by detectives and the Grundy County State's Attorney's Office.

Davis was transferred to Grundy County where detectives spoke with him and he was later booked into the Grundy County Jail.

The sheriff's office reports Davis has been charged with burglary five times and was sentenced to prison in 2007 and again in 2018. Those sentences were for 15 years each in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Davis is currently on parole for a Chicago Police Department residential burglary that occurred in 2017.

Briley said detectives recovered much of the stolen property and items will be returned to the residents.

"With the collective work of our residents, patrol, detectives and the ProAct team, we were able to bring a quick resolution and arrest to this repeat offender," Briley said.

Hot meal offered in Coal City

The table is set for the weekly St. Vincent's Table dinners, a hot meal provided to anyone who is in need of one.

Dinners are offered each Monday from 4:30-6 p.m. and hosted by various community churches for local residents in need of a nutritious meal.

The meals will be served at the First Baptist Church of Coal City for the months of May and June and New Hope

Presbyterian Church in Coal City will host the dinners in July and August.

Attorney Black files Kenney estate claim

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CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO creditors of the death of Lawrence L. Kenney. Letters of office as Independent Executor were issued to Lynn Kenney, 1309 Butler St., 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 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.

Lynn Kenney
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Siebersma applies for property variance

PUBLIC 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 19th 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 for a storage shed

At the following address: 15 West Walnut St., Coal City, IL 60416.

Legal description of property: Lots 9 and 10 in Block 18 Lot area 50'x125'

Request for the above appeal was applied for by Jackie and Jerry Siebersma.

Published in the Coal City Courant on May 24, 2023.

Foreclosure sale of 1923 Taller Road

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICES 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 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 1/4 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 60 foot radius curve, concave Westerly, an arc length of 33.72 feet to the Westerly extension 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
Property Index No. 02-31-478-034

The real estate is improved with a townhouse with a two car garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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 levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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Attorney File No. 21-07875IL_722031
Case Number: 21 CH 21
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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 21 CH 21
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Grief support group starting

A Grief Share Support Group is starting at Coal City 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.

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Arnie Bauer Chevy-Buick takes on GMC dealership

BY ERIC FISHER
PUBLISHER

After 70 years as one of three new car dealerships in Wilmington, Community GMC has closed its doors on South Water Street.

But thanks to a deal with another family-owned auto purveyor, you can still by a new GMC truck in Wilmington.

Arnie Bauer Chevy-Buick has taken on the long-time GMC dealership owned by the George Zouganelis family. George, daughter Alexis and mechanics have moved to the east side dealership.

The decision by the Zouganelis family wasn't easy but driven, in part, by the big push to switch to electric vehicles (EVs).

"There's been a lot of changes over the years for us with the store and the whole deal is really bittersweet. You know, my father and the Zouganelis family worked very

hard at it for 55 years and it's been a bumpy road going from three divisions down to one," George Jr. said in regards to GM dropping the Oldsmobile and Pontiac brands.

"We were looking at where we were and the investment we'd have to make to be able to service EVs and we made the decision we felt would be best for our customers and our family."

George will be working in the front office at Arnie Bauer while Alexis is managing the service department. The additional mechanics has boosted the service department at Arnie Bauer so repairs are speedier with more specialized work.

"The deal expands the capacity to get things done quicker and more efficiently," Zouganelis said. "We're gonna turn cars around and repair them and give them back to much quicker than we could just because of the available

resources, more technicians, more equipment and more space."

It's given the overall inventory of cars and trucks a boost too where Community GMC had 11 trucks before, Arnie Bauer, with access to its bigger store in Matteson that sells GMC and Cadillac, can offer 74 trucks.

"The immediate pluses are easy to see," Darrin Bauer said. "The past was two stores sitting here kinda butting heads every day. We were diluting each other's service business; and diluting each other's used car business. We just felt it was the smarter move to combine them instead of having two stores struggling to get by. You combine them, up the volume, up the service and everyone wins."

The EV future

Across the globe, 14% of new cars registered in 2022 were electric, with 26 million EVs on the road, reports the International Energy Agency. That's a 60% increase in one year with China leading the way, followed by Europe and the U.S. with just an 8% increase.

While Americans still favor internal combustion engines, high fuels costs, government incentives and lower sticker prices have more new car buyers taking a second look at EVs.

Darrin, a third-generation general manager for Arnie Bauer, is charged up about EVs.

"They're coming...and they are going to save most people a lot of money," Bauer said. "But not everyone is excited about the new technology. Consumers have some misconceptions right now about EVs but that will change. It's different."

Bauer said EVs will be dramatically less expensive to operate than your gas vehicle with no oil changes and cheaper recharges. And with advances in battery technology the distance on a full charge is increasing too.

"For the average Joe a nightly charge will get you where you need to go the next day. You plug your car into a regular outlet at home and it will be ready by morning. For those who need more distance, depending on how much you drive, there will be different options. We're having fast EV chargers put in here later this year which will help those peo-



Photo by Eric Fisher

A GOOD MOVE—Community GMC has moved to Arnie Bauer Chevy-Buick in Wilmington, bring more sales and service experience under one roof. Community GMC owner George Zouganelis Jr. (from left) and his daughter Alexis Delehanty will be working with Darrin Bauer, general manager of the Wilmington dealership. George will help in the front office while Alexis will manage the service department.

ple stay on the road." The dealership will install level two chargers (240 outlet) plus one that's dramatically faster so travelers can pull over for a quick charge. A scan with their phone will allow drivers to connect, charge up and be on their way in about 20 minutes.

It will require a large investment by the dealership, an expense Community GMC wasn't prepared to make.

"GM was talking anywhere from \$500,000 to \$800,000 for dealerships to be able to handle EVs," Zouganelis said. "Ford is at \$1.2 million to invest in EVs. For us we weren't certain if 480 volt circuit was even available on our block. Our original building, which has been there since Dad went to work there in December of 1953, would have needed some major modifications. EVs, with the weight from the batteries, are much heavier which would have required new heavy duty lifts and there are height limitations with the building. Arnie Bauer's building doesn't have those same constraints so that influenced our decision too."

Arnie Bauer rents the East Baltimore location where EV upgrades are being made.

The Braidwood move

Arnie Bauer Chevy-Buick-GMC and D'Orazio Ford, the two remaining new car dealerships, previously announced they will be moving to a location just off Interstate 55 in Braidwood.

The plan is for a new building by the end of next year that's double the size, has 470 parking spaces on 6 acres, with the infrastructure to support both EVs and gas vehicles.

General Motors wants dealerships aligned along the interstates, Bauer said. They want people who are traveling with EVs to be able to pull into dealerships to charge their vehicles. At present there's not enough infrastructure out there for EVs and dealerships with charging stations are the answer.

"Although we're moving out of Wilmington into Braidwood, we will be able to better serve our customers in a much bigger area. It'll be where you can pull in your car for service and be offered amenities. We can't do that where we are now," Bauer said. "It's strictly a business decision to invest in our customers with a bigger facility in Braidwood. We're doing what the best

thing is, it'll end up. I couldn't rebuild here in Wilmington even if I wanted to," Bauer said. About the time the building is complete there should be a handful of GM models that are all electric.

"We'll get an all electric GMC Hummer, probably within the next few months. That will be followed by the Chevy Blazer EV and then the Equinox sometime this winter. They're billing Equinox as one of the most affordable starting at around \$30,000," Bauer said.

He said GM is focusing on lowering the price of EVs to attract long-time Chevy and GMC owners who want to stay with their product.

Customer loyalty Zouganelis understands customer loyalty, it's what kept Community GMC operating for so many years.

"This wasn't a five minute decision we made. Our business had been in our family for 50-some years so it was a very bittersweet decision. But the bottom line is the world's changing, and we had to crank up the volume. Join up with Arnie Bauer was the best way to crank the volume up. There's a brighter future ahead for all of us," George said.

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GSWB wins first-ever state title

The eighth grade boys at Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville School collected a team total of 41 points to become state champions last weekend at the East Peoria state meet.

This is the first time in school history to win a state title in track and field and the first ever State Championship for all of the Tiger sports.

"We are so proud of all of our Tiger track team. This team has worked so hard all season, and their efforts definitely paid off," said track coach Anne Sims. "Despite having a very rainy and injury-filled season, our athletes persevered and continued with drive and determination to achieve big things."

"Coach Residori and I have been watching times and distances very closely this season, and knew that we had a



GSWB's Boys State Qualifiers for track included (from left): Christopher Ozee, Holden Grimes, Case Christensen, Aiden Mack, Tyler Gubbins, Reed Millette, Aiden Bodine (back), Cameron Gray and Kaden Cavaness.

very talented group this year. We were very fortunate to have multiple 8th grade boys try their hand at track for the first time, and helped out hugely, especially when some of our team was injured."

The GSWB girls team, though a bit smaller, was also a great group placing in the top three at sectionals as well.

"I know it may not look as good on paper as the five school records broke this season, or the nine state medals and team trophy brought

home from the state meet; but my greatest pride in this team is their character.

"The way that they cheered, cared, helped, and kept each other going was truly remarkable. They are an outstanding group of athletes, and their great character may even outmatch their talent. With this combination, even with challenges that arose during the season, they excelled.

The athletes who placed and their times included"

- Chloe Biros- 1600 M-13th-6:41
- Ellie Marquez- 400 M-12th-1:12.05 (Vermaat, Olson, Manzello, Marquez) 4x400-10th- 5:01.61
- Christopher Ozee- 800 M-11th- 2:22.67
- Isaiah Bouwma- 1600 M-9th- 5:29
- Aiden Mack- 1600 M-15th-5:32
- Mack, Ozee, Cavaness, Bodine, Gray- 4x200-18th-1:52.61
- Kaden Cavaness- shot put- 22nd- 32'02.5
- Case Christensen- discus- 12th- 97'01
- Tiger State Medals:** (Mack, Millette, Ozee, Gubbins, Bodine) 4x400- 8th-4:07.74
- Olivia Siano- long jump- 8th place- 14'9

100 M Dash- 7th place- 14.11

200 M- 6th place- 28.88

Holden Grimes- discus- 2nd place- 133'02

Shot put- 3rd place- 40'4

Tyler Gubbins- 100 M Dash- 2nd- 12.00 and 400 M- 2nd- 54.06

"Coach Residori and I could not be prouder of these athletes. They had an amazing weekend down in East Peoria. We saw many great attempts, and had many personal bests," Sims concluded.



GSWB'S TRACK member Olivia Siano showing off two of the three medals that she won in her individual events at the state meet.

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Will County to spend \$7.8 million for new election equipment

The Will County Board voted to approve the purchase of election equipment for the Will County Clerk's office using \$7.8 million from the general reserve.

Lauren Staley Ferry, Will County Clerk reports that election equipment and software systems owned and operated by the Will County Clerk's Office have either exceeded life expectancy or are nearing end of life status. The Clerk's office conducted an exhaustive review that involved more than 40 interviews, demonstrations and site visits.

"Safe and effective voting equipment is one of the biggest responsibilities we have to the voters of Will County," said Judy Ogalla, Chairman of the Will County Board. "The Board recognized the need to update the system that the Clerk's office is using at this time and chose to move swiftly to have this new system available for the 2024 election cycle."

County Board Member and Democratic Caucus Leader, Jackie Traynere stated: "The hope of the Board is that this new equipment will be a

viable option for many election cycles to come no matter what changes might come to the election laws in Illinois."

County Board Finance Chair, Jim Richmond, stated: "There was a lot of debate regarding the most cost-effective way to fund this necessary project. The County Board decision to use reserve funds prevents the need to take out loans to purchase this equipment and still allows for a healthy and necessary cash reserve."

Senators outline critical response plan for schools

SPRINGFIELD – Working across the aisle and in tandem with police chiefs and education officials, members of the Illinois Senate outlined an initiative at a press conference Thursday to enhance crisis response plans in case of a school emergency.

The bipartisan proposal would allow public schools to obtain crisis response mapping data and provide copies to appropriate law enforcement and first responders to use in the event of an emergency.

When first responders arrive to a school, it is likely they've never visited the location. Most schools' blueprints on file are inaccurate, unlabeled and not compatible with the technical platforms used by law enforcement – which can cause major delays in responding to an emergency.

"When our office receives a call for an emergency at a school, we are generally met with many different agencies

responding to the same call. When we don't have an accurate map of the facility, we lose time and could potentially lose lives," said Jack Campbell, Sangamon County Sheriff. "Giving schools access to accurate maps for their schools, would be a game-changer for public safety and could save lives."

The plans comes after the May 2022 mass shooting at Robb Elementary School. A gunman fatally shot 19 children and two teachers, and wounded dozens of others. In the months since, the response at the Uvalde, Texas school has been under fire after reports from Texas' safety chief that said police could have stopped the shooting within three minutes – rather than the hour and 14 minutes it took.

Emergency response mapping data is a technique used by the U.S. Military special operations units to navigate unfamiliar locations. Senators believe it is vital for first responder to have access to the same information and maps so they can respond as quick and safe as possible.

"As a former school board member, I've personally experienced the mass confusion when my daughter's school

went on lockdown after receiving a threat. The biggest challenge was that we could not find an accurate map onsite and responding agencies did not know where to go as quickly as we wanted them to," said Barbara Hobrock, former member of a downstate Illinois school board. "After we experienced that incident, we knew that we needed an accurate, standardized map that was available at school and to responding agencies. I know this will be helpful to all schools across Illinois."

Members of the Illinois Senate will work across the aisle to pass the proposal before adjournment.

EV chargers required for new homes if passed

BY KEVIN BESSLER
THE CENTER SQUARE

Illinois may soon force new home builders to include electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Senate Bill 40 would require buildings to have EV capable conduits, and would apply to new and existing homes, apartments and condo buildings. It also would require new construction of homes and multi-unit buildings to include basic infrastructure for electric vehicle charging in a certain number of parking spaces.

Proponents said it can be up to six times more expensive to retrofit a parking space for electric vehicle charging than it is to install the necessary infrastructure at the time of construction.

"Charging your car is a lot less expensive than buying gas, and we should make this as easy as possible for electric car owners," said state Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, the bill's sponsor.

House Republicans voiced concerns over the costs and the strain that will be put on the electric grid. The House it by a 69 to 38 vote and is headed to the governor for his signature.

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Reed-Custer Comets to host youth basketball camp

Reed-Custer will host a boys basketball camp for students entering grades 3-8 this summer. Camp will run from July 10 until July 13 at the Reed-Custer Elementary School. Grades 3rd-4th will run from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., Grades 5th-6th will run from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and Grades 7th-8th will run from noon until 1:30 p.m.

The goal of the Reed-Custer Basketball Camp is for the players to improve their individual and team skills through summer competition. The fundamentals of basketball will be stressed in a fun atmosphere where the players can develop a love for the game. High School players will also be assisting with camp.

The campers will be grouped by ability and age. The purpose of the camp is to prepare the athletes for basketball competition at their respective grade levels. There will be skill contests for every age group as well as daily games.

All youngsters are encouraged to attend camp regardless of their basketball background. Bring basketball shoes and a water bottle every day.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per child. Cash or check made out to Reed-Custer High School or RCHS. Walk ins are welcome the first day of camp but you may not get a camp Tee shirt. Please return the camp form by June 30 to the Reed-Custer High School or Middle School offices or show up the day of the camp.

2023 Reed-Custer Comets Basketball Camp

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I hereby authorize the directors of the Comets Basketball Camp to administer first aid in case of an emergency. The participating student is physically fit according to our family physician.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

AMERICAN TELEVISION HOST Samantha Brown (center) made a stop in Braidwood last week while filming a travel program on Route 66. Brown and her film crew of eight stopped at the Polk-A-Dot Drive In in Braidwood to meet with Wilmington author John Weiss (right). After making stops at the Old Joliet Prison and the Gemini Giant in Wilmington, Brown interviewed Weiss about his book "Traveling the ...New Historic Route 66 of Illinois" a guide highlighting unknown Illinois stops along the Mother Road. Over the last 20+ years, Brown has traveled around the world visiting over 250 cities in 62 countries and 40 of the United States creating over 160 hours of programming for the PBS and the Travel Channel. In January 2018, she began hosting and producing "Samantha Brown's Places to Love" on PBS. The following year, the show won the Emmy for Outstanding Travel/Adventure Program and Brown won the Emmy for Outstanding Host. The crew was at the Polk-A-Dot a good two hours, filming Brown and Weiss while the restaurant remained open to the public. Brown said she intended to utilize Weiss' book, the only guide book exclusively on Illinois, to make numerous side trips to back road adventures. Weiss, a Route 66 Hall of Fame member and recipient of the John Steinback Award for his ongoing efforts of supporting and preserving the Mother Road, was told the show will air in late November or December. And yes, Brown enjoyed the Polk-A-Dot's French fries.

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The meeting will be held at the cemetery, on the west side of Essex Road, south of Route 113, in Braidwood. Further details at www.bohemiannational.org.

Breakfast with birds

The Forest Preserve of Will County will be hosting Breakfast with the Birds on Wednesday, June 7, at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, Channahon. The program will be 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

View the bird-feeding exhibit at Four Rivers from the exhibit room indoors and enjoy provided warm beverages and muffins. Need more than a muffin? Bring your breakfast.

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Proposed transactions tax doesn't stand a chance

From Illinois law: "No unit of local government shall levy any tax on stock, commodity or options transactions."

That statute has long been targeted for elimination by the Chicago Teachers Union and its allies. The CTU reliably shuns any proposal to increase property taxes across the board, instead pushing oftentimes "magical" solutions as alternatives. It's one way the union has maintained its popularity among Chicago voters.

And new Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, who spent much of his career working for the CTU, made it clear during his inaugural address that he will eschew property tax increases, lumping them in with onerous fines and fees. "We have a structural deficit," Johnson told his audience. "And we have to invest in people. And we have to do that without breaking the backs of working people with fines, fees and property taxes."

During the campaign, Johnson proposed a 1-2 percent "Big Banks Securities and Speculation Tax" that would raise \$100 million. So, naturally, there's worry that Mayor Johnson will try to use his considerable contacts in the General Assembly and CTU's clout to persuade Gov. JB Pritzker to reverse his position on allowing Chicago to impose a transaction tax and ease the city's structural deficit.

When he was asked last month about the transaction

tax, Pritzker said, "Obviously what we all want is a thriving financial services economy in the state and the city. I have not stood for a transaction tax, because I think it would be easy for those companies' servers to move out of the state."

The financial services industry employs thousands of Illinoisans. And one of the leaders of that industry left Chicago in a huff last year. Citadel CEO Ken Griffin abruptly announced his move to Florida after shutting down funding for his preferred Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard Irvin.

Griffin and Pritzker have exchanged verbal jabs ever since then and Pritzker has repeatedly full-on attacked Griffin's Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

It's not a stretch to believe that Griffin would love to see more Illinois-based companies relocate to Miami. Crain's Chicago Business, citing "multiple industry sources," recently reported that investment firm Guggenheim Partners, which has strong Chicago ties, "is on the verge of deciding to move its headquarters to Miami, the Florida city to which Citadel recently decamped."



CAPITOL FACTS
Rich Miller

And lots of heads turned last week when Bloomberg reported that CME Group CEO Terry Duffy indicated that the company could leave Chicago. CME has already sold all of its real estate in the city and the state, Duffy said.

"In our leases, we have a language in there that says if there's something that's ill-conceived from the city or the state, that our leases are null and void," Duffy said on a Bloomberg podcast. "We're in a very strong position. If we had to leave, we could leave."

Duffy did make it clear that "We like Chicago," saying he wants to be "part of the solution, not a part of the problem." Also, if you listen to the podcast, Duffy made a point to say he realized that campaign rhetoric often changes when people assume office and have to govern.

And Johnson's own campaign website claims: "We should raise revenues from activities that won't leave and cost us jobs."

While Duffy has strong, lifelong ties to Chicago, he is clearly not happy with how the city has been run. Earlier this

month, Bloomberg reported that Duffy said: "Three o'clock in the afternoon, my wife got carjacked right in the city of Chicago and it's absolutely insane what's going on here."

Duffy said he was also upset with the response he received from then-Mayor Lori Lightfoot about how the homicide rate was falling. "I said, 'don't go there. Please don't go there.' One is too many."

I would assume that Duffy has been inundated with offers to move his company elsewhere since the progressive Brandon Johnson's election. Company headquarter locations are very often subject to the whims of the CEO. Duffy said during his most recent interview that he hadn't yet talked with the new mayor. "I'm hopeful that he reaches out, I don't care if it's me or whoever, and talks about these things."

So, I reached out to the two legislative leaders to see where they stood on allowing home rule units like Chicago to impose a tax on electronic transactions.

Spokespersons for both Senate President Don Harmon and House Speaker Chris Welch said their bosses opposed the idea.

This thing is off the table.

Holiday fillup will be \$1.08/g less than 2022

Average gasoline prices in Illinois have risen 2.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.90/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

Prices in Illinois are 16.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 108.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois was priced at \$3.20/g while the most expensive was \$4.99/g.

Locally prices were \$3.62/g in Braidwood Monday, \$3.69/g in Wilmington and \$3.84/g average in Coal City.

The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$3.51/g.

"In the run up to Memorial Day, the national average price of gas has seen

little overall movement over the last week. We've seen more states see prices climb than fall, which has been driven by oil's volatility as debt ceiling discussions are ongoing. I think we'll see prices rise slightly as we get closer to Memorial Day, especially if there are positive developments in the debt ceiling discussions in D.C., while pessimism could drive prices slightly lower," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"I continue to be optimistic that the national average will remain under \$4 per gallon for most of, if not the entire summer, with Americans spending a combined \$1.6 billion less on gasoline over Memorial Day weekend this year compared to last."

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District 209-U seeking bids for diesel fuel

PUBLIC NOTICE

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District 209-U seeking bids for Building Trades work

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209U, Will County, Illinois, will receive bids for excavating, concrete work, labor and material bids and/or proposals for the Wilmington High School Building Trades Project for the 2023-2024 school year.

Grundy County seeking bids to replace HVAC systems at courthouse

PUBLIC NOTICE

Grundy County is inviting sealed proposals from responsible and responsive vendors 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.

Coal Bin to dispose of property

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Section 40 of the Self-Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, a sale or other disposition of property by COAL BIN STORAGE, INC. will be held online at www.BID13.com, auction ending on June 7, 2023, 1 p.m. to sell or dispose of the personal property of the following person, ELIZABETH KOWALUK, 785 Mary Ln., Godley, IL Unit C7/Location #1, to enforce a lien for storage pursuant to the self-storage facility act, in the amount of \$410, plus attorney fees and costs.

Attorney Meents files Lavicka estate claim

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH LYNN LAVICKA, Deceased; No. 2023 PR 228

Attorney Meents files Webb estate claim

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District 209-U meeting to review e-learning, budget

PUBLIC NOTICE

At 6:15 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023, the Wilmington School District will hold a meeting to review the basic components of an e-learning program to be available for use whenever necessary in the future.

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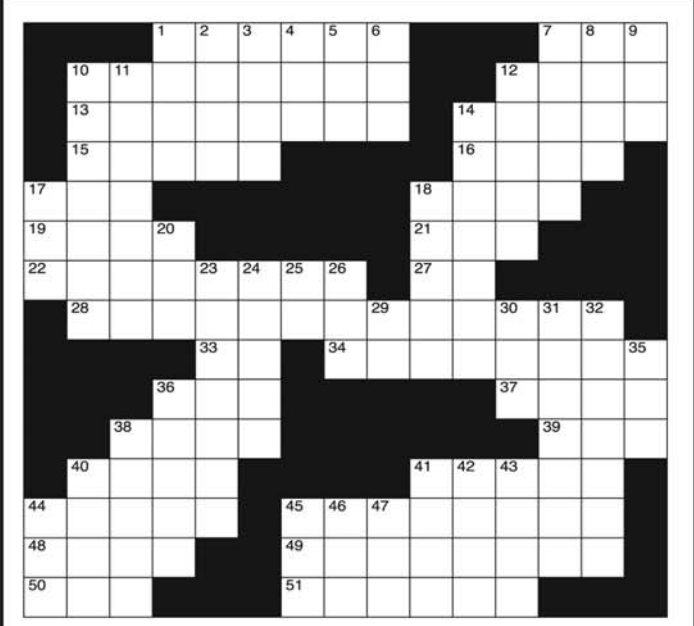
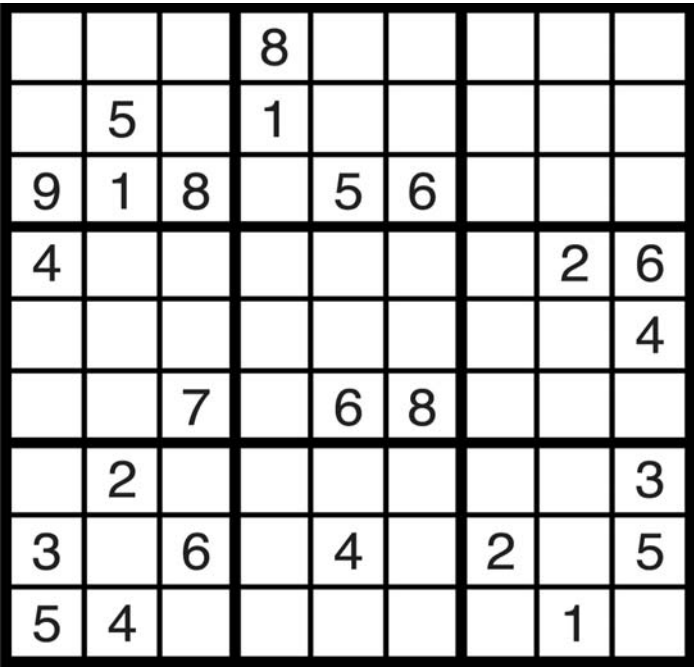
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Village of Coal City seeking bids on surplus real property

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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 5/11-76-1 and -2, that the Village of Coal City duly enacted Ordinance No. 23- 08, entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE VILLAGE OF COAL CITY

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2. Insecticide
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12. Beef
13. Disagreement
14. Crawford, supermodel
15. Jeweled headdress
16.. Digits
17. Trillion hertz
18. Snap up
19. Classical portico
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COALER SPORTS



COAL CITY'S CARA Planeta takes control of the ball. Planeta scored a goal in last week's sectional championship against Herscher.

CC kickers fall in sectional title match

There were no hanging of heads for the Coal City girls soccer team who lost 6-2 to Herscher in the sectional championship game at Manteno.

Herscher has been consistently tough to beat for all schools and kept attacking the goal throughout the match.

"We are very proud of our season and regional championship," said coach Todd Painter. "Our final record is 12-7-2 which is something to be proud of."

Goals for Coal City were scored by Cara Planeta (pk) and Audrey Cooper. Keeper Chloe Plueger had 12 saves.

The Lady Coalers edged Chicago University 2-1 earlier in the week thanks to a game winning penalty kick scored by Cara Planeta (handball in box).

The Lady Coalers trailed 1-0 at the half when they got the tying goal from Kylee Kennel, assisted by Maddie Gomez. Keeper Chloe Plueger had 14 saves.



LADY COALER SOPHOMORE Kylee Kennel goes up for a block. Kennel and her soccer teammates advanced to the sectional championship last week, but lost to Herscher 6-2. The team finishes the season with a 12-7-2 record.



REGIONAL CHAMPS! The Coal City softball team claimed the regional plaque on Friday, beating Seneca 5-4 at home. They advance to Pontiac Sectional today (Wednesday) at 4:30 p.m. against Herscher. Team members include (from left, kneeling) Jadyn Shaw, Mia Ferrias, Kenzie Henline, Sierra Anderson, Kayla Henline, Addison Hodgen and Naomi Stoudt. Standing are Head Coach Rodney Monbrum, Assistant Coach Keegan Clappitt, Madalyn Petersen, Abby Gagliardo, Khloe Picard, Kerigan Copes, Masyn Kuder, Addison Harvey, Briahna Combes, Assistant Coach Lauren Basham and Assistant Coach Lonnie Henline.

Lady Coalers are regional champs!

The regional champion Lady Coalers had plenty to celebrate Friday, beating Seneca 5-4 despite being out-hit 10-4.

They will play in the sectional at Pontiac today (Wednesday) against Herscher who won their own regional by shutting out Ridgeview 15-0. Coal City has beaten the Tigers twice before 12-5, 15-5.

If they win that contest they will likely face Beecher for the sectional championship on Friday at 4:30 p.m. The Bobcats are tough, handing Coal City a 5-7 loss two weeks ago.

Against Seneca, smart base running and clutch hitting left only three runners on base for Coal City while the visiting Irish stranded 10.

The Lady Coalers scored two runs their first turn at bat and held the lead until the top of the sixth when Seneca went up 3-2.

Thankfully Coal City sent three runs home in the bottom of the sixth and stopped the Irish in the seventh to win it.

Kerigan Copes paced the Lady Coalers with two hits, an RBI and scoring one. Khloe Picard had one hit and a walk for two RBIs. Addison Harvey singled and walked for one RBI.

Masyn Kuder got the job done in the circle, giving up four earned runs off 10 hits while walking three and striking out two.

Coal City improves to 29-8 overall.

For openers

The Lady Coalers were not themselves for the first three innings on Tuesday when they opened regional play against Wilmington.

The visiting Lady 'Cats were up 2-0 through the top of the fourth inning before Coal City could score. But once they did they couldn't be stopped, winning in five innings 12-2.

Wilmington softball team as they lost a 2-0 lead late in a 12-2 regional round defeat.

The game was tied 2-2 with Coal City batting in the bottom of the fourth when a single on a 2-2 count gave the Lady Coalers the lead for good.

"I'm proud of how our team competed tonight," said coach Rodney Monbrum. "We got off to a slow start chasing two runs after 3.5 innings. Our bats came alive in the bottom of the 4th with a 2-run homer from Abby Gagliardo. In the 5th we scored 8 runs, all with 2 outs."

Wilmington struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Coal City, giving up 12 runs off 13 hits.

The big inning for Coal City came thanks to singles by Addison Harvey and Mia Ferrias, a home run by Henline, an error on a ball put in play by Shaw, and a double by Henline.

Masyn Kuder was in the circle for Coal City. The ace lasted five innings, allowing five hits and two runs while striking out three and walking one.

Olivia Hansen led things off in the pitcher's circle for Wilmington. The righty surrendered 12 runs on 13 hits over four and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking one.

"Our girls were patient and strung together a hot parade with Makenzie Henline hitting a 3-run walkoff to seal the victory," the coach said.

The Lady 'Cats smacked two home runs on the day.

Coal City totaled 13 hits. Henline, Copes, Picard,



LADY COALER Makayla Henline makes the tag against Wilmington last Tuesday.



LADY COALER Khloe Picard celebrates driving in a go ahead run against Seneca.

Ferrias, and Harvey all collected multiple hits for Coal City. Coal City was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Henline made the most plays with four.



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Going to state



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COAL CITY SENIOR Collin Dames has qualified for state for the second straight year, this time placing first in shot put during the 2A sectional in Kankakee with a personal record distance of 14.10 meters. He is the only Coaler to qualify. Dames will also compete at state for discus after finishing second during the sectional with a 37.73 meter throw, missing the 1st place distance by five meters. Dames will compete at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL Thursday through Saturday.

Coaler bass fishing team places at state

The Coal City #1 bass fishing team of Buddy Widlowski and Layne Cuddy got skunked the second day of the state tournament at Carlyle Lake but their first day total held up to place them 11th out of 50 teams to make the final standings.

The fishing Coalers landed four bass for a total weight of 8 lbs, 10 ounces on Friday for a little better than a 2.2 pound average.

But on Saturday they didn't get a keeper and did not climb in the ranks.

First place went to Teutopolis with six fish total with a 3.2-pound average or 19 pounds, 3 ounces total. Second place at 17 pound, 13 ounces went to Carlyle.

Coach for the Casting Coalers was Rich McLuckie while boat operator was B.J. Widlowski.

Coal City singles win, doubles teams struggle

The Coal City tennis team played well in the singles matches against Pontiac last week but ended up losing 3-2.

Coal City No. 1 singles player Timi Shabani defeated Pontiac's Andrew Pelletier, 6-1, 6-3 while No. 2 Coaler Martin Ramirez shutout Pontiac's Kylar Sorensen, 6-0, 6-0.

Pontiac swept the doubles matches with three victories

Coal City's Max Zolecki and Owen Franklin, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2 - Santi Pina and Owen Masching, Pontiac defeated Coalers Chad Reinart and Devon McVey, 6-2, 7-5, -;

No. 3 - Abe Jean-Jaques and Zack Legner of Pontiac won over Coal City's Will Thompson and Carson Hart, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2).

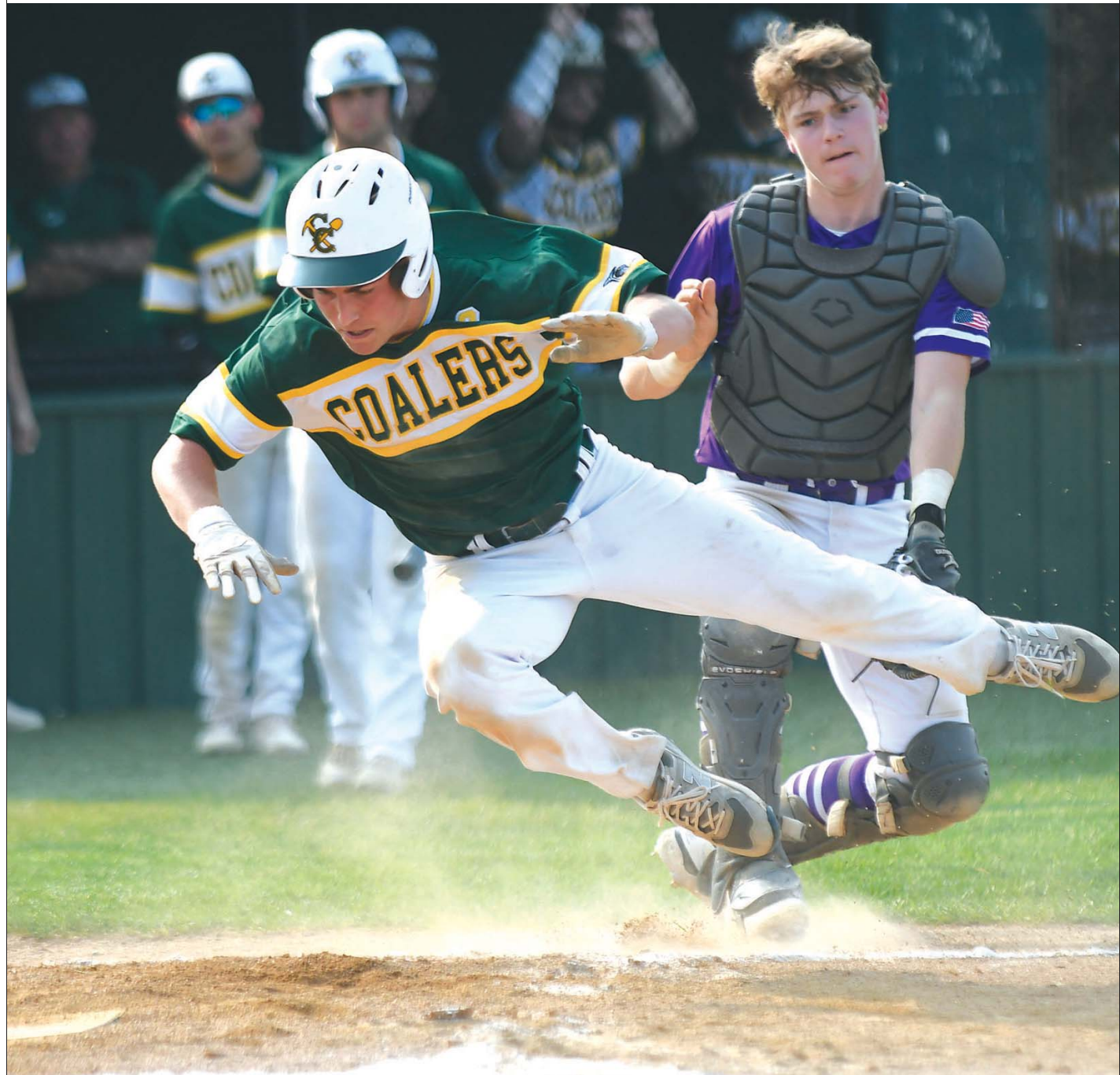


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FLYING HOME—Coal City senior Derek Carlson dives for home plate while trying to avoid Wilmington catcher Cade McCubbin during Thursday's regional loss at home.

Coalers fall to Wilmington in regional heartbreaker

The Coaler baseball team lost a heartbreaker on Thursday to Wilmington, 7-6, in the first round of the regional.

The game went back and forth in a remind your daughter classic rivalry until the seventh inning when Wilmington's number nine hitter, senior Joe Pogliano, hit his second home run of the game to break a 6-6 tie.

The game was tied 1-1 after three full innings before Coal City pulled in front 4-1 in the bottom of the fourth.

But the visiting Wildcats answered with a run in the top of the fifth before adding four more in the top of the sixth to take a 6-4 lead. Fortunately the Coalers tied it up 6-6 in the bottom of the frame before Pogliano hit his homer in the seventh which proved to be the game winner.

Coal City's Derek Carlson, Braden Riley and Braiden Young each had two hits. Nolan Ness added a two-run homer in the third inning as the Coalers ended up with

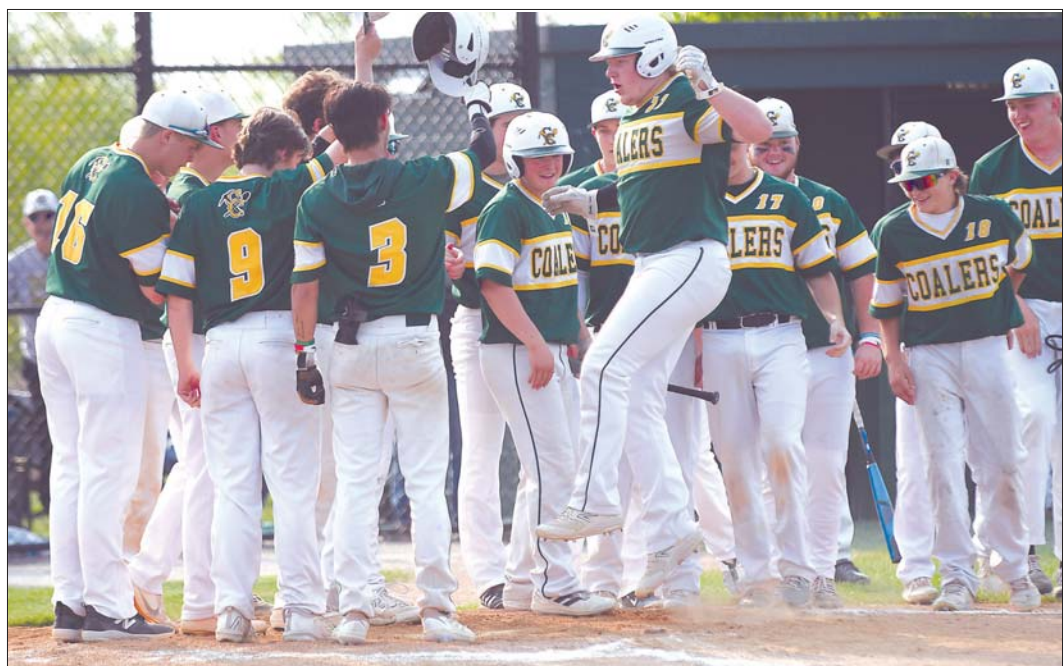


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TO TAKE THE LEAD—Coal City senior Nolan Ness give his team a 4-1 lead in the third inning with a two-run home run against Wilmington. He is greeted by teammates as he jumps onto home plate.

seven hits total.

Starting pitcher Braden Riley pitched well, allowing only two earned runs until being relieved by Carter Garrelts in the seventh-inning, who gave up a walk and a double to take the tough luck loss.

The Coalers finish the year with 20 wins and nine losses.

Beat the Indians

Coal City finished regular season play by winning over Sandwich 8-1 last Tuesday.

Joe Watson was the winning pitcher hurling five innings of shutout ball. Watson allowed only four hits, four strikeouts, and one walk. Austin Davy and Braden Riley

combined the last two innings for four strikeouts.

Cade Baldauf and Braiden Young each had two hits and a run. Nolan Ness and Derek Carlson each reached base four times. Other hitters included Tanner Wallace, Wyatt Wickiser and Danny Olson.

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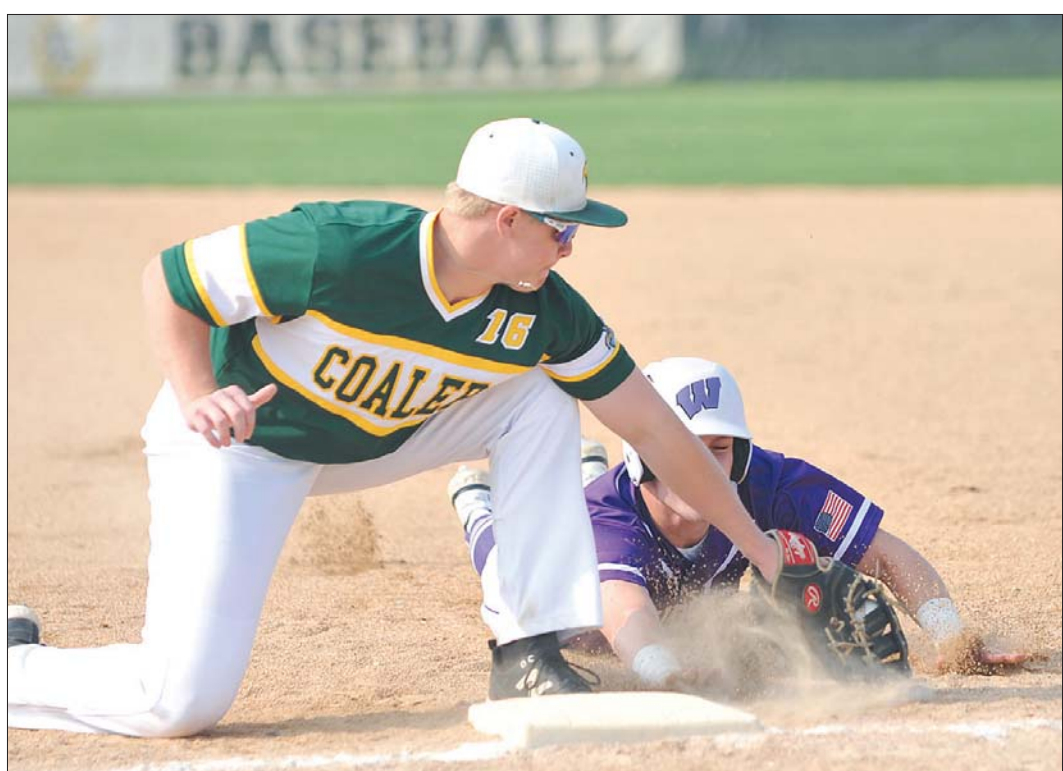


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COAL CITY'S Braiden Young sneaks a backhanded tag on Wilmington's Kyle Farrell to get him out during a pick-off play at first base.