

Dames takes title, headed to state





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Building a brand

BY ANN GILL

on new meaning.

As the saying goes, "Once a across the school district as outlined Coaler, Always a Coaler" and as the in annual strategic plan. Unit 1 School District moves into a

Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, all Coal City students will be known as Coalers. The Board of Education made the decision earlier

levels under a unified identify.

The mascot change is part of an

overall branding that is taking place

When the document was drafted new academic year that passage takes last summer, one of the action items was the modernization and branding of all interior and exterior buildings and athletic facilities.

the spring semester as a group of 20 this year to drop the Warrior mascot educators and administrators—15 of at the middle school and bring all them Coal City alumni-came

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 The process began at the start of and assistant athletic director. In his role with the district, Boresi took the lead with the committee.

Over the course of several

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.

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

together to begin the process of months the group looked at the Charlie Coaler and the interlocking C's with ax and shovel.

'We are in a really good spo 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

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

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

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

District fees were extremely low in comparison so there was

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 lev-

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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 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



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 caterogies 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.

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

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-

actresses-with the top two me to direct without them. noted how impressed they finishers earning a spot at the They are the storytellers, they Jimmy Awards in New York are the people up there, they direction. 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

nominated—12 actors and 12 dents. There is not a place for Chicago, and their comments were with every aspect of his

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 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

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

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 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

service line connections to a and we had to continually go located on the southside of the in there and work on it. So I 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 Štreet from Dewey Street west to McGinty Street.

The narrow line will be three years ago where we abandoned and the homes repeatedly had failed connec- serviced by that line will be tions were service lines met connected to a larger main

roadway, a move that will told those residents we will get require the village to bore under the state highway to make the connection

Kenc 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.

ning 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

The village is also plan- meter reading requires staff to walk through neighbors to gather water usage information. The new system will

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

streamline the process.





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Carbon Hill continuing its summer tradition

Todd Cumming names Homecoming grand mar-

BY ANN GILL

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 parade and carnival. 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 The short ceremony being held

where Cumming runs the annual Josh Cumming Memorial Tournament, an outing named in memory of his late The first pitch of that tournament will also take place right about that time. Teams will continue to play

just steps away from the softball field

through the close of the festival on Sunday, June 25. As always the festival will feature bingo games, entertainment, a big

Town officials report a new company, All Around Amusement, Inc., will be providing rides and games. opportunities to make the event for all. And, with a new carnival, comes new

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 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 Sunday. available at Berkot's Super Foods, Bum's Tavern, Midland States Bankl 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

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 led 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 Grilland 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

Animals take over CCIS library



.ER'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



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



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



PENNY D'ARCY Middle School



JAMES LITTLE Middle School



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IZYK DECKER **Elementary School**

like this don't happen, it's almost hard to believe this is a director at a high school." In Micetich's words, these

Award

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 stu-

This is the 12th year that Broadway in Chicago has hosted the awards, a program open to schools from across the

Under Micetich's direction, the Coal City Theatre Department has earned 23 IHŜMTA 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.

Brand

and uniforms.

said.

Although not every building will have its own logo, they will options, "that is synony-mous with being a Coaler," Boresi 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 disthe superintendent trict,"



Through good times, bad and heartache, a smile was always there, You'd forget about your troubles; your love you'd gladly share.

Your wish was to wash The Lord's feet with your tears, And dry them with your tresses That grew for all those years.

Now you're with the Father In heaven up above, We gave up your presence, Now He can share your love.

The Family of Elsie Pritchard

Passed away May 22, 1988

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.

Painted barrels completed by Art Club

Motorized vehicles not allowed on paths, sidewalks

The village of Diamond out over is messaging and has issued notice that motorized vehicles are not allowed

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 bicy-

"This should never had happened," stated the village issued notice that was sent

alert system. It is illegal for children on the bike path, following a 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

> The reminder of the rules came with a statement that the village, "will prosecute offenders.

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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

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

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 enrollmentindicates more than 140 students are expected to attend classes in August.

Children who are 5 years old on or before Sept. i 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 superin-

Kindergarten enroll-ment 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

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

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

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, kinder-garten enrollment was at 125 students.



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 Kennell 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 Kennell, when presenting the award, said Ehman has been enrolled in business education

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," Kennell said.

Repeat burglar arrested for crimes in Grundy County

Grundy 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 County State's Attorney's

> 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.

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

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.

Post 1336 to mark Memorial Day with ceremony

STAFF REPORT

On Memorial Day, St. Juvin 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

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 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 Veterans

from the community who died Arlington Mansion, once the Commission [GCVAC] has in service. home of General Robert E. Lee. announced Memorial Day cer-

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 Assistance a.m.

emonies 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

Locally, Memorial Day observations will take place at Mazon Park beginning at 11 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

VFW posts colors for Armed **Forces Day**

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]

Board agrees its time for a tune up

BY ANN GILL

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

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

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

According to Jason Smith, the district's chief school busiments and make necessary

weekly St. Vincent's Table din-

ners, a hot meal provided to

Dinners are offered each Monday from 4:30-6 p.m. and

The meals will be served

anyone who is in need of one.

hosted by various community churches for local residents in

at the First Baptist Church of

Coal City for the months of

May and June and New Hope

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Kenney estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

GRUNDY COUNTY - IN PROBATE No. 2023 PR 37

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.

filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court

at Grundy County Courthouse, 111 E. Washington St., Morris, IL 60450, with the

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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 longeviof 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

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 ness official, the company will to the end of its useful life, evaluate the full fleet of instru- Smith said the company would work with the district to find

City will host the dinners in

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Wallace estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,

GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of FRANCES E

WALLACE, Deceased. Case No.: 2023

CLAIM DATE NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Frances E. Wallace, and Letters of Office

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60548 as Independent Executor, whose

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Siebersma applies for

Let's see how it works," Board

president Ken P. Miller said.

"I think this is a good idea.

property variance PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that

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

At the following address: 15 West

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.

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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

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

East Washington Street front door entrance, incorrect, ic, 604-50, seel 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 and reported for 33.72 feet to the Westerly extensive. 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. of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject

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Disrespecting veterans

MORRIS—In New York City the mayor just kicked homeless veterans out of hotels to live in the streets to make room for the people that enter the U.S.A. illegally. This shows just how much the Democratic party cares about the people that served in our military and put their lives in danger to protect the freedoms public servants enjoy. They are using their position of employment to destroy our military and the veterans. The public servants and Democratic party have decided that this country should not give any aid to any veteran and don't count on any veterans organizations to help any veteran because they are controlled by the same public servants. This type of treatment of veterans by the public servants in the veterans organizations has been well known for decades. Thank you for your service says the public servants, but don't ever bother us. We thank you for your service and that is enough and all you deserve. We don't care about your life or what happens to you veterans.

Destroying our nation

COAL CITY—I would like to thank every Democrat who voted to put these politicians into office, who have done such a wonderful job. It only took them about two years to destroy the nation and subject every American to harm by individuals from foreign lands but mostly from our leaders that have a warped sense of justice which is to only help criminals while honest American citizens are having their lives destroyed. The twisted mentality by individuals that are power crazy and will stoop into bottomless pit for everything evil that they are imposing on Americans while they commit all forms of illegal acts and violate their oath of office. Money to some public servants is more important than the sovereignty of the U.S.A. or any citizen's life. Are Democrats above the law?

A happy story

This is to "Better News." I, along with most everyone else, enjoyed the story on the baby being born in the ambulance. It was a happy story about a local family, not "some woman', well written by Marney Simon. Very refreshing and a nice break from politics. You also don't have to drink your coffee while reading excellent stories such as this one. Drink it later, read the paper later or just don't read that particular story. Some people aren't happy unless they are complaining about something. If having a wonderful local story is the worst thing in your day then you are truly blessed.

All of us deserve good

WILMINGTON—As we gaze at concrete canyons which mankind built to replace green life, it's no wonder that we're in the midst of earth's sixth mass extinction. It's true that 2/3 of wildlife has vanished across the globe in the last 50 years and marine populations in the oceans are threatened by annihilation. Why? Human activity of a certain kind denoted by the infamous phrase "greed is good." Greed is not good, it's deadly. The pompous self-seekers

who pollute our landscape with narcissistic bluster are petty and weak. Instead we welcome the strong who work bravely to promote the good that all of us richly deserve.

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Vote you out

BRAIDWOOD-Why is a city of 6,500 people paying these kind of wages? For you four new city commissioners I hope the next time you run for anything the voters of Braidwood remember your underhanded ways of doing things and vote you out. If I am still around then I will try to remind them.

Great job kids

COAL CITY—Congrats from the parents and grandparents on the honor the Middle School Scholastic Bowl team received in making it to the state finals. We are very proud of all the effort you put forth to be able to advance to the finals. Kudos to Abi, Aiden, Brady, Carson, Caroline, Izzy, Scott, Travis, Grace, Jaiden, Penny, Tess, Wyatt and Xavier. Great job by

Half the time

COAL CITY-Why did the Coal City McDonalds spend all the money into building a new one with two lanes when half the time only one lane is open because they can't keep enough staff to run it?

Forcing homeowners

DIAMOND—Answer my question FYI. Do you believe Green New Deal should be allowed to give the government the power to force all private homes to be rebuilt according to socalled "sustainable energy' dictates?

Thanks to Trump

WILMINGTON—Republicans learned that they can lie with impunity because their constituents no longer care about reality. Thanks to Trump, the gullible and/or stupid live in a world of alternative facts that enforces their beliefs and prejudices. Science be damned literally. Penny Lane

Obligation to pay

WILMINGTON—Regarding the debt ceiling, the Republicans are using a metaphor of parents putting limits on their teenagers' credit card because of overspending. But they failed to mention that parents have an obligation to pay back what the kid has already charged. If they want to cut the budget do it in the budget committee and quit being economic terrorists.

Verbal abuse

WILMINGTON—Threatening children with hell and eternal damnation is child abuse.

\$93 trillion cost

DIAMOND—Answer my question FYI. Are you willing to pay even higher taxes to fund the \$93 trillion it will cost in the first decade after passage to pay for the socialists' "Green New Deal" nightmare?

Cutting our benefits

COAL CITY—As a disabled veteran I'm just so glad that the Republican Party has decided to cut our benefits which is exactly what we need. We have had too much. Thank you Republicans. Luke

Letter to the editor

Life jackets are a great investment

representing a well known swim school in proclaimed that four-month-old babies can hold their breath.

Be cautious of this statement. According to the American Academy Pediatrics, infants breathe between 30-60 times per minute.

You do the math. When an infant is submerged for approximately 10 seconds, this immediately causes an involuntary breath holding situation. Does your child cry or grasp during this activity? Is your child crying, reacting in

According Cleveland Clinic, those who have had a traumatic water-

Recently, an instructor related experience may devel-resenting a well known op aquaphobia. Dr. Reetu Human error is the forewal, Medical Director at cause of accidents worldwi UF Health Family Medicine and Pediatrics surveyed 20 family practice providers and pediatricians in the area.

She shared a video of an infant during a survival program. All 20 doctors agreed it was involuntary breath hold-

With forced submersion, you are taking unnecessary chances of creating possible physiological and psychological trauma.

child drownings are due to inadequate adult supervision. Pool alarms are annoying and fencing is not attractive how-

ever these tools are essential to

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residential home pools. There were numerous additional drowning incidents which resulted in hospitalization. Would you ever trust or

supervision.

The majority of infant and use a caregiver again who left your child in a hot car for more than 15 minutes? Treat every pool like a hot car.

Human error is the #1

cause of accidents worldwide.

Per the AAP and CDC water

safety guidelines, to supple-

ment child safety in any body

of water, make lifejackets a

must and provide arms-length

which were toddler-related at

In 2022, over 410 drownings resulted in death, 90+ of

We are human - consider a \$35 investment as Dr. Tom Griffith advocates, "Wear lifejackets for non-swimmers with the same consistency as seatbelts. Lifejackets are the cheapest, most effective form of life insurance that can be purchased.'

Jennifer Matthew, instructor FAST Swim Program

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Eight crimes

WILMINGTON—The Republicans claim the Durham report somehow exonerates Trump and other traitors buy they ignore the Mueller report that concluded Trump could be charged with eight crimes but was stymied because of a specious rule against charging a sitting president. In fact, Mueller said he wished he could say Trump was innocent.

Do what's best

BRAIDWOOD-On Friday, May 19 the mayor resigned because the commissioner of public property refused to work with him and told him he would not get anything done if he didn't appoint what the commissioners wanted. Commissioners, you were elected by the citizens of Braidwood to do what's right for Braidwood and not to make sure your friend had a job. So commissioner of public property and commissioner of streets follow suit and resign also. Do what's best for Braidwood. Remember, there's an election in two years.

Mayor resigns

BRAIDWOOD—So the mayor resigned. I hope all the council members are happy. Now they can give their friend a job making well over \$100,000 a year. I bet if they were spending their own money this wouldn't happen. That type of job they should be \$80,000 a year with no benefits. Let's see how long it takes before they vote to buy a new vehicle. And for commissioner of public property, you should be ashamed of yourself. I voted for you and never thought you would be someone's puppet. Next time there will be no vote for you.

Always at odds

BRAIDWOOD—I saw Mayor Earley has released a statement on his resignation. He didn't want to spend his term at odds with the city council. The council would not work with him because he was not going to retain their friend. I hope the council is happy now that they can give their friend a job. All of you council members should be ashamed of yourselves. Just remember the same citizens that voted you in will be voting you out, some in less than two years, the rest in 2027.

Forced bankrupt

DIAMOND—Answer my question FYI. Are you willing to let government bureaucrats in Washington D.C. force American businesses and even homeowners to bankrupt themselves to abide by the left's Green New Deal?

Snakes are back

BRAIDWOOD—The snakes are back in business again. We, the people of Braidwood elected a new mayor. This election ran the

snakes out and after so much badgering, complaints and outright attacks by these snakes our newly elected mayor resigned. You should all be ashamed of putting a decent man in the hospital but none of you have any shame, conscience or decency, especially the head snake who was so grossly overpaid. As a property owner in Braidwood I am so thoroughly disgusted by our town again being run by the downright evil snakes.

Sweeps every Monday

WILMINGTON—I was just wondering why the city said they can't afford a leaf vac to pick up the leaves in the fall but they have the money to run a street cleaner every Monday. To me that doesn't make any sense. I think that having a leaf vac is far more important than having a machine going up and down the streets cleaning every Monday morning. I just don't understand the priorities the city has and I'm sure a lot of other citizens feel the same way. I'm sure if it was asked during an election what would the residents rather have they would choose the leaf vac. So city council, please bring back the leaf vac and discontinue the street cleaning program.

They will determine

DIAMOND-Answer my question FYI. Were you aware that the Green New Deal would let the government tell you how often or even if-you can drive your own car or fly an airplane?

It would be evident

DIAMOND—Regarding "Inconsistent" submitted from Wilmington in the April 26 soundoff column. Many people, including parents and most Republicans are concerned about trans girls sharing girls' restrooms as well as competing in girls sports. When the sporting event is over and competitors are in locker rooms changing clothes is of grave concern. When the trans girl removes the uniform, standing unclothed and exposed, the "trans" is evidently still a boy. It really doesn't matter how you translate the biological facts, these facts are consistent with the verifiable truth. Girls remain girls and boys remain boysjust as God created them to be.

Sharon

access to the 'National trail'.

In support of WILMINGTON—So glad to see the mayor and aldermen supporting a kayak launch on the Kankakee River. Every time I cross the river and read that sign that says national water trail I laugh to myself how inappropriate that designation is when it comes to city hall. They took away our fishing at the dam and the spots downstream. How uninviting that is as a town. At least with a kayak launch people will get

Running to win isn't always running to come in first

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The marathon is one of

the most difficult races in track and field, at a little over 42 kilometers (26.2 miles). Most marathoners will tell you their bodies hold up for the first 30 kilometers; the last 10 kilometers are all mental toughness. To be a world-class

marathoner, you must run that distance in 2 1/2 hours. But for

FOR some, achieving a marathon finish is a lifelong dream. and immediately knew that he needed help.

Nyetipei Jacqueline Kiplimo's dream of being a world-class runner began when she was a child in Kenya. She soon realized she had the talent and the willpower to compete.

She also knew she would have to train full-time, which meant not being able to work to help support her family. But she was confident that she could bring home prize

Jacqueline traveled to China to compete in the Zhenkai marathon knowing she had a good shot at winning the race, but more importantly, the \$10,000 prize that went with it.

women's division when a male runner arrived at the water station at the 20-kilometer mark. The man was running at a good pace but had trouble staying hydrated because a birth defect had left him without hands, and he struggled to drink from the slippery plastic bottles.

But any assistance from fans or race officials would result in his disqualification. Jacqueline noticed the man Pace... PassItOn.com®

She grabbed a water bot-tle and helped him get the fluid his body needed to complete the race. Then she ran at his pace with the bottle and helped him sip while they

strode along. after runner Runner passed Jacqueline. Her hopes of winning were getting lost in the melee of runners ahead of

With only 4 kilometers left in the race, and certain that her new friend would now finish, Jacqueline picked up her pace. Her long stride kicked in, and she weaved through the fading competitors to finish second.

t with it.

That day, Jacqueline She was leading the missed out on first place, but she finished with something more important: her humanitv. When asked about the bigger cash prize, she said that money isn't everything.

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Arnie Bauer Chevy-Buick takes on GMC dealership

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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 Chevv-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 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 Zouganelis family worked very

been a bumpy road going from three divisions down to one," George Jr. said in regards to GM dropping the Oldsmobile tory of cars and trucks a boost 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 Ğeorge 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

"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 know, my father and the much quicker than we could just because of the available

hard at it for 55 years and it's resources, more technicians, more equipment and more space."

It's given the overall inventoo 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

"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

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 peoThe Braidwood move

The dealership will install

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 min-

investment by the dealership,

an expense Community GMC

dealerships to be able to han-

dle EVs," Zouganelis said.

Ford is at \$1.2 million to

even available on our block.

1953, would have needed some

lifts and there are height limi-

influenced our decision too."

upgrades are being made.

wasn't prepared to make.

It will require a large

"GM was talking anywhere

sales and service experience under one roof. Community GMC ower 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 depart-

Arnie Bauer Chevy-Buicklevel two chargers (240 outlet) 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

from \$500,000 to \$800,000 for dealerships aligned along the interstates, Bauer said. They want people who are traveling with EVs to be able to pull into invest in EVs. For us we weren't dealerships to charge their certain if 480 volt circuit was vehicles. At present there's not enough infrastructure out Our original building, which there for EVs and dealerships has been there since Dad went with charging stations are the to work there in December of

"Although we're moving major modifications. EVs, with out of Wilmington into the weight from the batteries. Braidwood, we will be able to are much heavier which would better serve our customers in a have required new heavy duty much bigger area. It'll be where you can pull in your car tations with the building. Arnie for service and be offered Bauer's building doesn't have amenities. We can't do that those same constraints so that where we are now." Bauer said. "It's strictly a business decision Arnie Bauer rents the East to invest in our customers with Baltimore location where EV a bigger facility in Braidwood. a brighter future ahead for all We're doing what the best of us," George said.

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 was 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 GOOD MOVE—Community GMC has moved to Arnie Bauer Chevy-Buick in Wilmington, bring more

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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 injuryfilled 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

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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

Olson, (Vermaat, 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-

Tiger State Medals: (Mack, Millette, Ozee, Gubbins, Bodine) 4x400-8th-

Olivia Siano- long jump-8th place- 14'9

100 M Dash- 7th place-

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

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JOHN AND MARILYN (Cummins) Kerr will be celerating 60 years of marriage since May 25, 1963. John is the son of Pastor Sterling and Maxine Kerr. Marilyn is the daughter of Cleo and June Cummins. The couple was married at the Southern Baptist Church in Wilmington. Pastor Kerr officated the wedding. They reside in Wilmington and are graduates of Wilmington Highschool. John just recently retired and Marilyn currently works at KMC INC as a tax preparer, with their daughters Deborah and Dyanna. Besides two daughters, they have three wonderful grandchildren, Robert, Cherokee and Holly. Plus four great-grandchildren, Josie, Belle, Riply and Toby.

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

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

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

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

"Safe and effective voting viable option for many elecequipment is one of the tion 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

Senators outline critical response plan for schools

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 emer-

gency.

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

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 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

SPRINGFIELD - Working responding to the same call. 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.



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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 infra-

Senate Bill 40 would require buildings to have EV capable conduits, and would apply to new and existing 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 eclectic car owners," said state Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, the bill's sponsor.

Republicans House 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

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Robert V. Ames

COAL CITY—Robert V. (Bob) Ames, 75, of Coal City passed away on May 15, 2023 surrounded by his wife, children, and

Bob was born to Victor and Eileen (O'Leary) Ames on June 24, 1947 in Blue Island, IL. He was married to his wife, Jill, on June 21, 1969 after knowing her since the first grade. He later graduated from University of Illinois Chicago with a degree in Physics in December of 1969. Bob worked for Ford Motor Company for

35 years. He started as a mechanic at a Ford dealership and was later brought on by Ford Corporate where he would retire as a Parts and Service District Manager in 2005. Anyone who knew Bob, knows that he bled Ford blue with his years of dedicated service at the company, countless Ford vehicles and love for all things with a motor.

For the last 11 years, Bob volunteered for 2,715 hours driving the Morris Hospital Transportation Bus. He also volunteered alongside Jill driving for Meals on Wheels and delivering meals to local people in the community.

Bob loved exploring the United States. His ideal vacation included treks across the nation with Jill. Their National Parks adventure began on their honeymoon at Arcadia National Park in June of 1969. They would later visit 47 National Parks and all 13 Presidential Museums on their

Bob was known for his love for tinkering and all his toys. He was an avid boater and enjoyed being the captain of his Carver, Jill's Joy 2. He spent countless hours on the lake and passed on his love for boating and the water to his family and friends. Bob had a passion for anything with a motor. He loved snowmobiling, riding his Spyder, driving his Mustang (or just driving in general), boating, watching the Bears, campfires and spending time with his family. Above all else, Bob loved to share his time and his toys with his family and friends. There was nothing better than sharing his home, his toys, his boat and the lake with the people he

Bob, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather leaves behind his wife of nearly 54 years. Jill (Dragoo) Ames; his children, Stacy (Mark) Miller and Victor (Leah) Ames, and his grandchildren: Katelyn Miller (Mike Kipka), Mark (Lily) Miller, Samantha, Jessica and Derek Ames. He is also survived by his sisters, Sue (Larry) Gerke and Kathy (Larry) Sargis and brother, Keith (Felicia) Ames and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Tom Ames.

Donations may be made in Bob's name to the Alzheimer's Association or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, May 22, 2023 at the Coal City United Methodist Church in Coal City. Rev. Dr. Jay Regenniter offi-

Cremation rites were accorded following the service.

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

Ferrari Funeral Services of Coal City were entrusted with arrangements.

Crystal Nelson

BRAIDWOOD-Crystal Lynn Marie Nelson (nee Strohm), 62, of Braidwood, awav unexpectedly. Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at Ascension St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. Born Feb. 5, 1961 in Joliet,

she was the daughter of Melvin Gene and Sharon Eve (nee Favero) Strohm. She graduated from Gardner-

South Wilmington High School with the She became a certified class of 1979. nursing assistant, working at nursing homes and caregiving for many friends and family. She also worked as a bus monitor for special need students within the Coal City school district. Crystal was an elder at the Church of Hope in Gardner, where she also operated the Food Pantry. She was the most caring, loving, and forgiving person that one could meet. She loved to entertain and never showed up to an occasion empty handed, she was known to always have a dish ready or a special cake baked. Her family meant everything to her, especially her grandchildren. She had a knack for sewing just about anything, but she adored making blankets for

Surviving are her lifelong partner, Dennis Dalziel, of Braidwood; two children, Cassandra (Mason) Wehrle, of Toluca, IL and Jacob (Aaron) Nelson, of Orland Park, IL; one step-daughter,

Amanda (Chris) Sternisha, of Wilmington; seven grandchildren: Jaxson, Gavin, Lucas, Zane, Chase, Ethan, and Evan; April siblings: VanWinsen, of Green Forest, AR; Belinda (Clayton) Brown, of Red Banks, MS, and Jeffery Strohm, of South Wilmington; nieces nephews: Sarah Kisner, Joseph and Travis VanWinsen; Andrew and Becky Brown, and Avery Strohm; numerous great-nieces and nephews; and former father-in-law, Gary Nelson, of Herscher, IL.

Preceding her in death were her parents step-daughter, Jessica Dalziel; niece, Cynthia VanWinsen and former mother-in-law, Marlene Nelson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood.

Cremation rites were accorded following services.

Memorial donations to the family would be appreciated.

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

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

Ronald Stockman

COAL CITY—Ronald Gary Stockman, 79, of Coal City, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, May 21, Ron was born on Aug. 21, 1943 in

Glencoe, MN to John and Ruth (nee Stewart, MN on a family farm. He attended schools in that area, and when in high school, Ron was one of eight wrestlers to make the state tournament in his weight class. He received his B.S. in Business at Mankato State University. He served honor-

ably with the Minnesota Army National Guard. Ron married Cheryl L. Bumgardner on Dec. 30, 1972 at the Theodore Street Lutheran Church in Crest Hill. Together, they raised their family of two children. He worked as a purchasing manager for most of his career at Insta Foam/Dow Chemical in Joliet. Ron was a humble, quiet and generous

man of strong faith. He was an active member through the years with the United Lutheran Church of Gardner. Ron enjoyed gardening and canning. He was a football fan and cheered for the team of his home state, the Minnesota

Vikings. He also enjoyed watching old westerns

and Perry Mason. He is survived by his children, Jodi (Shawn) Chapman, of Coal City and Ronny (Stephanie) Stockman, of Braceville; his four grandchildren: Nathan, Ryan and Brooke Chapman and Morgan Stockman; his Polzin, Torgerson and Audrey Weber; his brother, Earl (Kathy) Stockman; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Pam Iaron: and Robin Hogan and several nieces and He was preceded in death by his

wife, Cheryl; his parents, John and Ruth Stockman; his infant sister, Doris Stockman; his brother, Wayne Stockman and his brothers-inlaw: Jim Weber, Vernon Polzin and Charles "Bum" Bumgardner.

Memorials in Ron's name may be made to the United Lutheran Church, 309 E. Jefferson St., Gardner, IL 60424 or to Lightways Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431.

Visitation will be on Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 11 a.m. at the United Lutheran Church in Gardner with Pastor Greg Olson officiating. Burial will follow at Braceville Gardner Cemetery.

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

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Barbara Ann Ray_

BRAIDWOOD—Barbara Ann Ray (nee Jones), 65, of Braidwood, passed away on May 19, 2023 at Ascension St. Joseph Medical Center in Ioliet.

Born Jan. 9, 1958 in Chicago, she was the daughter of Dwight D. and Columbia Ophine (nee Thompson) Phillips. Barb attended Joliet East High School. She married Bobby E. Ray Sr. on June 12, 1999 at Pilcher Park in Joliet. She bartended for over 32 years, previously at Spivey's in Coal City. Barb enjoyed karaoke, designing jewelry, playing Yahtzee, and fund raising and organizing for the Moms of

Military Prayer and Support Group. Surviving are her children: Amanda (Rodney) Heston, of Gary, IN; William Prater III,

of Ioliet: Eddie Andrew Prater, of Louisville, KY: and Heidi (partner Michael) Prater, of Joliet; two brothers, Dwight Jones, of Nixa, MO and Donald E. Phillips of Texas; three sisters: Evelyn Jones, of Joliet; Vicky (Tom) Kolkind, of Lacross, WI and Anita (John) Tonelli, of Braidwood;

numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her husband, Bobby E. Ray Sr.; father, Dwight Jones; mother, Columbia

Ophine Phillips and granddaughter, Becca Lynn Keto. Visitation for Barbara will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Thursday, May 25, 2023

from 4-7 p.m. with funeral service at 7 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded fol-Friends and family will meet at Maple Hill

Cemetery in Elwood on Saturday May 27 at 11 a.m. for Inurnment. For more information and to visit her

online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find them on R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory,

401 E. Main St., Braidwood has been entrusted with arrangements.

Beverly Grant

GARDNER—Beverly Jean Grant (nee Neece), 82, of Gardner, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Morris Hospital.

Born July 10, 1940 in East Brooklyn, IL, she was the daughter of Delbert and Alice (nee Johnson) Neece. She was a graduate of the Gardner-South Wilmington High School with the class of 1958. Bev was a dedicated member of the Church of Hope in Gardner, where she proudly served as an Elder. She was also a member of the Jr. Women's Club and the Style Show Committee Club. She enjoyed volunteering at the Rialto, lovingly referred to as a Rialto "Penguin" and also served on the committee for Grundy County Hospice.

Amongst her dedicated volunteer efforts towards her community, she also worked alongside her husband, son, and brother-in-law, coowning and operating several businesses, most recently Grant Bros. Construction and Grant Farms. Bev was the pillar of her family, whose love will be missed dearly, but she will forever live on within our memories. She will always be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-greatgrandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Surviving are the love of her life, husband of

56 years, Rodney Grant, of Gardner, who she married Nov. 19, 1966 in Joliet; one son, Duane Grant, of Gardner; two daughters, Dawn (Stephen Wilhelmi) Grant, of Mazon and Tari (Casey) Barker, of Hendersonville, TN; stepdaughter, Carol Jarman, of Clarksville, TN; her children held a special place in her heart, but her grandchildren are the ones who won her affection, also surviving are eight dear grandchildren: Chad Crater, Carissa Crater, Garrett Grant, Bennett Grant, Gage Barker, Grant Barker, Chassidy Sinks and Nathan Jarman; four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, two sisters, Joan Utley, of East Peoria and Barb (Rick) Phillips, of Gardner, who she pro-

foundly held a special bond with and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and their Preceding her in death were her parents,

Delbert and Alice; brother, John D. Neece and three year old sister, Barbara Ann Neece Cremation rites will be accorded. All family and friends are welcome to celebrate Bev's life

at the Church of Hope: 202 N. Monroe St., Gardner, Thursday, May 25, 2023 with a memorial visitation beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of memorial services at 12 p.m. Dear Friend and Pastor, Jan Chandler will officiate. The funeral dinner will immediately follow and will be announced after the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in

her name may be directed to the Church of Hope or GSW Athletics.

For more information and to sign her guestbook please log on to rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find them on Facebook.

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

Beverly Tackett

MORRIS—Beverly Annette Tackett, 64, of Morris, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Morris Hospital following a brief illness. Born May 12, 1959, in Terre Haute,

Annette was a daughter of Paul Norton and Beverly (Whitkanack) Norton Hacker. She was raised in Mazon, graduated from MVK High School, and attended Judson University in Elgin, IL. Annette began working at the age of 19

for what is now LyondellBassell in Morris and held employment there for 44 years. She was a dedicated employee who was very proud of her work there, participating with the Volunteer Fire Department, organizing health fairs and Earth Day events, and helping create a new system to limit plastic pollution.

Annette loved all things nature and took great pleasure in gardening, working towards preservation efforts, and donating to the Morton Arboretum. She was an amateur photographer, a passion her whole life, taking classes at Joliet Junior College later in life to deepen her skills. She always had a camera in her hand and had thousands of family photos at home, capturing years of loved ones and special events around her.

Annette was also a lifelong pianist and music lover, lending her talents for many years to First Baptist Church in Coal City, where she was a past member and led the youth group. In addition, she was an avid fan of the Chicago Blackhawks and had their memorabilia scattered throughout her home and car.

Annette held social justice causes in high esteem and supported several groups, including the Human Rights Campaign, American Civil Liberties Union, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She was a straight shooter who made it clear where she

stood with people, but she was kind and loving and welcomed anyone into her home. Annette was very loval and was the type of person that always showed up, committed to keeping her word and following through- if she said she was going to do something, she did it.

Survivors include her mother and father: Beverly Norton Hacker, of Mazon and Paul Norton, of Hutsonville, IL; ex-husband, Terry Tackett, of New

Carlisle, OH; two children, Melanie Tackett, of Johnson City, TN and Jacob Tackett (Luke Brand), of St. Paul, MN; six grandchildren: Kaylie, Aleese, Shallon, Liam, Carson, and Cameron; four sisters: Brenda (Ken) Funk, of Morris; Angie Hopkins, of Indiana; Amy (Ron) McClelland, of Panama City, FL and Paula (Kevin) Middendorf, of Humboldt, TN; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and her best friend, Carissa Baumeister.

Annette was preceded in death by her stepfather, Jerry Hacker and two children, Melissa Bordeaux and Stephen (Arianna) Tackett.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 2023, at Reeves Funeral Home in Coal City. Cremation rites were accorded following the services, and Annette will be laid to rest in

Oregon, IL. Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Annette's memory to the family to go towards funeral expenses, or to Morton Arboretum and

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

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

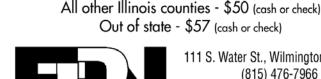
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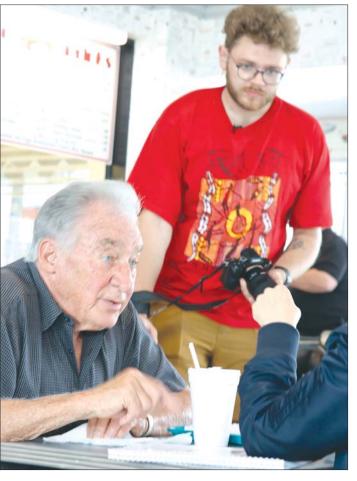
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Reed-Custer Comets to host youth basketball camp

dents 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 Schoool 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.

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AMERICAN TELEVISION HOST Samantha Brown (center) made a stop in Braidwood last week while filming a travel segment 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 Jollet 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 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.



Bohemian cemetery meeting

The annual meeting of the Bohemian National Cemetery of Braidwood, Ltd. will be held on Sunday, May 28, at 1 p.m.

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

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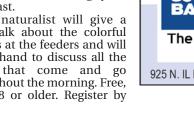
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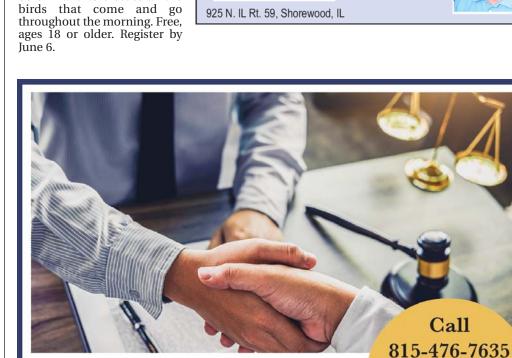
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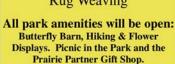
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Plaintiff, ERIC D EVANS Defendant 21 CH 21

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Property Index 02-31-478-034

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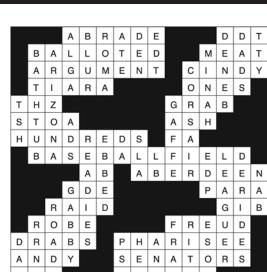






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Proposed transactions tax doesn't stand a chance

From Illinois law: "No unit tax, Pritzker said, of local government shall levy "Obviously what 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

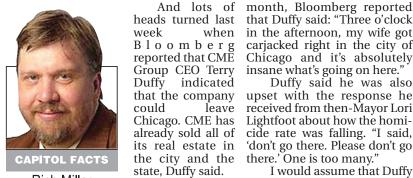
we all want is a thriving financial services economy in the state and the city. I have not stood for a transbecause I think it would be easy for those companies'

servers to move out of the state." The financial services industry

thousands 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."



Rich Miller

'In our leases, we have a language in there that says if there's something that's illconceived 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 cam-

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

paign website claims: "We

should raise revenues from

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

in the afternoon, my wife got

carjacked right in the city of

Chicago and it's absolutely

Duffy said he was also

insane what's going on here."

And lots of month, Bloomberg reported

when

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that the company

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its real estate in

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 So, I reached out to the two legislative leaders to see where they stood on allowing

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

home rule units like Chicago

to impose a tax on electronic

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

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

\$3.51/g.

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 De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.
"I continue to

optimi<None>stic 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







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District 209-U seeking bids for diesel fuel

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209U, Will County, Wilmington, Illinois will receive bids for the purchase of diesel fuel for the 2023-2024 school year. Bid specifications may be obtained upon request from the Office of the Superintendent, Wilmington Community Unit School District No. 209U, 209U Wildcat Court, Wilmington, IL 60481 - Phone (815) 926-1751. All bids are to be received in the Office of the Superintendent at the above address on or before 2:30 PM. CDST, Wednesday, June 7, 2023 and will be opened publicly at that time. The Board of Education will make its decision on Monday June 12, 2023, and reserves the right to waive any technicalities or irregularities and to reject any or all bids or any part or parts thereof By and for the Board of Education

Wilmington Community Unit School District 209U Peggy Kunz, Secretary, Board of Education

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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, Wilmington, 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. Bid specifications may be obtained upon request from the Office of the Superintendent, Wilmington Community Unit School District 209U, 209U Wildcat Court, Wilmington, Illinois—Phone (815) 926-1751. All bids are to be received in the Office of the Superintendent at the above address on or before 2:30 P.M. CDST, Thursday, June 8, 2023, and will be opened publicly at that time. The Board of Education will make its decision on Monday, June 12, 2023, and reserves the right to waive any technicalities or irregularities and to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof.

By and for the Board of Education

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Grundy County seeking bids to replace

HVAC systems at courthouse PUBLIC NOTICE

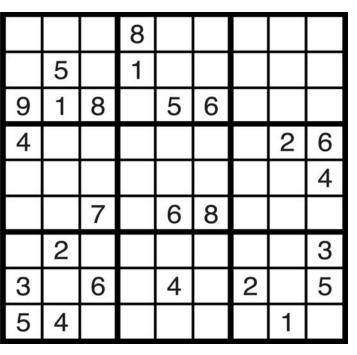
Grundy County is inviting sealed proposals from responsible and responsive vendors for the full removal and replacement of two (2) existing RTU HVAC systems located at the Grundy County Courthouse 111 E. Washington St. Morris, IL 60450. Sealed proposals must be submitted in an envelope and clearly marked 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.

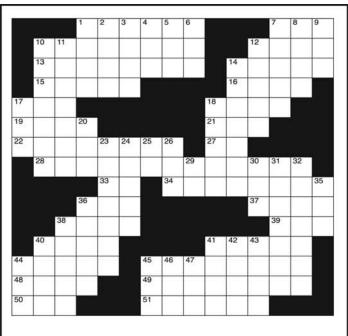
Sealed proposals will be accepted until 3:00 pm (cst.) June 21st, 2023, at the Grundy County Administration Building, 1320 Union St., Morris, IL 60450. At 3:00pm (3th) June 21st, 2023; sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Fax and elec-

tronic submissions will not be accepted.

Proposal documents are available at the Office of the Grundy County Purchas 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

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- 7. Insecticide 10. Elicited a secret vote
- 12. Beef 13. Disagreement
- 14. Crawford, supermodel 15. Jeweled headdress
- 16.. Digits
- 17. Trillion hertz
- 18. Snap up
- 19. Classical portico 21. Residue after burning
- 22. Large integers
- 27. Free agent
- 28. Where ballplayers work

- 34. Scottish city 36. Google certification (abbr.)

33. Blood type

- 37. Serbian monetary unit
- 38. Make a sudden surprise attack on 39. Wood or metal bolt
- 40. Relaxing attire
- 41. Famed neurologist
- 44. Dullish brown fabrics 45. Member of ancient Jewish sect
- 48. Griffith, Rooney
- 49. Lawmakers
- 50. Government lawyers
- 51. The arch of the foot

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nonflowering aquatic plant 2. Britpop rockers
- 3. National capital 4. Consumed
- 5. The habitat of wild animals 6. Sun up in New York
- 7. Cygnus star 8. Male parents
- 9. Talk to you (abbr.)
- 10. A place to clean oneself
- 11. Southwestern US state 12. South Korean idol singer
- 14. Pirate
- 17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.) 18. Mistake
- 20. Promotions
- 23. Prepares
- 24. Partner to flowed 25. State lawyer
- 26. Patti Hearst's captors 29. Pound
- 30. Electronic data processing 31. Sports player
- 32. Treats with contempt
- 35. Apprehend
- 36. Excessively talkative 38. Highways
- 40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 41. College organization for males
- 42. Any customary observance or practice
- 43. Employee stock ownership plan 44. Male parent
- 45. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 46. Female bird 47. Autonomic nervous system

of property **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Coal Bin to dispose

LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Section 40 of the Self-Storage Facility Act. State of Illinois, a sale or other dispo sition of property by COAL BIN STORAGE be held online 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.

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Attorney Meents files

Lavicka 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
JUDITH LYNN LAVICKA, Deceased; No. 2023 PR 228

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Judith Lynn Lavicka, Letters of Office as Independent Administrator were issued on May 8, 2023, to George Anton Lavicka whose address is 24432 West Kipling Court, Shorewood, Illinois 60404; whose attorney is Meents Law, P.C., 25158 West Eames Street, Unit A, Channahon, Illinois 60410. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 20, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the repre-sentative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/fag/gethelp.as p or talk with your local circuit clerk's office If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoisle-

George Anton Lavicka Independent Administrator of the Estate of Judith Lynn Lavicka, Deceased

Meents Law, P.C. 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A Channahon, Illinois 60410 Telephone: (815) 534-9515 Facsimile: (815) 534-9516 Attorney Code: 06298859 E-mail: frank@meentslaw.com
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such services.

Vehicles Team Members

ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2023

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. The 209U Board of Education will also hold a hearing on a tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

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Attorney Meents 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 OWEN DEAN WEBB, Deceased; No. 2023

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Owen Dean Webb, Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued on May is 829 Cambridge Court, Wilmington, Illinois 60481; whose attorney is Meents Law, P.C., 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A, Channahon, Illinois 60410. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 20, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975 the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to

in ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory with limit-ed exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need addi tional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.as p or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-p son or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoisle

Kevin D. Webb Independent Executor of the Estate of Owen Dean Webb, Deceased Frank J. Meents

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Elwood Fire Protection District ordinance sets costs for technical rescue services

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 05082023 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSMENT OF COSTS INCURRED FOR RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS REQUIRING TECHNICAL RESCUE SER-

VICES BY THE ELWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

listed service charges within sixty (60) days of notice of the charge will be deemed to have violated this Ordinance. The District reserves the right to pursue all remedies at law and

equity to recover charges due and owing, including the use of the services of a collection agency.

SECTION SEVEN: The District's Fire Chief is hereby authorized to waive any or all of the fees due under this Ordinance. He or she may do so by policy or on an individual

persons shall be jointly, or jointly and severally liable for all costs of Specialized and Technical Rescue Services as set forth in this Ordinance:

A. The owner of the property on which Specialized and Technical Rescue Services are provided or occur; and

B. The owner of a vehicle at which Specialized and Technical Rescue Services

tion of the emergency, including but not limited to any person filing a false report resulting in dispatch of Specialized and Technical Rescue Services; and

his/her employer if the person was in the District in furtherance of the employer's interests;

erty and anyone who had custody or control of the property at the time of the emergency.

SECTION TEN: The charges for any response involving Specialized and Technical Rescue Services or any other related rescue service are as follows:

A. For each category of Specialized and Technical Rescue Services provided, except Extrication Rescue/Recovery services:

A full version of this Ordinance is available upon request by calling the Elwood Fire Protection District at (815) 423-5224.

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ction District, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION SIX: Any person or entity that refuses to pay or fails to pay the below-

SECTION EIGHT: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its age and approval.

SECTION NINE: Notwithstanding any other provision or rule of law, the following

Any person involved in any activity which caused or contributed to the causa-

In cases involving the rescue or recovery of property, the owner of the prop

Cost of all materials used in providing the response.
For Extrication Rescue/Recovery services, a fixed fee of \$375.00 per person

es involving the rescue or recovery of an individual, the individual and

\$250.00 per hour \$ 70.00 per member

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Elw ction District, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

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 dispo sition of property by COAL BIN STORAGE INC. will be held online at www.BID13.com, auction ending on June 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.

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Attorney Meents files

Hand 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 ELIZABETH J. HAND, Deceased; No. 2023PR252 **CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of Elizabeth J. Hand, Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued on May

11, 2023, to Evelyn Velazguez, whose address is 8410 Perry Place, La Plata Maryland 20646; whose attorney is Meents Law, P.C., 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A Channahon, Illinois 60410. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 27. 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975

be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory with limit-ed exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.as p or talk with your local circuit clerk's office If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-per-

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

son or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for information or visit www.illinoisle galaid.org. Evelyn Velazguez Independent Executor of the Estate of Elizabeth J. Hand, Deceased Frank J. Meents Meents Law, P.C. 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A

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Attorney Code: 06298859

Elwood Fire Protection District accepting bids for a 2023 GMC Sierra and a 2024 GMC Sierra

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Elwood Fire Protection District will be

The purchase of (1) 2024 GMC

Sierra 2500 (TK20743) 4WD Crew Cab

159' Pro.

Bid specifications/packets are available file. able for pick up at the Elwood Fire Protection District Mon-Fri, 9am- 3pm or

you may email admin@elwoodfpd.com to request a packet. Bids must be submitted by 9am, June 5, 2023. Each submitted bid must be in a separate envelope, sealed and clearly labeled with vehicle type. The bids may be mailed to: Elwood Fire Protection District 309 Mississippi Street Elwood, IL 60421, or dropped off in person 9am-3pm, Mon-Fri. The Fire District will not receive bids after the June 5, 2023 deadline. All bids shall be opened at the Fire District on June 6, 2023 at 9am. The Elwood Fire Protection District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any questions should be directed to Chief Locacius at clocacius@elwoodfpd.com.
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Webb estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will Countly 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 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

Marilyn L. Wysock For the Estate of Gladys Webb

815-725-8000 Atty No.: 06275404 Published in the Free Press Advocate, Wednesday, May 17, 24 and 31,

Elwood Fire Protection District passes ordinance re-establishing ambulance fees

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 01192023 AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING AMBULANCE AND RELATED CHARGES

ity which provides emergency medical services to the District pursuant to a contract or mutual aid agreement with the District will be charged as per **Appendix A**. Beginning on January 1, 2023, and each successive January 1st thereafter, the fees set forth in Appendix A of this Ordinance shall be increased without any further action by

is directed and authorized to update Appendix A with any subsequent changes to the District's approved ambulance billing rate(s). All revenue from the charges assessed pursuant to the emergency response portions of this Ordinance shall be credited to the Corporate Fund of the District. Section 2. The Chief of the District, or designee, is authorized to assess the foregoing charges and to take any and all reasonable steps in the collection of the same.

Section 3. The Chief of the District, or designee, is authorized to adopt administra-

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance shall supersede any

invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Elwood Fire Protection District on the

Advanced Life Support Non-transport fee where treatment is administered Mileage Charge

ABSENT: 1

\$ 3,309,60 \$ 200.00 \$17.50 per mile Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, May 24 and 31, 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 5/11-76-1 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 (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 fol-

(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 8, East of the third principal meridian in Coal City, in Grundy County, Illinois.

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.

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

Lots A. B and C are each located in the Village's RS2 zoning district. The Village favors single-family detached residential development 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-is 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 property 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 Respectfully submitted Pam Noffsinger Village Clerk

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tive regulations to implement this Ordinance and is authorized to waive any and all of the fees due to a person, business, or other entity under this Ordinance. The Chief, or designee, may do so by policy or on an individual basis.

establishing charges which are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2023.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held

19th day of January, 2023, by a roll call vote as follows:

APPENDIX A NON-RESIDENTS FEES AND CHARGES Basic Life Support

Attorney Meents files Sikler 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
ARNOLD LOUIS SIKLER, Deceased; No.

2023 PR 254 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Arnold Louis Sikler, Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued on May 2, 2023, to Michael A. Sikler, whose address is 839 Cambridge Court, Wilmington, Illinois 60481; whose attorney is Meents Law, P.C., 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A, Channahon, Illinois 60410. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 13, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has

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Independent Executor of the Estate of Arnold Louis Sikler, Deceased Frank J. Meents Meents Law, P.C. 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A Channahon, Illinois 60410 Telephone: (815) 534-9515

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accepting sealed bids for the following: The purchase of (1) 2023 GMC Sierra 1500 (TK10543) 4WD Crew Cab

Attorney Wysocki files

WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GLADYS WEBB, Deceased;

Administrator, whose attorney of record is Marilyn L. Wysocki, June, Prodehl, Renz & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

BY: Marilyn L. Wysocki 1861 Black Road Joliet, IL 60435

OF THE ELWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Elwood Fire

Section 1. A fee will be charged for emergency medical services rendered by the Elwood Fire Protection District. All persons who are non-residents of the District who are provided with ambulance service by the District or any fire protection district or municipalthe Board of Trustees by the then-existing ambulance billing rate(s) pursuant to any sub-sequent Cost Report(s) submitted by the District under the GEMT Program or otherwise. In the event the calculated fee for the upcoming year is less than the current fee being assessed, the current fee shall be assessed for the following calendar year. The Fire Chief

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

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.

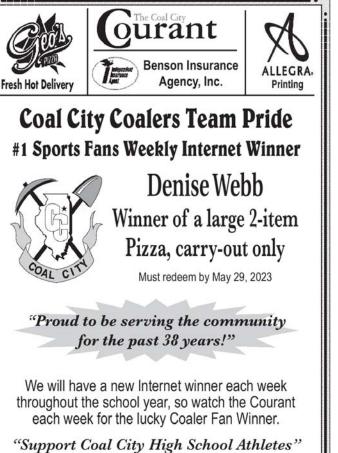
The Lady Coalers edged Chicago University 2-1 earlier in the week thanks to a game winning penalty kick scored by Cara

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 Clampitt, Madalyn Petersen, Abby Gagliardo, Khloe Picard, Kerigan Copes, Masyn Kuder, Addison Harvey, Briahnna 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 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 loss two weeks ago.

Against Seneca, smart base running and clutch hit-ting 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

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. Khole Picard had one hit and a walk for two RBIs. Addison Harvey singled and walked for one

Masyn Kuder got the job done in the circle, giving up four earned runs off 10 hits while walking three and strik-

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

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

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. Copes, Picard,



Photo by Amy Walker

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 collect- Coal City was sure-handed and Henline made the most plays ed multiple hits for Coal City. didn't commit a single error. with four.



COALER SPORTS

Going to state



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

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

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.

Coal City singles win, doubles teams struggle

week but ended up losing 3-2. 1, 6-0.

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

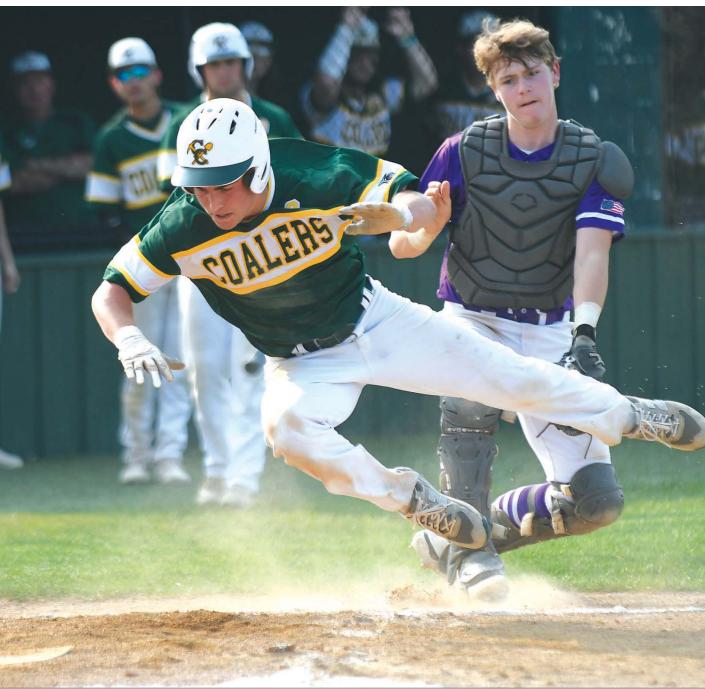
No. 1 - Pontiac's Austin 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2).

The Coal City tennis team Oakes and Nathan Traylor, played well in the singles outscored Coal City's Max matches against Pontiac last Zolecki and Owen Franklin, 6-

> Santi Pina and NO. 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 oever Coal City's Will Thompson and Carson Hart,

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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

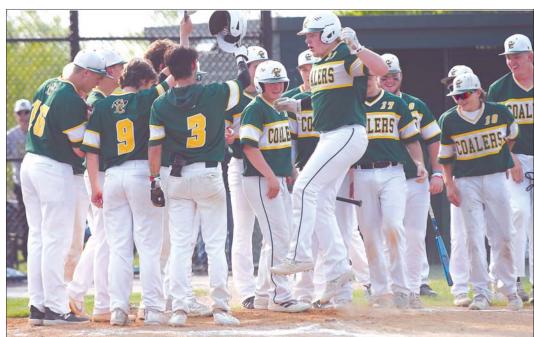
The Coaler baseball team lost a heartbreaker on Thursday to Wilmington, 7-6, in the first round of the region-

The game went back and forth in a remind your daughter classic rivalry until the sevinning 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 to of the fifth before adding four more in the top of the sixith 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



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 dou-

ble 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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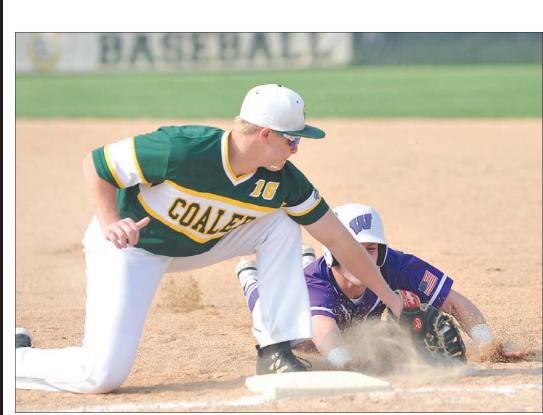
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Once they're gone they're gone



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.