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Airgas to construct local storage depot

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

Airgas, a nationwide distributor of packaged gases, is set to construct a rail and storage depot in Coal City.

For a little over one year, village leaders and representatives of Airgas have been working out the details for the project alongside UP Acquisitions, LLC, the site owner.

The plan includes a rail-served storage and transload facility. The site will receive, store and distribute liquid argon, an atmospheric gas used primarily in the welding and casting industries, electric appliances and steel construction.

Argon is a non-flammable gas, that does not contaminate the soil or air.

According to the company, "when liquid argon is exposed to ambient conditions, the

liquid quickly vaporizes and returns to the air as a colorless, odorless, inert gas."

Airgas plans to erect 10 cryogenic storage vessels on a one-acre parcel leased from UP Acquisitions at 2680 S. Broadway.

The product will come into the site from the gulf coast via the Union Pacific rail line utilizing a spur that was installed several years ago to service the planned Inland Logistics Park.

Train cars coming into the site will off load the gas into the 15,000 gallon vertical tanks and the product will then be loaded into tanker trucks for distribution.

The storage vessels stand at 43.75 feet and will be outfitted with leg extensions for improved pumping bringing the total height to 46.75 feet. Each tank has a working pressure of 250 pounds per square gage [psig], however the company said they will be operated at pressures less than 100 psig.

Matt Norton, attorney for Airgas, told vil-

lage officials the Coal City location will serve as a Midwest regional depot for the company's distribution of argon.

Airgas expects to receive and release seven to 10 rail cars per week with a projected four to six transport trucks arriving and departing from the facility each day.

The product will be heading in all four geographical directions, and Norton anticipates Interstate 55 will be the primary route to and from the facility.

"It's not going to be a big traffic generator," Norton said.

In order to move forward with its plans, Airgas was required to obtain a series of conditional uses and variances from the village.

Among the conditional uses the company sought was approval for a freight terminal, railroad rights-of-way and trackage, and a facility for storage tanks, as a heavy industrial use.

On a recommendation from the town's

Planning and Zoning Board, village trustees granted the conditional uses as requested along with variances to allow a security fence exceeding a height of six feet but no more than 50 feet in total height with an unfinished side and is constructed of chain link or other rolled fencing material, and installation of gravel parking lots.

The Village Board also agreed to waive any necessary exceptions to the industrial development design standards and guidelines.

The site is zoned for industrial use and has been planned to industrial railroad trackage among its potential uses.

The development of the site does not require the extension of village utilities such as water and sewer, and no public funds are being used to support the project.

After initially tabling the proposal due to some slight changes in location within the site, the matter was unanimously approved by the Village Board late last month.

Coalers crown a king and queen



Photos by Ann Gill

HOMECOMING WEEK GOT underway at Coal City High School on Monday with a day of activities that included the coronation of this year's homecoming king and queen. During half-time of the seniors vs staff flag football game, eight seniors selected to serve on the court came to the sidelines to be introduced. As the queen candidates stood together on one side of the track and the king candidates on the other, student council co-sponsor Allison Peterson announced Owen Christopher as this year's homecoming king. The announcement sent fellow candidate and senior class president Colin Hart jumping into the air over his excitement for his classmate who appeared a bit stunned at his selection. When it was announced that Kenadey Gremer was the student body's selection as queen, she raised her hands to her face and slowly made her way to the center of the track to receive her crown and sash as fellow candidates and the students watching from the stands cheered her on. Christopher and Gremer will reign throughout the week and ride in a place of honor at the school's inaugural homecoming parade. Members of the homecoming court are selected by the senior class and the king and queen are selected by a vote of the entire student body.



THE 2021-2022 Coal City High School homecoming court includes [from left] Lauren Ferrari, Nolan Berger, Maci Baldauf, king Owen Christopher, queen Kenadey Gremer, Colin Hart, Mackenzi Parks and Ashton Harvey.

Diamond's leaves can burn, Coal City's cannot

STAFF REPORT

As falling leaves pile up, the village of Coal City reminds residents the town code bans leaf and yard waste burning in most areas of the community between April 1 and November 30. So if you want to burn leaves in your yard it will have to wait until December 1.

Until then leaves can be placed in the provided yard waste totes and/or kraft bags to be left at the curb for pickup by the town's waste hauler.

Changes to the town's burning code were made in 2019 and prompted by a request from local residents who sought a community-wide ban on leaf burning. However, instead of a ban, the board made changes to extend non-burning times for an additional month. At the same time, it approved expanding the practice in selected zoning



RESIDENTS IN THE village of Diamond have until the end of November to legally burn their leaves, however Coal City residents can't light their piles of leaves until December 1. Until then, Coal City residents can place them in the yard waste totes that have been provided by the town's waste hauler. Residents in both communities also have the option of placing leaves in kraft bags to be left curbside for pickup.

areas—industrial, light industrial, agriculture, agriculture-residential and low density subdivisions like Prairie Oak Estates.

For the areas that fall within the five zoning classes, burning is allowed for nine months of the year, basically from Labor Day to Memorial

Day.

No matter the time frame there are rules that apply to all village residents who decide to set leaves afire.

- No fire can be lit for landscape waste burning from sunset to sunrise.
- Burning is prohibited when the wind is in excess of 10 mph.
- A fire extinguisher, garden hose or other water source must be available at the site and at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- Fires shall be completely out and not allowed to smolder after substantial completion of the combustion.

Burning is prohibited within 25 feet of any building, structure or property line. Open burning must be supervised by a person no less than 18 years of age, and landscape waste can only be burned on

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Still unresolved

Coal City awaits ICC ruling on rail crossing exemptions

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

The Union Pacific Railroad has no objection to exempting two of its crossings in the village of Coal City, but now the question turns to the company's willingness to permanently block rail access at those sites.

It was announced last month that the UP had no objection to declaring the rail crossings on Division Street [Route 113 at Second Avenue] and Fifth Avenue as exempt crossings. As a result commercial vehicles like semi-trucks carrying hazardous materials and school buses with children would no longer have to stop and check for on-coming rail traffic because there would be none coming through on that part of the line.

However, Coal City Village Attorney Mark Heinle reports it's "still unresolved."

As this newspaper has previously reported, the village partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation [IDOT] to petition the Illinois Commerce Commission [ICC] to declare the two crossings, along with a third at Spring Road exempt.

Given the railroad's position, the ICC was expected to issue an order last month that would declare the Division Street and Fifth Avenue crossings exempt. That did not happen.

"It went a little sideways at our hearing last week," Heinle told town trustees when they met on Sept. 22.

He shared that although the UP continues to agree to exempt the two crossings because they no longer utilize them, the ICC has preliminarily objected the petition.

The attorney shared that although the rail lines are not used, in the ICC's view there are no physical impediments that would prevent future use, meaning there are no breaks in the tracks or barriers installed that would block access.

So where things stand at this point, he said, "the UP has a few weeks to internally make some determination if they are willing to install the types of impediments or line breaks that would satisfy the ICC to move forward."

It's unclear if the UP would put forth the funding necessary to complete the measures the ICC is looking for prior to declaring the crossings exempt.

"I'll note I'm not unbelievably optimistic," Heinle said of that happening, "yet we will see where that goes."

A follow-up hearing on the petition for crossing exemption is slated for mid-October and that is when the attorney expects to hear from the UP on its willingness to participate at a level that would meet the ICC's requirements.

As for the Spring Road crossing, the village has indicated it would not fight back on an exemption at that location.

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OPTIMISTIC."

MARK HEINLE
VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Coalers starting a new homecoming tradition

Parade steps off at
2:30 p.m., Friday

STAFF REPORT

Everyone loves a parade, and this year's Coal City High School homecoming will include an array of student groups celebrating their Coaler spirit as they march their way down Broadway.

The school's inaugural homecoming parade will be held Friday stepping off at 2:30 p.m. from the intersection of North Broadway and McArdle Road [North Street]. The parade will make its way south on Broadway to Center Street—Campbell Memorial Park.

Unit 1 School Superintendent Dr. Kent Bugg will serve as parade marshal and the Marching Coaler and Marching Warrior bands will participate as will various high school clubs, organizations and athletic teams that are creating floats and organizing walking units. The school's homecoming king Owen Christopher, queen Kenadey Gremer and court will also

participate in the parade, as will members of the Unit 1 Board of Education. There are more than 20 units slated to participate.

In order for students and their families to participate in this new event, the district will dismiss school early on Friday. The first/last day schedule will be utilized, meaning high school students will be dismissed at 1:35 p.m., as will the elementary school. Coal City Early Childhood Center will dismiss at 1:15 p.m., intermediate school at 1:25 p.m. and middle school at 1:45 p.m.

The community is encouraged to take part in the homecoming celebration by lining Broadway to view the parade and then join the Coalers later that evening at Dzuris Athletic Stadium as the football team takes on Peotone. The parade will result in temporary, rolling road closures along the route and this includes the intersection of Broadway and Division Street.



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Coal City's Fall Fest success hopes to be repeated

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

Coal City's Fall Fest was so successful it looks to become an annual event in the village. After a couple of years without a community celebration in the downtown area, the Coal City Village Board teamed up with the Park Board and a number of local businesses to sponsor a festival that incorporated a number of activities

that had once been stand alone events. Prior to the reconstruction of South Broadway, which was marked with a ribbon cutting during the Sept. 18 festival, the town held Octoberfest, an event organized and run by members of the GFWC-IL Coal City Junior Woman's Club. The last Octoberfest in Coal City was held in 2018. Due to the road work, the woman's club relocated its fall festival to

Carbon Hill and gave it a new name—Heritage Day. However, due to a lack of vendors this year's event was canceled. The reconstruction of South Broadway, coupled with the pandemic, also put a number of events sponsored by the Park Board on hold for a couple of years. Looking to get back to some sort of community-wide festival, the Park Board decid-

ed to combine a few of its popular events into a single festival and it added in the official dedication of the road and an address by the mayor. Then others got involved and it proved successful not only for the village of Coal City, but the businesses and organizations that took part. The Crush Childhood Cancer 5K run/walk raised funds necessary for important childhood cancer research and

brought a number of people to the downtown to take part in all that was offered. "It was a great turnout," said Trustee Sara Beach, who chairs the town's Park Board. There was a car show, a band, a small vendor fair and activities for the kids. Everyone involved in the planning and execution of the day was pleased with how it turned out and have indicated it will become an annual event.

"Businesses wanted to be a part of it, so I think we have something to step forward with and it sounds like a lot more people want to step up and be a part of it so we will try to accommodate that for next year," said Matt Fritz, the village's administrator. "Thank you to everyone involved, I look forward to it again next year, time to start planning," Trustee Dave Spesia said.

Unit 1 Schools name Students of the Week



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Elementary School



LEO CHRISTENSEN
Elementary School



LIAM HOLLIS
Elementary School



COLIN SCHIMANDLE
Middle School



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Middle School



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Middle School



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Middle School



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Middle School



JACOB SHEEDY
Elementary School



BENTLEY PLOTTS
Elementary School

Burning

the property where it was created. The collection of yard waste by the town's waste hauler continues through the first week of pickup in December. As of Oct. 1 residents in the village of Diamond can burn leaves and related yard waste until the last day of November. Diamond also specifies the rules that come along with

being able to burn, such as the time of day—weekdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.—and only on the property where the yard waste was generated. While leaves can be burned, Diamond's code does not allow for the burning of grass clippings. Additionally, Diamond's code makes it clear there is to be no open burning of leaves, tree trimmings or branches within 48 hours after a rainfall of more than one-half inch of precipitation.

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Attorney Black files Wilhelmi estate claim notice

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Defendants,
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Exelon prepares for long term operations at Dresden

Energy legislation spurs Exelon to fill 650 jobs, invest in capital projects

Now that the Illinois General Assembly has passed sweeping clean energy legislation preserving its nuclear plants, Exelon Generation is filling 650 vacant positions across the state and jump-starting more than \$300 million in capital projects over the next five years at its Illinois nuclear stations.

The activities will prepare the Dresden and Byron Generating Stations for long term operations.

"With this landmark legislation in place, we are moving quickly to restaff and refuel all of our nuclear plants for 24/7 operation, producing carbon-free, baseload electricity for more

than 10 million homes and businesses," said Dave Rhoades, Exelon Generation's chief nuclear officer.

"These plants are not only important for the clean energy they produce, but they are massive economic engines for their local communities, contributing more than \$1.6 billion to Illinois' GDP each year."

Byron Station began refueling Unit 1 after Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the clean energy bill on Sept. 15.

While the nuclear support provision represents less than 20% of the cost of the overall legislation in the coming years, it has an outsized impact on the state's climate and economic goals. Saving the plants preserves two-thirds of the state's clean energy, avoids a 70% rise in emissions, protects 28,000 direct and indirect jobs, and prevents a \$480 million increase in annual energy prices for consumers.

Byron Station was set to close the day the

bill was passed by the Illinois House, Dresden slated to terminate operations in mid-November, and the company had indicated the Braidwood and LaSalle stations were also in jeopardy.

With the legislation taking effect, Exelon began preparations to refuel Dresden's Unit 2.

The refueling outage will occur in November, and the station has nearly \$170 million in capital projects planned over the next five years, including upgrades to six feedwater heat exchange vessels, significant refurbishment of a main generator, electrical component overhauls, replacement of closed cooling piping and revamping nuclear instrumentation circuit components.

Byron Station plans to invest more than \$140 million into the plant in the next five years on projects overhauling a main generator, replacing large transformers, upgrading a fiber optic control system and replacing various

pumps, motors and piping in the plant.

Most of the projects will occur during refueling outages starting next year by union personnel.

"Exelon refueling outages put thousands of people to work in Illinois, providing jobs to skilled local and regional union and tradespeople," said Terry McGoldrick, president and business manager of IBEW Local 15. "Keeping these plants open was the right decision, and I'm pleased the General Assembly made this investment in the future of our workforce, our communities and our nuclear plants."

Byron and Dresden will also soon begin the first of multiple new training classes for dozens of licensed operators who will become the next generation of employees operating the plants.

Exelon's Illinois nuclear fleet produces more than 50% percent of the state's electricity and nearly 90% of its carbon-free power.

Coaler staff earns bragging rights



Photo s by Ann Gill

HOMECOMING WEEK STARTED out with a back and forth battle between the seniors and staff on Monday, as the two groups took to the football field for bragging rights in the traditional flag football contest. Senior Colin Hart takes the ball on the run as his teammate Joe Albano attempts to fend off staffers Emily Kinzler and Ben Baer. The final score 35-28—high school staff.

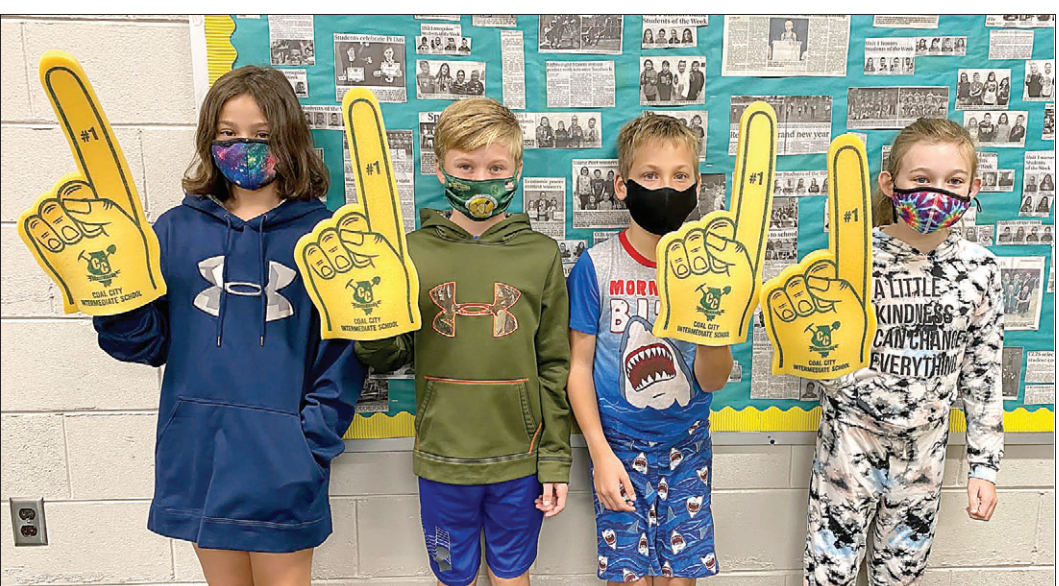


WITH HER FOCUS on the goal line Coal City High School senior Lauren Ferrari took the ball on the run, but she couldn't maneuver her way around faculty members Jeremy Unger and Joe Micetich.



COALER SENIOR MIA Rodriguez had her sights set on taking down Coaler football coach Francis Loughran, who quarterbacked the staff team to a 35-28 victory over the seniors in the homecoming flag football game on Monday afternoon.

CCIS Students of the Week



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL Students of the Week for Oct. 4 are (from left): Lily Miotk, Braxton Krause, Bode Kline and Kaylie Mauer.

September weather marks change of seasons

STAFF REPORT

September marks the change of seasons from summer to fall and locally it was characterized with a noticeable change in temperatures.

The monthly high temperature reached 92 degrees on Sunday, Sept. 19. Then came a 40-plus degree shift as the daily low temperature for the month was recorded just four days later (Sept. 23) at 49 degrees. The average daily temperature for the month was 70 degrees, an average of seven degrees cooler than the prior month and five degrees warmer than the same time one year earlier.

In its monthly climatological data summary, the Grundy County Emergency management Agency [GCEMA] reports the total rainfall for September, as recorded in Morris, was 1.96 inches. The highest 24-hour liquid precipitation was officially recorded at 1.20 inches on Sept. 7, however the total that fell in Coal City that day was 1.90 inches.

Total precipitation so far this year is 25.04 inches.

Best of show



Courtesy photo

OF ALL THE classic cars that lined South Broadway for the village of Coal City's recent car show, a shiny red corvette captured the attention of many who strolled along the street and one of them was the town's recently retired police chief Tom Best. As celebrity judge for the event, Best selected the unrestored 1966 Chevy owned Sherry Strappazon, of Coal City, as the best of show. Strappazon [center] is the original owner of the vehicle and she proudly displayed it during the village's Fall Fest car show on Sept. 18. Coal City Police chief Chris Harseim [left] and Coal City Trustee Dan Greggain [right] presented her with the award.

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Still need fossil fuels

COAL CITY—I read President Carter in 1979 set a goal of solar power constituting 20 percent of our country's energy by year 2000. Two decades after his deadline, solar still accounts for only 1.6 percent of American energy production. President Biden's first day in office canceled the Keystone XL Pipeline. Three months later Russian-based hackers shut down the Colonial Pipeline on the east coast and reminded everyone that the country is deeply dependent on fossil fuels for the foreseeable future. But fuel will cost more for sure as we now see at the pumps. When President Biden came into office we were finally energy independent yet his plan is to end the use of oil and natural gas. Somebody else needs to be our president.

The river ran dry

WILMINGTON—I hope every city alderman and the mayor read last week's Free Press Advocate about when we had the river dry up. That year, 1991, wasn't even the worst year for drought and still the river went dry. With all this talk about climate change and warming up, we're going to need that dam from here to Kankakee because that's exactly what the river will look like if they take that dam out. The city should leave the dam and make a concrete pier about 100 feet long like they have at Niagara Falls with handicapped access and then fence off access to everything downstream for 200 yards. That would satisfy everyone and prevent people from getting too close. Thanks Free Press for running that bit of history about when the river dried up. Maybe we need to educate ourselves even more before making a big decision about the dam.

Added to the dole

COAL CITY—Thanks Gov. Pritzker for inviting Afghan refugees into Chicago, 800 of them. Were they vaccinated, are they qualified to do any job? Do they speak English? How many children will be put in the Chicago school system? Where will they live or are they all on the dole like so many living in Chicago. Also how many illegal Haitians have been invited to Chicago? A recent peace rally for Haitians was held in Chicago after President Biden allowed 12,000 illegal Haitians that were sitting on our Texas border to be sent all over the U.S.A. Were all 12,000 vaccinated? 330 were pregnant women. President Biden and V.P. Harris' plan is to bring in more votes for the Democrat party; 208,000 illegals not Haitians, relocated across the country in August alone. We need another Governor.

Guess who pays

President Obama's presidential center had a ground breaking ceremony on South Side of Chicago to build his presidential library. He chose for the location, Jackson Park which is on the National Register of Historic places. After a four-year federal review process with legal battles with park preservationists and protests from neighborhood activists who feared the \$500 million library would replace black residents, guess who won? Guess who pays for all road construction?

We know better

SHADOW LAKES—I'm listening to the news about Biden's new spending bill. He and Pelozo say it will not cost the people anything. Obviously Democrats think the average American is pretty stupid. Because whatever the government spends we, the people, will be taxed in one form or another to pay it back. Biden and Pelozo and Schumer must really believe, along with all the other Democrats, that we people are stupid and they need to control us. My name is Dan Hill.

Mercy healing

BRAIDWOOD—Everyone remembers Sept. 11, 2001. It was a horrific tragedy which brought Americans together throughout the country to fight the common foe. But during the end of Trump's presidency more Americans died every single day than on 9/11. And why? Because Trump made the act of wearing a mask a sore point, a mark of division and a call to violence. May God have mercy on Trump's soul and may God heal the polarization causing sickness and death in our land. Renee K.

Ashamed to read

This is in regards to the Soundoff from Sept. 29th "Since Biden took over." The information source is from The Heritage Foundation newsletter. Is that where the Free Press gets their information? This is the kinda stuff that you're allowed to post in here? Chinese Communist Covid Pandemic, that's what this person put in there. I think you need to a little bit of editing Eric because this is some nonsense that you're letting be put in your paper. This is complete nonsense and not true at all. It's really a shame that you even let the ink hit the paper. I'm ashamed, for you.

Publisher's note: No sense feeling ashamed. I've never felt shamed at offering the community (which includes you) a forum to speak. Someone's submission to Sound-off isn't an endorsement of truth, it's an endorsement of the First Amendment.

The Fed's agenda

SHADOW LAKES—I'm wondering what people think about the Biden administration wanting the Fed's to know about every transaction \$600 or over for the American people? It used to be \$10,000. Now it's \$600. What is their agenda? Dan Hill.

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Trained to protect

MORRIS—This for the military genius in Wilmington. So if you would really like to discuss the job of the military then you must first become a part of the military because you cannot make the type of statement that you are making since you have a complete lack of knowledge about military training. You are taught in the military how to defend yourself so if you do enter a war zone you can come out alive. If you must kill someone to stay alive then it must only be done in defense of your life. Now you are saying that the job of the military was to kill in other countries into submission. You must be having delusions since that is not what you had previously said which was that the military was trained to kill people in their own country and what you did imply was that the veterans and military personnel were trained murderers to kill people in the U.S.A. You better get your facts straight before you make a bigger fool out or yourself. The objective of every military person is also to protect this nation from all forms of tyranny and to protect your right to talk stupid. So stop running your mouth with your brain in neutral.

Petition the railroad

BRAIDWOOD—I see that Gardner has now put a stop on the horns from these trains that are constantly going through here. Braceville did it a month ago. What in God's name is our mayor doing about these train whistles at four o'clock in the morning. Nobody can go around these gates anymore they'd have to crash through them. There's no reason why we should have to put up with these horns. If our mayor can't do anything but sit at a meeting and doodle on his paper, how about our administrator? Why isn't city hall petitioning the railroad to stop these horns? As a taxpayer in this city you people better wake up and hold these people more accountable because all they're doing is bleeding your tax dollars. That's all they're doing is padding their own pockets with whatever they can pass through.

Road repair needed

GODLEY—Who has responsibility for the horrible condition of Kankakee Street (County Line Road) running through the middle of Godley? Stand up and speak up.

Wake up Christians

WILMINGTON—Was it Christian behavior to bring slaves to this nation in order to make white people wealthy and in so doing cause suffering and death for the entire black race for hundreds of years? The Civil War tried to correct this, but freedoms and opportunities for blacks were soon removed by Jim Crow laws that created poverty by oppressive discrimination for 80 years. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 helped to make a difference but was eviscerated 8 years ago in 2013 by the Supreme Court thus allowing red states to once again hinder blacks from voting. How do Christians sit in church and listen to Jesus' word when such hatred exists? Aren't they aware of what's going on today? Kate L.

History equals revenue

WILMINGTON—Towns try to look good to bring dollars into the city and make living here very special. Wildlife and nature, bird watching are big draws for this town. Why risk losing so many things and remove the dam? Even the stone filled idea takes away from many awesome features of the dam. How many family pictures were taken with the dam in the background? Who is going to take pictures of nothing left? Don't fool with mother nature. Don't fool with revenues. New businesses opening up need to survive even through Covid. Help the town's businesses. If the city council votes to hand it over, we need to place their family name on signs everywhere in town so we will know who to blame. Shame on you. Nobody enforces the sign ordinances so they will be up for years. N.E.W.

What a joke

SHADOW LAKES—The Great White leader (term used to make deals with the American Indian, and then stick it to them) in Washington just made a joke and really made me laugh. He wants to give away \$3.5 trillion, and he said it is not going to cost me a penny. His quote, "the rich are going to pay for it. Anybody making less than \$400,000 is not going to pay." I can't stop laughing, I have listened to that for the last 60 years. Please, President Biden, tell me another joke so I can laugh some more. Margot Lane

An economic disaster

BRAIDWOOD—The Dems in the House of Representatives have a 2,500 page bill they are trying to shove through. This bill will turn our country into a socialist country. The Dems want \$5 trillion for mostly social programs. This is on top of the \$6 trillion already passed. When you spend this amount of money and increase taxes to pay for it the end result is suppression of the economy. It is an economic disaster. There is no reason to raise the debt ceiling. Our government takes in \$320 billion per month. Of that amount \$44 billion goes for government debt. The rest per Article 14 of the Constitution is for entitlement programs including pensions. The rest is for government spending and programs. This means that Social Security checks will keep coming and the government debt will keep being paid. What the Dems want is big money for future programs. Yes, raise your taxes and then give you money



back in the form of entitlements so you and future generations will be forever dependent on the government. This is socialism. It failed in Europe, the UK, Cuba, Venezuela. Why would we want this here? It's called an infrastructure bill but very little is going for real infrastructure. Most is going for social programs. We have enough of that already. People need to go back to work and earn their benefits.

It's not right

SHADOW LAKES—Last month Biden let over 10,000 unvaccinated illegals into our country with a promise to come back. Panama has warned that up to 60,000 more are coming. Will Biden stop them? No, not without the help of Democrat voters saying enough is enough. Fentanyl deaths are up 30 percent this year. It's made in China, shipped to Mexico and comes across our open borders. China killed our old with the virus and now our young with drugs, but no one stops them. You know inside this is not right. Put America before politics before it's too late. Eddie

It's the cruelty

COAL CITY—It's a fact that Republicans vote against the things that help the middle class and vote in favor of things that reward the super wealthy. During the Trump administration \$8 trillion of national debt was piled up by giving tax breaks to the rich. For Trump, cruelty to everyday people is the point no matter how expensive the cruelty is. Kurt K.

The other view

SHADOW LAKES—In response to "It Divides Us." First of all, no one cares if you do not renew your subscription. Are there programs on television you do not care for? What did you do to get rid of your TV? I can not speak for Dan Hill or others. I try to present a view, on what I read or see in the news, the other view. I try to present the truth. I, for one, do not intend to change anyone's mind. Perhaps you would like to believe you live in a La-La land. Kudos to the person who found info from "Heritage Foundation Newsletter." There are thinkers out there. Here is one for you, Mr. It Divides Us, "Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen calls for a permanent end to the debt limit." Do you realize what this would do to our money system and the country? Or don't you care? Margot Lane

I have a dream

WILMINGTON—I have a dream of an America subdivided into those that hate and those that don't. Red states should be designated for hostility, the blue states for cooperation and coexistence and I will choose to live in the latter. As it is now, I shut out all my Republican friends and avoid all my Republican relatives because their complaints are shrill as they screech and howl. It would be so much easier if these bitter, spiteful people would live elsewhere. It's sad that this is what Republicans have wrought. Brian V.

Keeping the power

WILMINGTON—We saw irrational hatred toward President Obama due to resentment of his intelligence, compassion and impeccable character. Likewise the riots against the thriving and prosperous black community of Greenwood, OK in 1921 was due to backlash by jealous white neighbors. And it's a fact of history that immediately after the Civil War, the accomplishments of freed slaves were significant at first but were soon stifled by the white establishment through Jim Crow laws. In other words, whites are not inherently supreme but keep themselves on top by holding others down. Ralph D.

The virus excuse

WILMINGTON—Have you noticed that since the Democrats have taken power that everything is the virus' fault? The crime rate is up over 30 percent and it's not the defund the police, it's the virus. Inflation - the virus, food shortages - the virus, drug overdose - the virus, illegals - the virus. Harry Truman, a Democrat, said the buck stops here. Leaders take responsibility not pass the buck. Eddie

22,000 coming

MORRIS—October chaos in Del Rio, TX at

the Haitian migrant camp on US/Mexico border had become the biggest migration surge in 20-plus years. The Biden Administration granted temporary protected status for 150,000 Haitians already in the USA in May 2021. What few Haitians who were deported arrived in Del Rio after years of living in South America. Twelve to fifteen thousand were shipped out all over the USA. The reality is of our porous borders may offend liberals in the Democrat party but pretending America can shrink the moral burden of enforcing the law is a 'recipe for disaster.' Twenty-two thousand Haitian, South Americans and Africans are now in Columbia on their way to the U.S. thanks President Biden and Vice President Harris for open borders. Especially Harris since she was put in charge of the border crisis. Poor choice.

You will pay

MORRIS—The Democrat Party is attempting to pass a bill 2,500 pages long that none of the members of Congress have read, nor have the faintest idea what is in the bill. Whenever you're told it's for free that's a big lie. Somebody pays maybe you.

A senseless burden

WILMINGTON—There's an editorial in the Kankakee Daily Journal called Banks oppose Biden's new proposal on IRS reporting. A proposal being pushed by the Biden Administration would require banks and other financial institutions to report to the IRS any deposits or withdrawals totaling more than \$600 annually to or from all business and personal accounts. Tax evasion is part of the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package under consideration by Congress. The American Bankers Association, along with more than 40 businesses and financial groups, sent a letter to Pelosi objecting to the proposal. Almost every banking transaction and even transfers between one's accounts would be reported to the IRS. Banks already report a tremendous amount of data to other IRS on all 5,000 community banks in the US. The provision is a violation of Americans Privacy Rights and would be a crushing burden on community banks and credit unions struggling in the midst of the pandemic. It's a "dragnet."

In Washington, D.C.

COAL CITY—Our leaders in Washington, D.C. have decided to raise taxes on business which will result in a raise in the prices of every item purchased. And now all the migrants are going to receive everything free which includes housing and clothes. But all our leaders have to say these things is that everyone must pay their fair share and we must help the less fortunate. All this talk does not help those living on the streets while after the constant talk by our president that everyone must pay their fair share. It was on the news that our president owes \$500,000 in back taxes. It would be interesting to know the taxes of all of our elected officials and to learn how they acquire all their money or how a Congresswoman can afford to pay to go to a fundraiser of \$30,000 a plate dinner. Public servants could not afford to pay the price unless it was a gift for future favor. All the criminals are not in jail, they work in Washington, D.C.

Live as one

Correction: John Lennon would be rolling over in his grave. "Imagine" was not a Beatles song. Richard Nixon and other Republicans tried having John deported.

Would like to know

SHADOW LAKES—I'd like to know where are Benny and Penny Lane, who I think are B.S. and the Wiedners and the Dahlikes about what's going on today with Biden the Alzheimer patient. And Obama really is running the country as we all do know. What about this young marine that carried and took a baby over the fence in Kabul who attended a Trump rally and now he's being investigated. Why should he be investigated? Can any of the former names that I just named answer that? Because I would really like to know, of course you can't commit yourselves. Dan Hill

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Madison Latham and Joseph Kerulis

Kerulis, Latham to wed Oct. 9

Madison Latham, of Pinson, AL and Joseph Kerulis, of Wilmington will be united in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, 4:30 p.m. at Region's Field in Birmingham, AL.

Parents of the bride-elect are Sharson and Michael Latham, of Tennessee. Parents of the future groom are Mary and John Kerulis, of Wilmington.

Madison is a graduate of St. George's Independent High School and Auburn University College. She is employed by Altec, Inc.

Joseph is a graduate of Wilmington High School and University of Alabama at Birmingham College. He is employed by Devin Cahn Associates.



Lissys to celebrate 60th anniversary

Ray and Kathy Lissy will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 14, 2021. Ray and the former Kathy Galbraith were married in Assumption Church in Coal City.

They are the parents of two children, Bonnie (Steve) Raulerson and David (deceased). They also have one granddaughter, Lane Payton.

A small family gathering is planned.



First Presbyterian plans memorial celebration

Members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church, Van Buren and Kankakee St., of Wilmington are invited to a special memorial celebration at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church will be unveiling a beautiful memorial plaque of past members as a celebration of contributions from the church and its friends during the last several years.

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Celebrating 12 years of hope

TaTa Trot supports breast cancer fighters, survivors

STAFF REPORT

The 12th annual TaTa Trot steps off from Carbon Hill Park on Sunday morning with dozens of runners and walkers coming together to support a great cause—breast cancer awareness, support and prevention.

The Oct. 10 event will serve to raise funds for the Riverside Cancer Institute

through support of the Riverside Medical Foundation.

Each year, TaTa Trot organizers work to generate funds through the 5K run/walk and other fundraising events to support the work taking place at the medical center.

This year's run/walk will get underway at 10:15 a.m., from Carbon Hill Park, 800 W. Lacy St. Same day registration is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and continues until 9:30 a.m.

New to the event is a free

kids fun run scheduled from 9:35-10 a.m. at the park. The kids event, organized by Rodney Monbrum, is open to children ages 3-12 and each participant will receive a medal and certificate.

The TaTa Trot organization was established a dozen years ago by a group of local women who know all too well that the fight against breast cancer is waged every day. Since then the organization has remained true to its mission and in the process raised thousands of dollars to sup-

port the fight.

Members of Coal City High School's Footnotes show-choir will participate in pre-race activities that will also serve to honor those who have won the fight and encourage those who are in the midst of battle.

An estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed this year in women and 2,650 cases in men. Along with a 49,290 cases on non-invasive breast cancer.

Playing in the park



COAL CITY HIGH School Theatre Department is taking its fall play on the road and will present its production of the classic tale *Alice in Wonderland* on the outdoor stage created in Carbon Hill Park. Join [from left] Landen Selio as the Mad Hatter, the Hare played by Stephen Byers and Derek Carlson as the Cheshire Cat as they share the story of Alice's adventures in wonderland. Shows are Oct. 14 and Oct. 16-17 at 7 p.m. Advanced tickets for general admission seating are available at bit.ly/CCTDTickets. Those attending need to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

Dearth joins Morris Hospital cardiology practice

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers has expanded its cardiology services with the addition of a board-certified nurse practitioner.

Alyssa Dearth, F.N.P.-B.C., has joined cardiologists Dr. Syed Ahmed, Dr. Mary Gordon and Dr. Athar Saeed with the Morris Hospital Cardiovascular Specialists. She works closely with all three doctors and sees patients out of the practice's Morris and Channahon offices, increasing patient access for all providers. She assists in the treatment of cardiovascular disorders including heart disease, blood pressure management, heart failure, circulation problems of the lower extremity, cholesterol management and more.

"All three doctors are very hard working and very passionate about what they do," Dearth says. "Together, we are just trying to improve the health of the community as best we can."

Bringing more than 13 years of nursing experience, Dearth has a diverse background in cardiac electrophysiology, interventional radiology and neurology. She worked for seven years as an advanced

practice nurse in cardiac electrophysiology and gained specialized knowledge in pacemakers, defibrillators, arrhythmias, atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter. Dearth acquired her master's degree in nursing from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, and she received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Lakeview College of Nursing in Charleston, IL. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Born in Winfield and raised in Lombard, Dearth moved to Morris with her husband about two years ago. It wasn't long before she became a fan of the local hospital.

"I've had some experiences here at Morris Hospital with my children, which have been wonderful," Dearth says. "I just knew that I wanted to work for the organization. So when this popped up, it was the perfect opportunity."

The Morris Hospital Cardiovascular Specialists has four convenient locations, including offices at 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon; 101 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight; 151 W. High St., Morris, and 1300 Starfire Dr., Ottawa. For more information visit morrishospital.org/cvspecialists.

Illinois Valley Area of NA to host meetings

The Illinois Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous holds meetings Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays for anyone who needs help coping with drug abuse.

On Tuesdays, "Fight for life" meeting can be found in Coal City at the United Methodist Church on 6805 E. McArdle Rd., from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On Wednesdays, "Working the steps" meeting is in Channahon at the United Methodist Church, on 24751 W. Eames St. The meeting is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday's meeting is "Making amends" and will be located at the United Methodist Church in Coal City. Meeting times are 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

AA meetings at Masonic Lodge

The Wilmington Masonic Lodge at 311 N. Main St., offers Alcoholic Anonymous meetings on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Anyone seeking more information can contact George Roesel at 815-509-7001

Wilmington Soccer Club results

The Wilmington soccer club had some exciting games the last two weeks.

On Saturday, the club played against other Wilmington teams and had a ball doing it.

In the six and under division, Wilmo U6-2 used a seven-goal effort to fly by Wilmo U6-1, 7-1.

J. Dean, B. Hess and M. Campbell all scored two goals while S. Campbell added another for U6-2. S. Campbell scored for U6-1.

In the eight and under division, Wilmo U8-1 squeaked by U8-2, 3-2.

E. Langusch scored two goals while A. Chandler added the other for the winning team. B. Van Duyne scored both goals for U8-2.

In the 10 and under division, Wilmo U10-2 beat U10-1 by three, 5-2.

L. Sukley picked up the hat trick while C. Cavenaile added two other goals.

E. Corlett and E. VanDuyne scored for U10-1.

In the 12 and under division, U12-2 scored three goals to beat U12-1, 3-1. C. Hincherrick, P. Pet and Coleman Cavenaile scored the goals for the winners. C. Rabideau knocked in a goal for U12-1.

Sept. 25

In the six and under division, the U6-2 team beat Reed-Custer, 5-3 with B. Hess having two goals. V. Allen, E. Labanowski and M. Campbell added the other goals.

U6-1 beat Reed-Custer 3-2 with B. Bailey scoring two goals and G. Cary the other.

In their second match of the day, U6-2 beat Reed-Custer 3-2. Campbell had two goals with Hess adding another.

In the eight and under division, A. Chandler helped U8-1 tie with Reed-Custer 2-2 with both goals.

The U8-2 team fell to Reed-Custer 4-2 as B. Van

Duyne and U. Sanchez had the goals.

The U8-1 team beat Reed-Custer 2-1 to end eight and under action. N. Hansen and Chandler had the goals.

In U10 action, E. VanDuyne's hat trick helped U10-1 but they were unable to keep up with Reed-Custer in a 6-4 loss. E. Corlett scored the other goal.

The U10-2 team beat Reed-Custer 4-0 behind two goals from C. Cavenaile and a goal each from R. Sukley and L. Sukley.

In the 12-14 division, it was Caden Cavenaile who scored two goals to help U12-2 shutout R-C 6-0. P. Pet, C. Hincherrick, J. VanDuyne and Coleman Cavenaile added the other goals.

In U12-1 action, J. Mitchell and C. Hincherrick scored goals but it was not enough to beat Reed-Custer, 6-2.

F/S 'Cats keep their record perfect

The Wilmington fresh-soph football team improved to 6-0 with a 53-7 victory over Reed-Custer on Friday.

Running backs Kyle Farrell and Hunter Osipavicius ran in three touchdowns each for the Wildcats while the defense contained the visiting Comets to just one score.

Farrell finished with over 11 yards per carry as he racked up 188 yards in 17 attempts.

Osipavicius finished with 102 yards in seven carries for a 12.8 yard per attempt average.

Also rushing for the 'Cats were Franco Guajardo with 21 yards, Drew Jackson - 3 for 15, 5.0 avg. Shawn James - 3 for 7 yards and Joey Van Duyne - 3 for 6 yards including a touchdown.

Guajardo led the Wildcat defense with 4 solo tackles. Joseph Allgood recorded 3 solo

tackles including a sack while Peter Rampa had solid tackles, 1 TFL and a fumble recovery.

Joey Cortese really helped out with 3 solo tackles and a safety while Matt Swisher had 2 solo tackles and Austin Olsen 2 solo tackles and a safety.

Place kicker Reid Juster was 7 for 7 on PAT kicks.

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Howling coyote wins Midewin contest

A coyote releasing an emotion-filled howl on the Henslow Trail; a brave wolf spider carrying 100 of her babies on her back; stunning barred owls; and more photos highlight life at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in the “Woodsy Owl & Friends” 50th Birthday Photo Challenge.

Carl Pixel won the photo challenge with his photo of a howling coyote on the Henslow Trail near Wilmington.

“When I first saw this photograph, it just filled me with a lot of joy,” said USDA Forest Service Eastern Region Forester Gina Owens. “There is so much action and heart in the picture. What a great job and a stunning photograph.”

Owens announced the winning photo during a special webinar on Sept. 15 celebrating Woodsy Owl’s 50th birthday. Special guests from throughout the United States announced category finalists.

“A very special milestone in natural resources history has brought us together here tonight,” said Midewin Prairie Supervisor Wade Spang. “Fifty years ago, today, on September

15, 1971, Woodsy Owl said for the first time: ‘Give a hoot, don’t pollute.’ Throughout the years, Woodsy Owl has shared more messages that continue to inspire and keep us motivated to be good stewards. ‘Lend a hand, care for the land’ are Woodsy Owl’s words of wisdom that are as important as ever here, where over 275 different species of native Illinois prairie plants are involved in the prairie restoration process.”

A review panel of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie volunteers spent several weeks looking at photo submissions to determine the overall winner of the contest and finalists in five categories. The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Volunteer program is managed through a USDA Forest Service partnership agreement with The Nature Conservancy.

“I am very excited. I did not expect to win,” Pixel said. “When I took the photo of the coyote, it was in August, at around 7:30 p.m. I was already leaving when I heard commotion about 100 yards away from me on the trail. He just started howling. It was a little

dark, so I was keeping my distance. As quickly as I could, I pulled out my camera and knelt on the ground and took three or four photos.

Pixel’s photo faced a tie at first with the wolf spider photo, which was taken by William Shea at the River Road Seedbeds at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

“It was a ‘right place at the right time’ kind of thing,” Shea said. “I just happened to come upon the wolf spider. I’ve seen wolf spiders carry their babies before, but not that many at a time, so that was a special treat!”

In this golden anniversary year for Woodsy Owl, a special category in the photo challenge was dedicated to owls. Several photos featured barred owls and short-eared owls. Monika Bobek’s photo of a barred owl was determined as the finalist in the Owls category.

“I discovered Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie two years ago, and I really spend a lot of time there,” Bobek said. “I can hike hours and hours. I found a family of barred owls accidentally on a very gloomy winter day, and since then we have really spent a lot of time together. They are always there; if I don’t see them, I hear them. Last spring, I was even honored to see their owlet; it was really a touching and priceless experience.”

Other winning photos and finalists in each category:

Sunrises and Sunsets: Henslow Bridge at Sunrise by Barbara Parisi

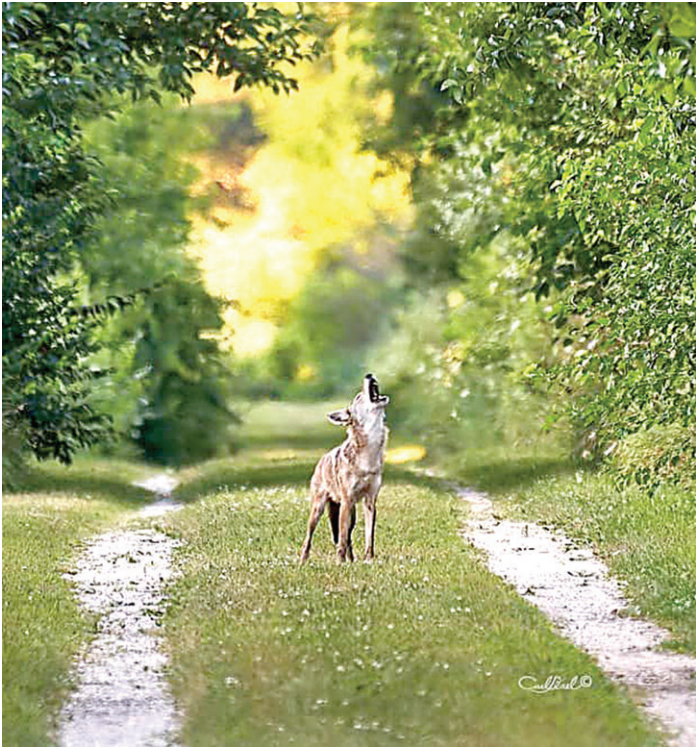
Native Illinois Prairie Plants: Yellow Coneflower and Bergamot by Janet R. Lyons

Wildlife: Wolf Spider on Milkweed by William Shea-tied for overall winning photo

Photos by Kids: Blue Lobelia and Lilly Pads on A Pond (tied) by Grace and Olivia Thompson

Photos that were entered into the contest will be featured in the 2022 Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Conservation Education Guide. The howling coyote photo will be featured on the cover.

View the photos from the contest, here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/193983156@N07/albums/72157719890484716>.



A COYOTE HOWLS on the Henslow Trail at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. The photo, by Carl Pixel, was selected by a review panel of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie volunteers as the overall winning photo in the “Woodsy Owl & Friends” 50th Birthday Photo Contest that Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie hosted this summer.

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COAL CITY'S Nick Latta (77), Jack Poyner (4), Abram Wills (17) and Tyler Hennings lead the Coalers out of the helmet and onto the field during a recent home game. The Coalers will be hosting Peotone on Friday for the homecoming contest. Varsity game time is set for 7 p.m.

Photo by Shawn Long



THE COAL CITY varsity girls volleyball team consists of 15 players. The Lady Coalers are (from left, sitting) Maci Baldauf, Macaya Garner, Addyson Mellen and Lynzie Norris. Middle row: Nyah Planeta, Carley Morris, Grace Norris, Addison Gagliardo and Lauren Ferrari. Standing are Addyson Waliczek, Courtney Meyer, Mia Rodriguez, Bella Veraveic, Katelyn Norris and Gwendolyn Wharrie. They're coached by Pam McMurtrey and Michelle Painter.



THE COAL CITY boys soccer team features an 18-man roster. The Varsity Coalers are (from left, front) Gavin Chernesky, Craig Alstott, Colin Hart, Caleb Figueroa and Nathan P. Elberts. Second row: Shpetim Shabani, Alexander Baudino, Jackson Wilcock, Charles Maland, Carter Nelson, Luke Hawkins, Dylan Hunter and Dylan Ludes. Standing are coach Steven McCleary, Chad Reinert, Jacob Echevarria, Owen Christopher, Gavin Brewick, Christian Micetich and coach Todd Painter.

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THE COAL CITY marching band includes (from left, front) Shana Kelly, Shaella O'Keefe, Kylee Schwer, Eli Fritz, Dom Cimino, Sammy Thackeray, Chad Reinert, Collin Leroy, Tyler Jackson, Aiden Kostbade, Mayson Wontroba, Vince Mugnolo and Chloe Peacock. Second row: Christina Morales, Kerry Van der Karr, Halie Foster, Kylee Jones, Molly Ramsden, Ava Meyer, Shaun Polarek, Adehlia Rivera, Maddy Wilson and Ali Hausman. Third row: Collin Dames, Melody Kinder, Heather Kroger, Chessa Kuhel, Delaney Peacock, Kayla Connelly and Amelia Fritz. Fourth row: Cyris Hull, Derek Berglund, Caleb Kuhel, Jerry Carlson, Lexi Higgins-Weatherhead and Zech Abbott. Back row: Director Hope Connelly, Hunter Patterson, Izzy Kostbade, August Burns, Bradley Burla and Kyle Foster.



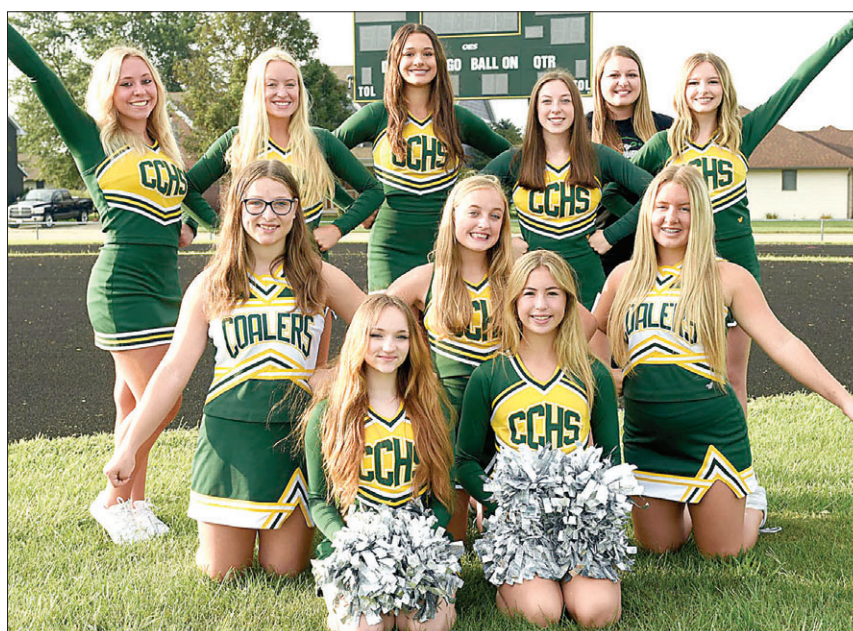
THE COAL CITY golf team had 20 golfers start the season. Members include (from left, front) Dakota Clubb, Jack Varnek, Will McCardle, Bradley Burla, Buddy Widlowski, Ethan Bach, Hunter Nettles, Culan Lindemuth and Reagan Sandeno. Standing are Dylan Brown, Ryne Phelan, Aiden Hansen, Chris Lasiter, Jerry Carlson, Logan Hawkins, Luke Crater, Ryland Megyeri, Griffin Winke, Trevor Perino and Blaine Doss.



Team photos for Football and Tennis were not available.

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REAL ESTATE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 612-14 S. EAST STREET, WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS, IL 60481 (2 single family apartments in the Building). On the 14th day of October, 2021 to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: LINCOLNWAY COMMUNITY BANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION Plaintiff V. MARK R. RAMSEY, TRAVIS DUKES, THOMAS DURNING, JIMMY HARRIS, ALEXA HARRIS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SABRE INVESTMENT LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OLD SCHOOL INVESTMENTS LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant. Case No. 20 CH 0579 in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited

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Pork roast dinner set for Oct. 16

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The menu will include pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans, cole slaw, bread, homemade desserts and beverages. Carry-outs will be available.

The coast is a free-will offering that will benefit local charities. The community is invited to attend.

Our Caring Closet will hold a silent auction at the event.

First United Methodist Church is located at 401 E. Kahler Road in Wilmington.

State offering help in finding unclaimed life insurance benefits

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"We want to make it as easy as possible for Illinoisans to find unclaimed benefits, so grieving families don't miss out on the financial assistance that life insurance proceeds can provide," said IDOI Acting Director Dana Popish Severinghaus.

In Illinois, insurance companies are required to attempt to locate the beneficiaries of deceased policy-

holders when life insurance proceeds remain unpaid. IDOI helps consumers start the search on their own.

Here in Illinois, people can check for unclaimed life insurance policies at these sites:

- IDOI: <<https://insurance.illinois.gov/Applications/LifePolicyLocator>

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- Life Insurance Policy Locator: <<https://eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator/#/welcome>

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Grace Lutheran starts suicide support group

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The Foundation wishes to extend a very hearty thank you to Oak Knoll Financial Strategies for all of our prize monies. Big thanks to businesses who sponsored a hole and team(s). They were O'Dekirk, Allred, & Associates, LLC., US Cold Storage, Warren's Collision, Elens & Maichin Roofing and Sheet Metal, and Kuyper Brother's Construction. Other hole sponsors were Clennon Electric, Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, D Construction, Inc., Stumm Insurance, LLC, Mancuso Concrete, DesRochers Backyard Pools, Pro Real Estate, Inc., Loyal Order of the Moose, Symerton Tap and Grill, D'Orazio Ford, Nelly's and Rt. 66 Old School Brewing, Klein, Thorpe, and Jenkins Law Firm, Baskerville Funeral Home, The Flower Loft, Ritchie Grain Elevator, Tuffy's Lounge, Bob Bolser Country Companies, TJ Hansen Country Companies, Professional Benefits Association, The Wilmington City Council, and Healy-Bender Architecture.

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Special shout out to our event photographer, Heidi Kreitz Photography, for our team pictures and golfer candids.

In addition, we also wish to thank the current Foundation Directors who helped organize and work the outing as well as our volunteers of the day who contributed to its success: Tina Brownlee, Lisa Holmes, Kathy Daniels, Stacie O'Brien, Ashlee Geiss, Caitlin Davenport, Clara Smith, and WHS National Honor Society members, Tysen Meents and Chandler Wuchter. Special thanks to Mark and the staff at Cinder Ridge Golf Course. We couldn't have done it without you!

Finally, and foremost, the Foundation extends a profound thank you to the Wilmington community for their support and generosity towards our scholarship program throughout the year, and Wilmington School District 209U for their continued support.



Commentary Why we need a community forum

BY BRIAN J. ALLFREY

I am not sure what I expected our country to look like in 2021, but I certainly did not expect it to be so fractured and so bogged down in hate.

My oldest son was a year old on Sept. 11, 2001. The wave of patriotism following that day gave me hope for the America that my kids would inherit.

Fast forward 20 years, and that hope has been overtaken by fear. Fear that our country has become so polarized on every issue that it may not survive.

In 1858, Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand". Never in America's history has this quote been truer. In 1858, Lincoln spoke about the divide between free states and slave states.

In 2021, America is divided on a multitude of issues, and most of our society is determined to expand that divide rather than close the gap. We have technology and media platforms that not only created this divide but continue to drive a wedge between us. These concerns are a driving force behind the theme of National Newspaper Week -- The Community Forum, newspapers as the foundation of our communities. Let me explain the problem and then offer a solution.

We are polarized on every issue because of the information that we consume every day. We have completely lost our ability to see another point of view. We no longer accept differences of opinion, debate, disagreement, or dissent. Any division in thought is met with anger and hatred. This is in complete violation of the concepts that created America.

America was founded on the ideals of freedom, tolerance, and acceptance. All men were created equal with fundamental rights. People of

diverse backgrounds and beliefs worked together to frame these ideas into a new country with liberty and justice for all. They compromised for the betterment of everyone.

Now, we all know our country is not perfect. It never has been and never will be. These ideals have not always applied to everyone, but the beauty of our country is that it should continue to evolve. America is a concept, a target for which we are striving. Unfortunately, it feels like we are as far away from the target, as far from a perfect system, as we have ever been.

The question for all of us is, how did we get here, and how we evolve.

The 1980's gave birth to the 24-hour news networks. These "news" networks have become Entertainment TV Programming with multiple networks now fighting for viewers, ratings, and advertising dollars. They each appeal to a subset of viewers with a distinct political leaning.

Their programming has little reporting of the actual news, focused mostly on commentary, feeding their viewers what they want to see and hear. These networks have become 100% entertainment losing all their journalistic integrity. They feed us the information that they want us to have, and most of us are unaware that we are consuming propaganda rather than facts.

The 2000's saw the advent of social media networks, heralded as a breakthrough in human interaction and communication. With a mouse click, or swipe, you can connect with anyone, or any group, anywhere in the world. This modern technology has changed how we live and communicate. Unfortunately, it is being used to further the divide of the American public.

Social networks work on algorithms designed to show you things in which you are interested, which explains why they are so entertaining and addicting. However, many entities are exploiting these platforms to divide us.

Social Media has moved beyond connecting people to the single most polarizing platform in this country. Think about the negativity, hate, fear and bullying in your feed. No matter the subject, people are attacking each other in the most vile, evil ways.

There is no discussion or civil discord, just polarized ideas of right and wrong. We say things to each other that we would never say to someone's face. We treat each other without dignity or class. The technology and platforms that we entertain ourselves with are destroying the fabric of our society.

The very nature of social media is to connect people with shared interests, and on the surface, seems great. However, it connects people with like interests regardless of whether those interests are positive or negative. Social media platforms become an echo chamber of people sharing the same beliefs and same fears, regardless of what those are.

Ted Kaczynski (The Unabomber) was one man, working alone. In 2021, he would be part of an extremist social media group, spreading his thoughts and feeding off the radicalism of others in a virtual mob effect.

We need to get back to being civil with one another, treating each other with dignity. We need to listen to others viewpoint. We will not always agree, but we do not have to. Differences of opinion are not bad. There can be truth on both sides of an argument.

For example, masks are a huge argument across our communities right now. Is it possible that both sides could be correct in parts of their argument? Could it be that masks may help slow the spread of disease, but at the same be detrimental to students learning? The issue is very rarely black and white but usually in the grey area between. We need to understand that both sides of an argument can be correct and

stop fighting, hating, and bullying those that disagree with us.

The first step is in our own mind. We must look at the media and propaganda we are consuming. Our minds are consuming these ideas of hatred and polarization. We need to move towards civil discussion and treating everyone with respect. To do this, we must regulate our media intake. We must turn away from the ideological echo chamber of "news" entertainment and social media around us. Open minded people are bad for business for media outlets or social media groups pushing a certain agenda.

We need a new COMMUNITY FORUM for news, entertainment, and connection with our community.

Every night, Walter Cronkite told you what had happened that day. He did not give you his opinion, he gave you facts. We need the facts about what is going on in our community, and we can only get that in our local newspaper.

Newspapers are embedded in the community. Local news has a much bigger impact in your day-to-day life than national/regional news. City Council, zoning, school board, local elections all have profound effect on our daily life. Engaging with our local newspaper makes our community better. Attend town halls and community events. Help hold our local elected officials accountable.

Local newspapers are the original community forum, disseminating essential information, holding government accountable and engaging the community in civil discourse.

We can ignite a wave of change, but we must start local. Our government and leaders reflect our values. If we want them to change, we must change. Be part of the Community Forum.

Subscribe to your local newspaper today, in print or online. Support Local Journalism, engage in activities that build up your communities.

Brian J. Allfrey - Executive Director, Utah Press Association. He commentary is being shared in newspapers across the nation as part of National Newspaper Week.

Gas prices on the high side as demand grows

Illinois gas prices have risen 5.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.32/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

Gas prices in Illinois are 2.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.09/g higher than a year ago.

"We've seen very little overall movement in gas prices over the last week with prices remaining near their 2021 highs as crude oil prices remain well above \$70 on sup-

ply concerns and strong global demand," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois is priced at \$2.87/g while the most expensive is \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.12/g. The national average price is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$3.18/g. The national average stands \$1.01/g higher than a year ago.

"With energy in high demand ahead of the winter heating season and a surge in global demand due to COVID-induced imbalances, we're not likely to see a meaningful decline at the pump any time soon, but unfortunately, could see prices holding near these levels for the next few weeks."

Circle jam set for Oct. 9

There will be a circle jam on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the hall under the water tower at the Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee Street, Godley.

Bring your instrument and play, sing or just enjoy.

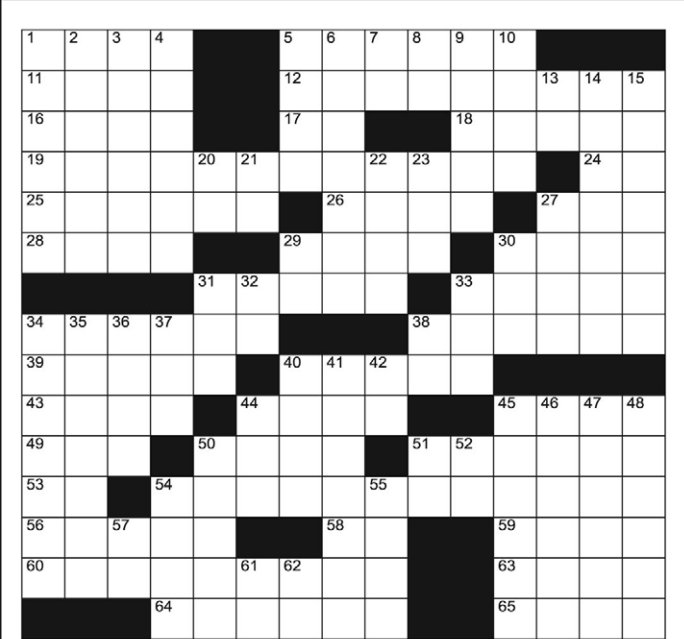
The free event is open to everyone including musicians and listeners. Donations will be accepted.

For more information call Randy Kieffling at 815-237-8139.

Spooky Scavenger Hunt

Wear your favorite costume and search for spooktacular items during the Will County Forest Preserve District's "Spooky Scavenger Hunt" in McKinley Woods, Channahon, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesdays - Saturdays, and noon - 4 p.m. Sundays, now through Oct. 31.

Some items may be natural, while some may be SUPER-natural! Stop by the Four Rivers Environmental Education Center to get a map of the route and a list of items, free, for all ages.



- CLUES ACROSS**

 - Leg shank
 - A way to recognize
 - "VeggieTales" character
 - Getting out of by cunning
 - Mythological mountain
 - Atomic #18
 - Viscous liquid
 - 2010 Denzel film
 - 12th star in a constellation
 - Made better
 - Pouches
 - Nervous twitch
 - This (Spanish)
 - Tennis legend Bjorn
 - Hand (Spanish)
 - Afrikaans
 - Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
 - Treated with kid gloves
 - Leaseholder
 - Frogs, toads, tree toads
 - Popular dance
 - Sailing maneuver: tack & _
 - Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
 - Mark
 - Health insurance
 - Custom clothing brand
 - One who makes suits
 - Execute or perform
 - Degree of pleasantness when tasting
 - Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
 - Blood group
 - Imaginary line
 - Hopeless
 - Darken
 - Spoke
 - Work units
- CLUES DOWN**

 - A way to fit out
 - Football carries
 - Force out
 - Maintaining equilibrium
 - Sealed with a kiss
 - Type of container
 - Hollywood
 - We
 - Small freshwater ducks
 - Norse personification of old age
 - Says who you are
 - Candidate
 - Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
 - Defunct language (abbr.)
 - Take too much
 - Iranian province
 - Records electric currents
 - ___ and feathers
 - Beloved Mr. T character
 - More (Spanish)
 - Beverage
 - Promotional material
 - Green vegetable
 - National capital
 - To any further extent
 - Swollen, inflamed lymph node
 - Anger
 - Pound
 - Popular Yugo
 - Salt of acetic acid
 - Millihenry
 - Israeli city ___ Aviv
 - Make wider
 - Drink containing medicine
 - Acknowledging
 - Private, romantic rendezvous
 - Calvary sword
 - Disease of the lungs
 - 2001 Spielberg film
 - Fleshy, watery fruit
 - In one's chambers
 - Set of information (abbr.)
 - Dorm employee
 - Indicates position

OBITUARIES

Josiane Grindstaff

WILMINGTON—Josiane Helen Renee Grindstaff, 72, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, Sept. 27, 2021 at her home.

She was born in Paris, France March 2, 1949, the only child born to Roger and Irene Bazin. They immigrated to Montreal, Canada in 1953; briefly resided in Calgary, and later relocated to Los Angeles, CA. There, little Josiane started school and began learning her English. It was also in California that Josiane's father started an auto body business and worked for Ford, as well as for private customers. Among some of Jo's favorite memories were driving the cars that her father repaired and painted, along the fashionable highways of Venice, Hollywood and Los Angeles. In addition, she enjoyed frequenting the beaches with her surfing friends, and watching her favorite bands in concerts and listening to them on vinyl. Josiane graduated from Belmont High School in June of 1967 and went on to meet her future husband Arthur Grindstaff who was recently discharged from the United States Marine Corps. They met through a mutual friend at the Robert Taylor car wash in January of 1968, the very same building known later for the 70's movie, Car Wash.

Josiane and Arthur were married in her family home on March 1, 1969 and made their first home in a small town in the Mojave Desert. Arthur worked and played with a group of friends who shared his love for riding motorcycles, and together they enjoyed life's simpler things. Later in September of 1969 their first born, Kelley arrived, but not too soon before another unexpected house guest showed up in their desert home. This unexpected visit was an uncle who had recently escaped from the Ohio State Penitentiary, who was looking to hide out with them, adding himself to their crew.

As some time later passed, the family moved to Englewood, CA, where Josiane worked as a stay at home mother, while Art worked at LAX Airport directing planes. It was here that their second child, Brian was next to arrive in July of 1971.

Later in the same year, following a large earthquake, the young family packed up and moved to Illinois, to an area where Arthur spent



most of his childhood. For those of us who knew Jo, knew that she saw the good in everyone. Anyone who met her, felt welcome with her warm smile and sincere laugh. It was not surprising, that her love for her family, and the people around her, drew her to the promises that the Bible contains, and beautiful qualities that God encourages. In October of 1972, Jo started studying with Jehovah's Witnesses, and was baptized the following year. Her youngest child, Jason was born in December of 1975.

Jo worked as an accountant through the 1980's for the factory that Arthur worked. After their youngest was out of school and Josiane's father needed assistance, plans were made to return to California. On June 28, 2004 Illinois was rocked with a rare earthquake, and it was the very day that they left Illinois to return back to Josiane's childhood home.

Arthur and Jo made the difficult decision to move back to Illinois again in December of 2017 to receive assistance due to progressive Alzheimers disease. No major earthquake was reported on that date.

Survivors include her husband Arthur Grindstaff; three children: Kelley (Jeff) Hyatt Grindstaff, Jason (Naomi) Grindstaff and Brian (Cari) Grindstaff; four grandchildren: Kali Grindstaff, Maxwell Grindstaff, Luke Grindstaff, and Layla Grindstaff; one great-grandchild, Alistair Romo Grindstaff and the loyal family companion, Bingo.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Per Josiane's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

A virtual Memorial Talk via zoom was held on Saturday Oct. 2, 2021. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Josiane's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com/Obituary/Josiane-Grindstaff.

Cremation services and arrangements were made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City.

Juan A. Herrera

COAL CITY—Juan A. Herrera, 79, of Coal City, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 at Amita Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

Born Jan. 27, 1942 in Durango, Mexico, Juan was a son of Alberto and Nicasia Arambula Herrera. He was raised in Mexico and immigrated to the United States in the 1960's. He was a member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church in Coal City, and formerly worked for Norwalk Tank Company in New Lenox.

Survivors include his wife, Manuela; five children: Juan F. (Maria) Herrera, of Coal City; Salvador Herrera, of Braidwood; Maria (Nicolas III) Colin, of Chicago; Lorena (Julio) Lopez, of Coal City and Griselda (Braulio) Valdez, of Coal City; 17 grandchildren: Natalie, Stacey and Joshua Herrera; Elisa and Joel Herrera, Ariana, Nicolas IV, Anareli, Isaiah, Rosemary and Jared Colin; Jacqueline, Leslie, Julio and Michael Lopez and Anthony and Kassandra Valdez; six great-grandchildren: Andrea, Zayden, Alaina, Mariah, Nicolas V and Oliver and siblings, Julio,



Catarino, Maximina, Gonzala and Jose Leon, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Juan was preceded in death by his parents, his granddaughter, Sophia and great-grandson, Aiden; sisters: Andrea, Teresa and Angelita and brothers: Paulino, Francisco, Jesus and Rito.

A family visitation was held at Reeves Funeral Home in Coal City, followed by funeral services in Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City. Reverend Jason Stone presided with Deacon Arnulfo Cisneros assisting.

Burial was in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery. Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Juan's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/Juan-Herrera

Funeral services and arrangements were made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City.

Frederick Schuster



VALPARAISO, IN—Frederick Walter Schuster, 78, of Valparaiso, IN, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 at Brookdale Assisted Living in Valparaiso.

He was born May 14, 1943, in Chicago, to George Frederick and Maxine (Brooks) Schuster. Fred honorably served his country in the United States Army. He was a lab manager for Simpson Technologies for 25 years. Fred was a man of many talents and over his lifetime he worked as a journeyman butcher, security guard, law officer and volunteer fireman. Fred was a member of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Coal City, where he was also the sound technician. He enjoyed gardening and tinkering around in his garage or workshop, repairing and building electronics. Fred delivered Meals on Wheels for many years. On Nov. 18, 1972, he married Donna J. (Warnke) Schuster in Chicago, IL.

Surviving are his three siblings: Lorraine (Perry) Price, of Wynne, AR; Peter (Nancy)



Schuster, of Kokomo, IN and Gloria Hanks of Valparaiso, IN; nieces and nephews: Barbara (Rob) Wilson, Jennifer (David Arts) Newkirk and Daniel Price; great-nieces and great-nephews: Bridget Smith, Cammie Arts, Noah Wilson, Aiden Coleman, Jett Coleman and Brittany Coleman; great-great niece, Emily Koenemann and many friends and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Donna on Nov. 18, 2010; one niece, Nicole Coleman and brother-in-law, Tommy Hanks.

A private service will be held. Burial will take place at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.LakeviewFHC.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.

Sunset Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

William Enz



WILMINGTON—William "Bill" Enz, 72, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 at the Lightways Hospice Home in Joliet.

Born March 17, 1949 in Clinton, IA, William Mark was a son of Robert Mark and Wilma Jean (Potter) Enz. He attended St. Rose School; graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 1968, and went on to attend Parks College in St. Louis, where he completed the aeronautical program in 1969. Bill worked briefly as a jailer in Joliet before being drafted into the United States Army in 1970. He served throughout Europe before being honorably discharged and soon thereafter entered into the Electricians Apprenticeship Program. Bill worked as an electrician for more than 40 years, many of which was with Block Electric in Shorewood. He retired from IBEW Local #176 in 2014. Bill held his pilot license, enjoyed trap and skeet shooting and spending time on the boat. He owned a horse and was active in harness racing for a period and will be remembered for his love of working on anything mechanical.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, who he married Nov. 23, 2011; two daughters, Christy Enz (Ryan Dwyer), of Wilmington and Michelle Enz (John Sullivan), of Downers Grove; two grandchildren, Chloe Sanford and Nicholas



Sanford; two brothers, Mark Enz, of Tempe, AZ and Marty (Sarah) Enz, of Wilmington; two nieces, Renee (Tyler) Crater and Alicia Enz, and two step-children, Christopher Kersten and Chad (Heather) Kersten, both of Homewood.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Robert G. Enz and sister, Rhonda Jefferson.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation was held on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021 at Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Bill was laid to rest on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood with military honors

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Bill's memory to his family for the creation of a Trades Scholarship through the Wilmington School District Foundation For Excellence, 209 Wildcat Drive, Wilmington, IL 60481.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Bill's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/WilliamBill-Enz.

Cremation services and arrangements were made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Elma Jean Cramer

OSWEGO—Elma Jean Cramer, 75, of Oswego, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

She was born May 25, 1946 in Delhi, LA, the daughter of Walter and Candyce Parker. She married George Leroy Cramer on Nov. 28, 1964.

Elma lived in Miami, FL until the age of 12 when her family moved to Illinois. She lived in South Wilmington, Gardner and Reddick during her high school years. She graduated from Reddick High School with the class of 1964. Elma spent the past 20 years as an office manager/bookkeeper with a variety of companies. She was currently employed at Champion Wood Pallets in Aurora, IL.

Elma was a dedicated mother and grandmother who loved her family dearly and cherished the time they spent together. She enjoyed taking day trips, driving along the Fox River, attending her grandkids sporting events and wholeheartedly celebrating the holidays. "Grammy" was well known for her holiday decorations and Christmas Day scavenger hunts that would send Rachel, Matt and John to great lengths to find the last gift of Christmas. She was a caring person who faced recent health challenges head on, demonstrating admirable courage. She will be missed dearly.



Surviving is her daughter, Dawn (Patrick) Halloran, of Coal City and her three grandchildren: Rachel (Ryan) VanDuyne and Matthew Halloran (Chelsea Schultz), of Coal City; John Halloran, of Los Angeles, CA and great-granddaughter, Reese VanDuyne. Also surviving are three brothers: Louis Dwayne Parker, of Punta Gorda, FL; Royce Glenn Parker, of Salem, OR and Oliver Franklin "Buddy" (Laurinda) Parker, of De Leon Springs, FL and one sister, Bonnie Ileen (Parker) Haisten (Larry Lewandowski), of Deltona, FL. Elma is also survived by a sister-in-law, Beverly Parker, of Gardner. Elma leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and several cousins who she loved dearly. Elma was a friend, dedicated co-worker, and caring neighbor who will be deeply missed.

Preceding her in death were her parents and brother, Walter Thomas Parker Jr.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 at Dunn Family Funeral Home in Oswego.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Elma's name to fight juvenile diabetes at JDRF.org or the American Heart Association at heart.org.

For information go to www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Wayne Milton

WILMINGTON—Wayne Conrad Milton, 94, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, Oct. 4, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Born Aug. 2, 1927 in Kankakee, Wayne Conrad was a son of Ellsworth and Valeda (Shreffler) Milton. He was raised in Rockville Township and graduated from Reddick High School with the class of 1945. On Aug. 27, 1949, Wayne married Phyllis Laverne Kamis, and together they made a home and raised a family together.

Wayne farmed for the majority of his life, and resided on farms in the Manteno, Ritchie and Symerton areas before retiring to Wilmington. In addition to farming, Wayne in his earlier years worked at the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant as a car blocker; drove a school bus, and served as a substitute rural mail carrier. He later gained employment with the city of Wilmington, where he retired as the Water Plant Operator.

One who loved to travel, Wayne also took pleasure in handyman projects; often joking that he could fix anything with duct tape and a Swiss Army knife. Following his formal retirement, he continued to help the family for many years during the harvest season, driving the grain truck to the elevator. Wayne was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington; belonged to the Will County Farm Bureau, where he served on the Board of Directors; was past founding member of the reorganized Catfish Days Committee; past member of the Wilmington Park District and was a former board member of Oakwood Cemetery Association in Wilmington.

Survivors include four children: Penny (Irvin) Holm, Celeste Milton and Vicky (William) Weidling, all of Wilmington and Heather (Paul) Rogers, of Kankakee; grandchil-



dren: Nathaniel (Karen Patterson) Holm, of Palatine; Megan (Joshua) Corlett, of Wilmington; Dr. Robert (Dr. Morgan Gonder) Weidling, of Fairway, KS and Brooke Rogers, of Ames, IA; three great-grandchildren: Cameron and Emma Corlett and Ingrid Holm, and siblings, Wendell (Patricia) Milton, of Manteno and Robert Milton, of Kankakee.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Phyllis on Oct. 20, 2020; brothers, Sherman Milton and Dale Milton; sister, Fostine (Wilber) Schwark and half sister, Vesta (Leonard) Klafka.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021 from 9 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11 a.m. Reverend Harriette Cross from the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington will officiate.

Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington, where Wayne will be laid to rest with his late wife, Phyllis.

Pallbearers will be: Irvin Holm, William Weidling, Paul Rogers, Nathaniel Holm, Robert Weidling, Josh Corlett, Richard Milton and Brian Milton.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Wayne's memory to the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington, 401 E. Kahler Road, Wilmington, IL 60481.

Family and friends may sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Wayne's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/Wayne-Milton

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

Marguerite Olsen



VERONA—Marguerite "Maggie" Olsen, 98, formerly of Verona, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 at the home of her daughter in Golden Valley, AZ.

Born Dec. 14, 1922 in Union, ME, Marguerite Hazel was a daughter of William G. and Alice (Leach) Daniels. She was raised and educated in St. George, ME and went on to honorably serve in the United States Army during World War II.

In March of 1947, Marguerite married Donald John Olsen in Waltham, MA, and together they made a home and raised a family. She worked for the William W. Fox Developmental Center in Dwight from where she retired, and was a member of First Baptist Church in Dwight. Throughout the years, Maggie enjoyed traveling, riding through the desert, and in her free time took pleasure in reading and puzzles.

Survivors include her six children: William Olsen, of South Wilmington; Lois Pickens, of Golden Valley, AZ; Dawn (Wayne) Mize, of Dwight; Marjorie Hansbrough, of Norris City, IL; Christine Mills, of Chadron, NE and Donald (Barbara) Olsen, of Verona; 15 grandchildren, as



well as many great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marguerite was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son, Walter Olsen; one daughter, Sheila McCulley; her daughter-in-law, Carol Olsen; two sons-in-law: Bill Pickens and Jack Hansbrough; two brothers, one sister and one grandson.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at Reeves Funeral Home, 203 Liberty St., in Gardner on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 from 9 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 11 a.m.. Pastor Daniel L. Woodward from the First Baptist Church in Dwight will officiate.

Burial will follow in McDowell Cemetery in Dwight, where Maggie will be laid to rest with her late husband, son and grandson.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Maggie's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/Marguerite-Olsen.

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Gardner.

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OBITUARIES

Margarete Godsey

WILMINGTON—Margarete Godsey, 90, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Born May 10, 1931 in Graz, Austria, Margarete Maria was a daughter of August and Maria (Praehsnig) Specht, and immigrated to America in 1948.

Margarete worked for Grinchuck's Pant Factory before gaining employment with Johnson and Johnson Personal Products. Most recently she was employed as a private caregiver until her retirement. Margarete was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Wilmington; enjoyed music and dancing, and will be remembered for her love of the outdoors.

Survivors include four children: Barbara (Harlan) Beasley, of Kentucky; Tony (Maureen) Brown, of Braidwood; Sue (John) Brower, of Custer Park and Mikel (Beth) Godsey, of



Manteno; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Margarete was preceded in death by her husband, William Godsey (1995) and her longtime companion, Marvin Giordano (2015).

Green flameless cremation rites have been accorded, and Margarete will be laid to rest in Wilmington.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Margarete's memory to a charity of the donor's choosing.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Margarete's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/Margarete-Godsey

Green flameless cremation services and memorial arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Richard I. Scott



COAL CITY—Richard I. "Scotty" Scott, 92, of Coal City, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021.

He was born in Chicago on May 15, 1929 to Adam and Hollis (nee Rice) Scott. He served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps and was a Veteran of the Korean War. He retired from ComEd after 39 years as a Lineman. He was past commander of Cantigny Post #367 from 1956-1957 and was the youngest to serve in that position in the State of Illinois.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 37 years, Carolyn; his daughter, Karen Block; his sons, Richard E. Scott and Michael A. Scott and two wonderful in-laws, Michael Block and Colette (Reid) Scott, special thanks to both of them. Also surviving are his grandchildren; Erik and Nicholas Block, Taylor and Reid Scott, Emma Scott; his two step-children, Philip (Jennifer) Timm and Karen Timm (Jason)



Ruggio; his grandchildren: McKinley Ann Timm, Joshua, Zachariah, Ethan and Lukas Timm and his great-grandson, Liam Timm.

Memorials in Scotty's name may be directed to Lightways (formerly Joliet Area Community Hospice), 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431 or the Gary Sinise Foundation, PO Box 365, Woodland Hills, CA 91365.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A Memorial Visitation will be on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021 at Ferrari Funeral Services, 1044 Ferrari Dr., Coal City from 4 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 7 p.m. with Pastor Bradley Shumaker officiating.

A private family inurnment with full military honors will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date.

Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at www.ferrarifuneral.com.

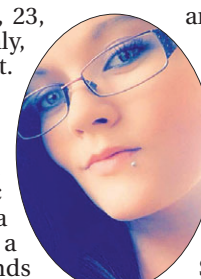
Ferrari Funeral Services of Coal City are entrusted with arrangements.

Tara Ann Wilson

CARBON HILL—Tara Ann Wilson, 23, of Carbon Hill passed away suddenly, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 at Amita St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

She was born Dec. 4, 1997 in Joliet. Tara attended Gardner South Wilmington High School. She had a very musical soul that loved all music and always enjoyed singing along. Tara adored children and was known to be a very wonderful babysitter. Her friends were the world to her and she was always looking forward to spending time with them.

Surviving are her mother, Tammy J. (nee Williams) Wilson, of Carbon Hill; father, Edward L. Wilson, of Carbon Hill; brother, Ronald Arthur Wilson, of Chicago; maternal grandparents, Deborah and Michael Gura, of Carbon Hill



and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Preceding her in death were her paternal grandparents, Albert and Marian Wilson.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Memorial visitation for Tara will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 from 1 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 3 p.m. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, log on to www.rwpatterson-funeralhomes.com or find them on Facebook.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood is in charge of arrangements.

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THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL
Brian Rung

In 1980, the hit film *Caddyshack* sent viewers on a wild ride through 18 holes of laughter and chaos on its way to becoming the most popular and recognizable golf film of all time. In the years following the release of the film the Chicago native Murray brothers have given *Caddyshack* the restaurant treatment, and in 2022 Murray Bros. *Caddyshack* will open its third location in Wilmette.

Of the three Murray Bros. *Caddyshack* locations, two are in the Chicagoland area while the first and flagship location is in St. Augustine. Both areas are ideal locations for a *Caddyshack*-themed restaurant as both Illinois and Florida played important roles in the creation and production of the film.

Let's start with the Chicagoland connection. *Caddyshack* features on-screen performances by Bill and Brian-Doyle Murray, two of the six Murray brothers. In addition to playing a part in the film, Brian also wrote the screenplay. Not all of the brothers worked on the film itself, but their collective experience as summer caddies at Indian Hill Golf Club served as the inspiration for the film.

That's right, all six brothers were caddies. The film was based on their experiences, one of the most noteworthy is the subplot portraying the oldest brother Ed Murray's pursuit of the caddie scholarship. However, unlike the caddie in the film, Ed ended up winning that scholarship and subsequently attended Northwestern University in 1963.

The brothers may not have had a choice to caddie or not to caddie, it runs in the Murray family. Family patriarch Edward Murray also caddied in the Chicagoland area at Edgewater Golf Club back in the 1930s.

When the Murray Bros. opened the first *Caddyshack*-themed restaurant in 2001, they chose the World Golf Village near St. Augustine, Florida to house their flagship location. Though the film was set in the Midwest, the golf

course scenes were shot in Davie, FL. The fictitious "Bushwood" golf course was actually Rolling Hills Golf Club, which is now Grande Oaks Golf Club.

Rolling Hills was chosen for the film by producer Harold Ramis for its lack of palm trees, which gave the course more of a Midwestern look. In addition to the location in Davie, scenes were also filmed at the Boca Raton Hotel in Boca Raton, and in Key Biscayne. The Fourth of July dinner scene was filmed at the Boca Raton Hotel while the yacht club scene was filmed at Biscayne's Rusty Pelican Restaurant.

Every great bar/restaurant needs a signature cocktail. At Murray Bros. *Caddyshack*, the signature cocktail is the appropriately named the 19th Hole. Following the opening of the Rosemont location in 2018, the Murray Bros. got into the spirits game producing both their own signature vodka and a bottled version of the 19th Hole cocktail.

What exactly goes into the signature 19th Hole cocktail?

As you may have guessed, we'll start with Murray Bros. *Caddyshack* Vodka.

No fancy tools or know how are required to build the 19th Hole, start by adding 1 oz. vodka to your glass.

Next up, some peach liqueur. Just about any peach schnapps will work, I believe they use DeKuyper at the restaurant.

There is one ingredient in the 19th hole that you may not have in your home bar. The 19th Hole calls for a bitter Italian liqueur, in this case, Aperol. Like Campari, Aperol is bright red in color, but has a notably sweeter taste than Campari. Pick up a bottle of Aperol if you are going to make your own batch of 19th Hole cocktails, Campari is a bit too much on the bitter side for this one.

Fresh lemon juice is always best, and you'll need a lemon anyway for the lemon twist garnish. Don't overlook the garnish! The lemon twist isn't there for looks, the oils expressed from the lemon

twist will sit on top of the drink and provide a pleasant citrus nose.

A bit of simple syrup will hold this drink together as three of the ingredients contain alcohol. The standard 1:1 sugar/water simple syrup works in the 19th Hole, although I prefer my syrups a bit richer for mixing. I won't put a number on it, but I always use slightly more sugar than water in my simple syrup.

Once all of your ingredients are in the glass, fill the glass with shaved ice. Then, "twist" your lemon twist over the top of the drink to express the oil from the lemon peel and drop. Maybe give it a little stir with a straw.

The new Murray Bros. *Caddyshack* Wilmette location is slated to open in March of 2022 at 200 Skokie Blvd.

"Cinderella story, out of nowhere, former greenskeeper, now about to become the Masters champion."

The Murray Bros. *Caddyshack* 19th Hole is built and served in a chilled Collins glass.

Combine in glass:
1 1/4 oz. vodka
3/4 oz peach schnapps
3/4 oz. Aperol
3/4 oz. simple syrup
3/4 oz. fresh lemon juice
Fill glass with shaved ice
Garnish with lemon twist
Serve with straw

Police chief to speak at next WGC meeting

Wilmington Police Chief Arnold will be the guest speaker at the next Wilmington Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at the park district office, 315 N. Water St., Wilmington.

The topic will be "scams" as always guest are welcome.

The group is planning a re-dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. at the Malcom Mayo VFW 5422, Wilmington. It is also Route 66's 95th Birthday.

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The Lifeline Program helps those who need voice and broadband services but can't afford it.

"The COVID 19 pandemic has shined a spotlight on the need for individuals and families to have access to voice and broadband service, which is financially difficult for some families. Together we are joining forces to spread the word that there is help available through the Lifeline Program

and the recently created federal Emergency Broadband Benefit which offer monthly discounts for voice and broadband services," said Carrie Zalewski, Chairman of the Illinois Commerce

The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) created by the U.S. Congress in 2020, provides eligible households up to a \$50/month discount for broadband services. Currently more than 5 million Americans have enrolled.

Current Lifeline participants are automatically eligible, and, in most cases, they don't need to apply separately for the EBB, but they do need to select a provider and eligible EBB plan to receive the benefit.

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COALER SPORTS

Coalers look win battle up front against Devils

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The 4-2 Coalers are one victory away from the playoff threshold and they would like nothing better than to cross into the minimum five-win quota by beating Peotone on Friday.

Their most recent win came in a 42-14 victory over Manteno where the offense was humming for one of the first times all year and they did it with over 400 yards.

The Coalers have one of the best defenses in the Illinois Central Eight conference, giving up 10 points per game. Peotone possesses another good defense, allowing 20 points per game, most of which came in a blowout loss to Reed-Custer.

The Blue Devils are 4-2 as well and had wins over Peoria Manual (24-20), North Central (34-8) and Manteno (35-21) before falling to Wilmington 10-0 in Week 4. They lost to Reed-Custer big before Friday's 26-20 overtime win over Streator.

The Coalers started the year with a loss to

Morris (13-3) before beating Bishop McNamara 14-6. They lost to Wilmington 10-7 before stringing together three straight wins against Herscher (17-6), Lisle (24-12) and most recently Manteno.

The Blue Devils are coached by Apostolos Tsiamas and went to the playoffs in 2019. They finished 5-5, falling 20-0 to Spring Valley Hall. They have a full roster but there are really just four players that they will use in their Double Wing power running offense.

"We expect they're going to try to control the ball and control the clock," said Coal City football coach Francis Loughran. "They've got a couple nice backs there and a good fundamental o-line which will be tough for us to try to defend. Our defensive backs we have to make sure we don't fall asleep because watching the film they had a couple nice pass plays so we're just going to have to be making sure it's assignment football."

Their offense begins and ends with their big offensive line which is a good one and the biggest weapon on that offensive line is senior

Tyler Hendrick (#89) who is 6-5 230 pounds. He's big and he'll use his size when blocking.

If they get the push up front, their biggest weapon at the running back spot is Dylan Sroka (#27). He ran for 116 with two touchdowns against Streator.

He is a powerful back who has a little bit of speed in the open field. If the Comets can limit him, the Blue Devils also hand the ball off to Dawson Piper (#5) and Derek Knauer (#25). Piper ran for a 45 with a score while Knauer had 66 on the ground.

"They all run the ball hard. They're quick and elusive. We've got to make sure we try to bottle them up as best we can. We've just got to preach all week for us to read our keys and not to get caught looking in the backfield with the misdirection going on. Our guys have done a nice job of that all year but I think the key for us is having really good first downs. We need to limit their playbook a bit so it's not third and short. We want third and long."

Their quarterback T.J. Chenoweth had an impact, throwing a 13-yard touchdown against

Streator but he doesn't throw the ball much. Chenoweth (4) can run the ball too.

Coal City uses their power running game and it starts with Ashton Harvey and Nick Seplak.

Harvey carried the load again with 17 carries for 140 and four rushing touchdowns. Seplak had just 20 yards on five carries.

The Coalers have also started to incorporate faster backs like Cason Headley and Chase Adams into their gameplan. Adams and Headley both rushed for over 100 yards with a touchdown in the road win over Manteno. Harvey leads the backfield with 680 yards and eight touchdowns. Headley had 193 yards with two touchdowns and Adams has had 123 yards with a touchdown.

The Coalers will need to stop the run and win the battle up front to pull one out against Peotone on their Homecoming.

Coal City beat Peotone 24-0 in their last match during the 2019 season so they hold the edge and will have homefield advantage.

Coalers rush for over 400 yards in rout of Manteno

Harvey's four touchdowns leads Coalers over Panthers

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Coalers scored over 40 points for the first time this season in a 42-14 rout over Manteno.

The Coaler ground attack was deadly as they ran the ball 50 times for 416 yards with six touchdowns to get the win.

Three of their backs went over 100 yards as the offensive line made big holes and the running backs were taking advantage of them.

The leading rusher Ashton Harvey scored four of their six touchdowns.

"He ran the ball hard," said Coal City coach Francis Loughran. "But we also had two other kids go over 100 so a lot of good things Friday night. We were really happy with up front. The guys up front did a nice job of making holes and our running backs just ran hard all night. I think now we're starting to find our identity on offense and trying to improve each week."

The Coalers drove it down the field on their first drive of the game and Harvey pounded it home from four yards out to



Photo by Shawn Long

COAL CITY'S Drake Dearth wraps up Lisle running back Gabe Quinones for a loss of yards during Friday's game.

give them a 6-0 lead as Aydan Murphey's kick was off the mark. Murphey was 5-for-6 in extra points for the game.

Later in the first quarter, Cason Headley got into the action as he took the hand-off found a seam and was off for a 40-yard touchdown run to put

them up 13-0 with Murphey's PAT.

But Manteno quarterback Carter Drazy cut into Coal City's lead as he ran it in for a seven-yard TD to make it 13-7 with 4:02 left in the first.

Harvey found paydirt two more times to put them up by

three touchdowns 28-7 at halftime as he also ran in a two-point conversion.

Harvey wasn't done as the Coalers' defense got the ball back and he bulldozed his way in from a yard out to extend their lead to 35-7.

The Panthers would make it a three-score game with a touchdown pass to John Prindeville.

But Chase Adams would end any hopes of a comeback and put the nail in the Panthers' coffin as he motored in from 63 yards out.

While Harvey led them with 140 yards and six touchdowns, Cason Headley (8-114-1) and Chase Adams (9-109-1) were not far behind him as they carried the ball for over 10 yards per pop in their efforts. Nick Seplak (20), Drake Dearth (19), Chase Cora (16) and Sliver Mayorga (5) also gained yards in the ground attack.

While junior quarterback Braden Reilly didn't have to throw the ball at all, Loughran said he managed the game and the offense well.

The Coalers' defense was dominant, holding the Panthers to just two yards rushing the football. They were led by Harvey who was just an animal flying around the field

with 11 tackles. He also collected three tackles for a loss with a sack.

"First and foremost, we wanted to stop the run," commented Loughran. "I thought we did a really nice job with that. They ended up throwing quite a bit and we have some things to improve on. There were a couple big pass plays but overall holding a Manteno team to just two scores is still a good job."

"We're really happy with the effort on the defensive side. We've got some guys who are pretty tough and just have a nose for the football. We emphasize clean defense. Sometimes it doesn't show up in the stat column but our d-line is doing a great job freeing

up our linebackers to make the tackles and that's all you can ask for."

Brady Best added eight tackles with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Zach Finch and Murphey ad four tackles each. Murphey added a TFL with an interception.

Nolan Ness chipped in three tackles with two TFLs. Derek Carlson, Headley and Dearth had two tackles. Dearth also had a sack.

Keegan Crater, Jim Feeney, Jace Shaw, Nolan Berger and Adams also picked up a tackle.

Next up, the Coalers (4-2) will try to keep their winning streak alive as they play host to Peotone for their Homecoming.

Brown, Megyeri advance to the golf sectional

3BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Coal City boys golf team competed in the IHSA boys regional at Wedgewood Golf Course in Lemont and two of their golfers came out of the competition as sectional qualifiers.

The Coalers finished seventh place as a team with 758 points. JCA (346), Hinsdale South (338), Nazareth Academy (+51), Morris (328) Providence Catholic (26) and Lemont (14) finished in the top six spots.

Dylan Brown and Ryland Megyeri led Coal City, shooting an 81, and an 84. Those marks were good enough to earn a trip to the sectional golf tour-



THE COALER BOYS golf team finished seventh during the boys regional golf tournament. Dylan Brown (81) and Ryland Megyeri (84) led all scorers qualifying for the sectional. The Coal City golf team includes: (from left) Ryland Megyeri, Dylan Brown, Luke Crater, Aiden Hansen, Jack Varnak and Ryne Phelan.

nament which was yesterday at The Sanctuary Golf Course.

"This was our best team score of the season," said CCHS golf coach Harlan Kennell. "And it was career best scores for both Dylan and Ryland. I'm proud of the team. You want to be golfing your best of the season at the regional and we definitely were."

Aiden Hansen followed Megyeri with a 95 while Luke

Crater shot a 98, Jack Varnak a 99 and Ryne Phelan a 100.

Clubb, Kennell perform well during golf regional

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Coal City golfers Kylee Kennell and Dakota Clubb, the two female members of the team, competed in the girls golf regional at Creek Golf Course in Morris on Thursday and had a pretty good showing.

Clubb shot a 111 while

Kennell finished with a 121. That gave them a 21st and a 32nd placement in the regional but out of the freshmen that competed, the girls had the top two scores.

"I am very proud of both of them," said Coal City golf coach Harlan Kennell. "And I can't wait to see them compete in future seasons."



COAL CITY FRESHMEN golfers Kylee Kennell and Dakota Clubb finish their season off in the regional on Thursday. Clubb placed 21st with a 111 while Kennell followed in 32nd with a 121. While they didn't make it to the sectional, they still placed first and second out of the freshmen girls that competed.



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TWO-HANDED RETURN—Coal City's Trinidad Barrus volleys during Thursday's tennis match with Kankakee.

Lady Coalers tennis keeps racking up the wins, beating St. Bede, Kankakee

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Coal City tennis team rallied past Kankakee 3-2 on Thursday.

Molly Stiles and Trinidad Barrus captured quick wins to give their team a 2-0 lead. Stiles beat Alejandra Cornego (6-2, 6-0) and Barrus toppled Kamise Smith (6-1, 6-1).

That led to number one doubles headed by Shana Kelley and Alexis Curtis, who ended up fall to the team of Margaret Mulcahy-Gabby Dee (3-6, 2-6).

That put it up to Delaney Peacock-Melanie Marchese, who needed a win to get the match win and they got it with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Krystal Medina-Brandaya Spencer.

The third match was just for show as Madison Hanson-Amanda Albrecht were unable to come back against Samantha Alvarez-Ximena Molina (7-5, 4-6, 8-10) but it didn't matter as the Lady Coalers pulled it out.

The Lady Coalers (13-5) are back in action Saturday in the Mendota Invite.

**Coal City 2
Romeoville 4**

Romeoville got the edge in doubles and pulled a win against the Lady Coalers on Wednesday.

Molly took care of Mia Meschino (6-4, 6-0) and Abby flew by Isabella Kovas (6-3, 6-0) to start the day.

Romeoville ended up winning all four doubles matches to earn the win. All of which were fairly close as Flores-Barrus lost 6-3, 7-5. Solis-Jackson got beat 7-5 in both sets. Hall-Esparza made it close, losing 7-6 both times and Curtis-Kelley almost came back in the second set, falling 6-1, 6-4.

Coal City 5, St. Bede 0

The Lady Coalers made quick work of St. Bede last Monday.

Molly and Abby Stiles quickly dispatched their opponents as Molly did so with a 6-0 finish in both sets over Paige Krami and Abby took care of Krystal DeLatorre 6-2 in both sets.

Doubles did their part as Ana Flores-Barrus teamed up to defeat Maddi McGunnigal-Morgan Nawa, 6-3, 6-2.

Then, Ava Solis-Kylie Jackson pounded Abby Michaels-Mia Morrow, 6-1, 6-0.

Finally, Rachel Hall-Erica Esparza flew past Jessica

Wadell-Alyssa Shirz, 6-1, 6-4.

Lemont Invite

The Lady Coalers tied for third with Morris during the Lemont Invitational that was held last Saturday.

Lemont and Plainfield North were ranked one, and two while Bolingbrook, Oak Lawn, Ridgewood and Romeoville all finished below them.

Stiles took fourth place in No. 1 singles in a tough class.

She started the day against Libby Wright from Morris and quickly dispatched her with a 6-2 finish in both sets.

Jessica Kovalcik from Plainfield North was just too good, blowing past Stiles 6-0 in both sets.

Stiles was close in her third match with Romeoville's Maya Edrada but came up just short in a 6-3, 6-4 decision.

Barrus ended up placing second in No.2 doubles and she started out fast with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ridgewood's Kristin Karakolevka.

Lemont's Aashka Trevidl woked a 6-4-, 6-4 decision over Barrus in the second round.

In the third round, Barrus flew by Romeoville's Mia Meschino in two 6-0 matches to capture second.



Photo by Alyssa Ohlund

THE COAL CITY volleyball team gathers together around cancer survivor teammate Mia Rodriguez during their annual Megan Bugg Night.

Lady Coalers sweep top ranked 'Cats

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Coal City volleyball team earned a three-level sweep over the top ranked Wilmington Wildcats.

The varsity Coalers lost the first set 19-25 but quickly recovered to take the next two with scores of 25-21, 25-22.

Addyson Waliczek flew all over the court with 13 setting assists, four kills four digs and an ace as she had an impact everywhere.

Macaya Garner had similar stats, collecting 13 more assists with six digs, two kills and an ace.

Mia Rodriguez led the Lady Coalers in kills as she pounded down nine. She added four digs. Bella Veraveic chipped in seven kills with three blocks and a dig.

Gwen Wharrie hammered four kills with two blocks, two digs and an ace.

Addison Gagliardo, Grace Norris and Maci Baldauf all dug out a team-high 12 digs. Gagliardo served up two aces while Norris added another ace.

The JV Lady Coalers picked up a three-st win over the Wildcats, 16-25, 25-18, 25-21 to improve to 11-8.

The freshmen Lady Coaler hitters kept it going with their 15th consecutive win to improve to 15-0 with a dominating 25-12, 25-9 win over Wilmington.

Peotone 21, 25, 21 Coal City 25, 21, 25

The Lady Coalers improved to 13-10 and 6-2 within the ICE conference with a three set win over Peotone on Tuesday during their annual Megan Bugg Night.

After an emotional cere-



Photo by Alyssa Ohlund

COAL CITY'S Peyton Benson pounds down a kill during Tuesday's game with Peotone

Hawkins, Coalers fly by the Comets, shut out Blue Devils

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Coal City soccer team toppled Reed-Custer 4-1 in a game where the defense was great.

A big part of that defense was Colin Hart in goal, who collected three saves and allowed only one to get past him.

"Colin has had a very good season," said Coal City coach Steven McCleary. "He's slowly made his way into a very solid goalie for around the area here."

The Coaler (10-8) offense played a major part as well as Alex Baudino scored two of the four goals, one of which came on a header that got over the head of R-C goalie Sam Dennis.

"They always play hard," said Coal City soccer coach Steven McCleary. "Coach always has them playing really hard so it's always a dog fight. We just emphasized at half that we put ourselves in the right position at half. It's just about finishing. You've got to finish the goal and we found a way to get some of those into the net. I give a lot of credit to their goalie. Their goalie had a great game."

Owen Christopher and Christian Micetich booted in a goal each while Luke Hawkins fed two of those goals. Caleb Figueroa had the other assist.

Hawkins always seems to do something significant in every game whether it's scoring a goal or helping with one. He says it's just about helping the team.

"It just feels really great to be stepping up in my junior year," said Hawkins. "I know this year is going to be one of our best with Coal City. I figured it was time to step up and see what happens. I just figured it's always good to get assists so I just try to get it to my players when they're there and when they're not, I just go for goal."

Hawkins is just two goals shy of Jason Fritz's single-season record for goals in a season. Hawkins has scored 18

goals. Fritz had 20 during the 2003 season.

"It would be a great thing to accomplish but the team comes first and we've got to win our games."

He will have two more games to score two goals as they played Streator last night (Tuesday) and will follow that with a home match against Sandwich on Thursday to close out the season.

Coal City 4 Peotone 0

The Coalers had two players score two goals in a shutout of Peotone on Tuesday.

Hawkins and Micetich scored two goals each to lead the Coalers.

Baudino had two assists while Craig Alstott and Jacob Echavarria added the other assists.

Hart had 10 saves in goal.



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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT—Coal City's Colin Hart secures a save just in the nick of a time during their game with Reed-Custer.

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