

Diamond Mine Disaster monument shines once again

BY MARNEY SIMON STAFF EDITOR

On an unseasonably warm February day nearly 140 years ago, as the winter snowfall was melting quickly, a group of miners continued their efforts to work inside the Diamond No. 2

But after the men descended into the mineshaft on Feb. 16, 1883, disaster struck, as standing water from the melted snow swept into the mineshaft, quickly flooding the mine, trapping and killing 74 of the 185 miners who went to work that day.

After the tragedy, only 28 bodies were recovered, with the remaining victims left to rest in the mine forever.

In 1898, a monument was erected to remember the men who perished in the disaster. And in 1926, the Braidwood Homecoming Committee dedicated a plaque to those victims at the site.

Now, 96 years since those names were first displayed at the memorial along Route 113 in Diamond, the plaque has been refreshed so those victims can continue to be remembered.

Braidwood resident Adam Beaty operates ment looking good for many years. The Memorial Guardian, a cleaning, restoration and preservation service for cemetery headstones and monuments. Beaty and his father spent about two hours earlier this month per-forming work to help the plaque and the monument shine once again.

The monument underwent a thorough cleaning from top to bottom," Beaty explained. The concrete steps were cleaned using a biological cleaner with no hazardous chemicals, non-abrasive brushes, distilled water, and good old fashioned elbow grease. All the labor was manual. The granite portions was cleaned and polished, and the bronze plaque was carefully cleaned to return the original bronze shine which also returned the legibility of the victims names.'

Beaty said the frequency of cleaning of a monument like the Diamond Mine Disaster monument depends on several varying factors, including climate and weather conditions. He said a cleaning like the one performed this month should happen on a as needed basis, but regular maintenance annually with biological cleaners should keep an already clean monu-

After more than a century, it's hard for residents to reflect on a tragedy as cataclysmic as the Diamond Mine Disaster. Beaty hopes keeping the monument in tip top shape can help people remember those victims.

'In a time where more and more history is being erased, I firmly believe it's extremely important to keep this monument and monuments like it vibrant and viewable," Beaty said. "Without perpetual care and the people to notice when that care is needed, nature will erase our history for us. It is just as important that we visit these monuments and learn the purpose behind them. So often we take what we have for granted without realizing and/or respecting the men, women, and, in this monument's purpose, the children who came before us and made our communities possible.'

Beaty volunteered his services for the cleaning and restoration project, in hopes that folks both local and traveling through would notice the monument and stop to reflect on the terrible disaster that happened here 140 years

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AFTER A THROUGH scrubbing, the commemorative plaque recognizing the 74 miners who perished in the Diamond Mine Disaster is legible once again.

Early voting brisk as

Election Day nears

Newsies set to take the stage



STAFF REPORT

There are over 35,000 registered voters in Grundy County and thousands have already cast their votes.

Grundy County Clerk and Recorder Kay Olson reports voters have been making their way into the county courthouse and to post office boxes to cast their votes ahead of the Nov. 8 General Election.

Early voting began Sept. 29 and will continue at the Gurndy County Courthouse through the close of the business day on Monday, Nov. 7.

Individuals wishing to cast an early vote can do so by visiting the courthouse at 111 E. Washington St., during normal business hours—8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday-or during extended hours that have been set as Tuesday and Thursday until 6:30 p.m., and ballot with them to the courthouse if early voting or their polling place on election day.

The clerk reports all election equipment has been tested, judges have completed their training and processes are in place to ensure the elections are secure.

All polling locations will be open on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling locations can be found on voter cards or by visiting the county website at grundycountyil.gov. A list is also included on the specimen ballot that was distributed in this newspaper.

Olson said, the early votes and mail-in votes received prior to 7 p.m. on Nov. 8 will be rolled out first as part of the unofficial vote totals that will be posted by her office on election night.

Election results will be made official at the retabula-Saturdays and Sundays from 8 tion and canvassing that will take place two weeks after the election. On the local ballot are the positions of governor and lieutenant governor, as well as the statewide positions of attorney general, secretary of state,

THE COAL CITY Theatre Department will present Disney's Newsies, Jr. a musical based on the 1992 Disney motion picture of the same name and Tony Award winning Broadway musical. Rehearsals are in full swing for the production that will be presented by an all student cast comprised of sixth, seventh and eighth graders from Coal City Middle School. Preparing a scene set in Newsies Square are [from left] newsies Jack Steinhouse, Les and Alex Collins, Davey, along with newspaper distributors Gavin Clubb, Oscar Delancy; Maxx Kramer, Wiesel, and Gabriel Hamilton, Morris Delancy. Shows are set for Thursday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13 in the Coal City Performing Arts Center. Advanced reserved seat tickets are available at bit.ly/CCTDTickets.

a.m. to noon. Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than election day and must be received within 14 days of the election.

Individuals who requested a mail in ballot, but have since decided to appear inperson must bring the mail in

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A GROUP OF students from Coal City High School recently attended the Future Educators Conference at Illinois State University. The students are members of a new club focused on careers in education. Taking part in the conference were [from left]: Adaline Dowling, Giovanni Bruno, Elsa Bunton, Lacie Good [kneeling], Haylie Masek and Mia Ratajczak.

Aspiring future educators

Courtesy photo

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

At a time when the country is experiencing a teacher shortage, efforts are underway to boost interest in the field of education among high school students preparing for college and careers.

This fall, Coal City High School history teacher Ben Baer started meeting with students-freshmen through seniors-who have expressed an interest in teaching.

Aspiring Čoal City Educators is the name selected for this new extra-curricular program that drew about 12 students to its first meeting and since then the group is

continuing to grow.

"This is a program meant to give positive experiences for students who are seeking a career in teaching or another career in education. This program is important because across the country there is currently a teacher shortage, and almost 60% of teachers work less than 20 miles from where they graduated high school," said Baer.

The new organization functions much like FFA or FBLA by providing students exposure to the field before enrolling in college and the workforce.

Through their involvement in the Aspiring Coal City Educators group, students will

have the opportunity to attend conferences and Baer said there will even be occasions for them to compete against other students in a variety of teaching related events.

Just last week, a group of students attended the Future Teacher Conference hosted by Illinois State University's College of Education.

The conference was open to all high school students interested in the field of education.

The conference, established in 2019, seeks to inform and inspire future educators. It provides information about the process of becoming a teacher and what to expect as they being teaching.

The group of Coal City stu dents attending included members of the club and others who are enrolled in the Area Grundv Vocational Center's Foundations of Teaching course instructed by Deb Eungard, a Coal City High School alumna.

During the one day conference, the students were able to take part in sessions that focused on topics such as STEM education, social emotional learning, diversity, student teaching, international **SEE EDUCATORS, PAGE 2**







Centennial Farm designation granted to Major Family

CCMS honors outstanding students

In September, the Illinois received this historical distinc-Department of Agriculture designated the Major Farm in Mazon as a Centennial Farm. To qualify as a Centennial Farm, a straight or collateral

line of descendants must own the agricultural property for at

least 100 years.

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tion to their farm after their application for designation as a Centennial Farm was maintain the family farm. The approved.

"I am privileged to present this distinction to this amazing family," said Agricultural Director Jerry Costello II. "This

their farm operation today, but more than 10,200 farms since also their ancestors who labored through adversity to Centennial Farm program helps to reinforce that family farming remains a viable entity in Illinois agriculture.'

The Illinois Centennial Perry Major and his family designation not only honors Farm program has recognized

its inception in the early 1970s. Centennial Farm owners receive outdoor display signage and a certificate signed by the Governor and the Director of Agriculture. They are also recognized at Agriculture Day at the Illinois State Fair.

Coal City United Methodist Church, located at 6805 E McArdle Road in Coal City, will host a Community Blood Drive in conjunction with Versiti Blood Center on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Blood drive Nov. 2

Anyone willing to donate blood can contact Karen Hart at 708-217-5808 to schedule a preferred time or you may register online at www.versiti.org.

Walk-ins are also welcome, but appointments are recommended. Please bring a photo ID and eat a good meal before donating. Please consider giving blood - one pint of blood can save up to three lives.

"Hallelujah" dinners return to Coal City United Methodist Church

City Coal Methodist Church, located at 6805 E. McArdle Road in Coal City, is bringing back their Hallelujah" Soup Suppers on to 6:30 p.m.

cious homemade chicken at the door. noodle & vegetable beef soups. Each meal includes member to enjoy the Coal your choice of soup, a sandwich, crackers, a beverage,

United ice cream & dessert. Carry-outs are available.

The cost is \$12 for ages 13 & older; \$5 for children ages 3 12; and children age 2 & Saturday, Nov. 5, from 4 p.m. under eat free. All proceeds will go to the church's build-They will be serving deli- ing fund. Tickets will be sold

You don't have to be a City United Methodist Church's Soup Suppers.

Unit 1Students of the Week



COAL CITY INTERMEDIATE School Students of the Week for Oct. 17 are (from left) Ryleigh Kargle, Nolan Cardenas, Autumn Decker and Carter Shain.



COAL CITY INTERMEDIATE School Students of the Week for Oct. 24 are (from left) Dylan Rich, Olivia Beach, Caleb Hall and Lila Symons.



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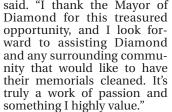
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Monument

"I volunteered for this project because I am an avid historian and I believe a bright clean monument will attract the eyes of passers-by and garner more visitors and, thereby, interest in its purpose," he



Beaty's work can be found on Facebook by searching The Memorial Guardian.



Beans-and-Bites Coffee Café would like to extend our appreciation to the following organizations and business who have allowed us to provide beverages and baked goods to their events. We had seven individuals take part in our non-profit work exploration both in the kitchen, and serving the public. Thank you to Coal City Soccer Club, Ta-Ta- Trot, and Every Buddies Pub & Grub. The support of the community has been enormous, and we are looking forward to the day when we can welcome you into our restaurant.



LEAH JENSEN

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COAL CITY EARLY CHILDHOOD Center Students of the Week for Oct. 24 are row one (from left): Russell Derby, Spencer Colegrove, Ava Mannoja, Catherine Milne and Nova Vespie. Henry Gabehart is pictured in row two along with Stellan Kramer, Lucy Draino and Cooper Lardi.

Educators

teaching, civic engagement and teaching high school.

One of the students attending the conference was Mia Ratajczak who is planning to enter the field of special education.

attending were Also Adaline Dowling, Elsa Bunton, Giovanni Bruno, Haylie Masek and Lacie Good.

The Aspiring Coal City Educators meet regularly and are led by president Rachel Hall. She wants to become an elementary school teacher.

Ratajczak serves as the organization's vice president and Dowling, who aspires to each high school English or history, is the secretary/treasurer.



A NEW CLUB at Coal City High School focusing on careers in education was established this year. Attending the first meeting of the Aspiring Coal City Educators organization one, from left]: Haylie Masek and Rachel Hall. were |row Pierson, Giovanni Bruno, Lilith McCants, Adaline Dowling, Elsa Bunton, Mia Ratajczak, Marianna Hren, Miki Torino, Angie O'Connor and Kody the service dog.

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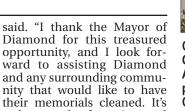
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With gratitude, Kris Sayers & Brittany Cochran

PUBLIC NOTICE

EARLY VOTING SITE - GRUNDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE General Election - November 8, 2022

Early Voting will begin on Thursday, September 29, 2022 and continue through Monday, November 7, 2022

LOCATION - Grundy County Courthouse (Lobby) Grundy County Election Authority 111 East Washington Street, Room 12 Morris, IL 60450

TIME -	Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (unless noted below)												
	Tuesday	October 4	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Thursday	October 6	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Saturday	October 8	8:00 a.m. to Noon										
	Monday	October 10	CLOSED-HOLIDAY										
	Thursday	October 13	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Saturday	October 15	8:00 a.m Noon										
	Tuesday	October 18	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Thursday	October 20	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Saturday	October 22	8:00 a.m Noon										
	Tuesday	October 25	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Thursday	October 27	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Saturday	October 29	8:00 a.m Noon										
	Sunday	October 30	8:00 a.m Noon										
	Tuesday	November 1	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Thursday	November 3	8:30 a.m 6:30 p.m.										
	Saturday	November 5	8:00 a.m Noon										

Please call the Grundy County Clerk's office at (815) 941-3222, if you have any questions.

Please Note: Cell phones are not allowed in the Grundy County Courthouse.

KAY T. OLSON **GRUNDY COUNTY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

High school students interested in learning more about the organization are encouraged to attend an upcoming meet-

Elections

comptroller and treasurer.

Voters will be asked to cast votes for representation in the United States Senate, as well as in the Illinois Senate and House.

In Grundy County races, incumbents Olson, Sheriff Ken Briley, Treasurer Todd Koehn and Regional Superintendent of Schools Chris Mehochko are all unopposed.

For representation on the Grundy County Board in District 3—an area that includes Braceville, Felix, Goose Lake, Maine, Greenfield, Goodfarm, Highland and Mazon Townships-there are nine candidates [four Democrats and five Republicans] seeking the six available seats.

On the ballot [in order of appearance] are Ann Gill, James [Jake] Olson, Mike Onorato, Dave Stover, Douglas M. Boresi, James K. Riley, Caleb Counterman, Harold Vota and Georgette Vota.

On the ballot in County Board District 1-Morris, Wauponsee, Mazon, Norman, Erienna and Vienna Townships- are seven candidates for six seats.

In ballot order are Cody Mulac, Drew Muffler, Dan Cheshareck, Jerald White, Jenkins-Likar, Christina Douglas Ferro and Nathanael Greene.

District 2—Aux And, Sable, Saratoga and Nettle Creek Townships-cadidates for the six seats are Debra [Deb] Warning, Chris Balkema, Joseph Dominic Schiavone, Eric Rassmusson, Joshua A. Harris and Greg Ridenour.

Voters will also be asked to cast votes in judicial races

ing, questions can be directed to Baer or any of the officers.

including Supreme Court-Third Judicial District—that includes Mary K. O'Brien and Michael J. Burke; Appellate Court in the third Judicial District and 13th District Circuit Court that has Grundy County State's Attorney Jason Helland facing Christina Cantlin.

Voters in Braceville will also have a question on the ballot regarding an increase in the corporate tax rate not to exceed .35% of the value of taxable property within the boundaries of the Braceville Fire Protection District.

The additional revenue generated would provide funds for the fire district to replace outdated equipment, cover increasing payroll and insurance costs and cover dispatch system fees.

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Elementary students honored Diamond's leaves can burn, Coal City's can not



Courtesv photos SECOND GRADE STUDENTS of the Week at Coal City Elementary School for the week of Oct. 17 are (from left) Michael Thetard, Weston Cardwell, Liam Jones, Landyn Collins and Cheyenne Boniecki



SECOND GRADE STUDENTS of the Week at Coal City Elementary School for the week of Oct. 24 are (from left): Lucas Horst, Atticus Kee, Cecillia Green, Emily Ramirez, Aubreigh Caise and Skylar Cardosi.



THIRD GRADE STUDENTS of the Week at Coal City Elementary School for the week of Oct. 24 are (from left): Steele Eaton, William Zimmer, Drake Figge, Ronin Becker, Bryce O'Brien and Camryn Farrell.

Petition to establish parent child relationship filed against Nathan Troy in Grundy County Court

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF JESSICA D. PIVON-KA, Petitioner, v. NATHAN E. TROY, Respondent. NO. 2022FA41 NOTICE

TO: NATHAN E. TROY

a Petition to Take notice that Establish Parent Child Relationship; for Genetic Testing and for Other Relief was filed in the Circuit Court of Grundy County, Illinois, for judgment against NATHAN E. TROY in favor of JESSICA D. PIVONKA. This matter is scheduled for Summons Return before the Circuit Court of Grundy

Attorney Black files Stebbins estate claim notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **GRUNDY COUNTY - IN PROBATE** No. 2022 PR 94 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES WALKER STEBBINS, DECEASED

DECEASED <u>CLAIM NOTICE</u> NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of JAMES WALKER STEBBINS. Letters of office as Independent Administrator were issued to JANIS A. HEDENSCHOUG, 3805 W. Nettle Creek DONALD F. BLACK, BLACK & BLACK, 201 Liberty Street, Suite 211, Morris, Illinois 60450. Illinois 60450.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Grundy County Courthouse, 111 E Washington St., Morris, IL 60450, with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or, if mailing or delivery of a notice is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. JANIS A. HEDENSCHOUG INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR Donald F Black Black & Black Lawyers 201 Liberty Street Suite 211 P.O. Box 148 Morris, IL 60450 815-942-0594

STAFF REPORT

As Autumn 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 the leaves falling in your yard it will have to wait until December 1.

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

Changes to the town's burning code were made in 2019 at the request of local residents who sought a community wide ban on leaf burning. However, instead of a ban, the board extended non-burning times until December when residential windows are typically closed. At the same time, it approved expanding the practice in selected zoning areas-industrial, light industrial, agriculture, agriculture-resiPrairie 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 their piles of leaves on fire.

• No fire can be lit for landscape waste burning from sunset to sunrise.

• Burning is prohibited when the wind is in excess of 10 miles per hour.

• 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.

Additionally, burning is prohibited within 25 feet of any building, structure or property tine, open burning is must be

dential and low density subdivisions like supervised by a person no less than 18 years of age, and landscape waste can only be burned on 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.

Within its code, Diamond also specifies the rules that come along with being able to burn, such as the time of dayweekdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.— and only on the property when 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.

Unit 1 receives perfect score from ISBE

STAFF REPORT

The Illinois State Board of Education reports the Unit 1 School District earned a perfect score on its annual determination report. The report measures performance in multiple categories including special education and related services to students with disabilities.

"The perfect score is an ultimate team effort and the entire special education team deserves recognition for this accomplishment, especially Amanda Davidson at the early childhood center," said Luke Kripple, the district's director of special populations.

In other matters from the October meeting:

• At the recommendation of high school principal Jennifer Kenney, the Board approved a contribution to the fees assigned to students participating in the Illinois Theatre Association's All-State Production of Shrek. The Musical. The district will cover \$250 of each student's participation fee.

school students High

and Mason Natyshok are participating in the cast and Kayla Connelly is a member of the pit orchestra.

• The Board accepted a \$2,229.25 school site donation from Grundy County.

• Board member Quint Harmon was selected to serve as a voting delegate at the upcoming Joint Annual Conference of the Illinois Association of School Board. Shawn Hamilton will serve as the alternate delegate.

• Kripple and Kristen Monbrum were named the district's complaint managers per the district's uniform grievance procedure, and Jason Smith remains as the district's nondiscrimination coordina-

· Board members accepted the resignations of middle school cafeteria server Sabrina Swearingen, and custodians Katherine Davito, full-time at the middle school and Michael Finn, full-time for the district.

 Employment was granted to Heather Hunter, early childhood center food server; Jennifer Kavanaugh, high

CASE NO: 2022 CH 13

Derek Carlson, Stephen Byers school health aide; Mary and Mason Natyshok are par- Kozlowski and Judy Washington, early childhood center recess aides, and Jessica Sage, middle school cafeteria server.

• The transfer of Aislinn Jones from health aide at the high school to a one-on-one

> Coal Bin to dispose of property

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Section 40 of the Self-Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois a sale or other disposition of property by COAL BIN STORAGE INC will be held online at www.BID13.com, auction ending on November 9, 2022 1:00 PM, to sell or dispose of the personal property of the following person, Vicke A. Drapeau, 213 W. Delaware St., Dwight, IL, Unit 427/Location#2 to enforce a lien for storage pursuant to the self-storage facility act, in the amount of \$515 plus attorney fees & costs

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Coal Bin to dispose of property

special education aide in the

Board of Education is sched-

uled for Wednesday, Nov. 2.

the meeting room of the dis-

trict administration center.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in

The next meeting of the

building was approved.

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Attorney Meents petitions court

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF HAROLD H. CUNNING, Plaintiff,

v. CUNNING PROFIT SHARING TRUST, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS AND TO ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: CUNNING PROFITSHARING TRUST, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS AND TO

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Grundy County, Illinois, to quiet the title of ownership to the following described property:

80 acres, Gardner, Grundy County, Illinois PIN: 12-24-100-002

PIN: 12-24-100-002 Legal Description: The East 1/2 of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 31 North, Range 8, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois Now, therefore, to CUNNING PROFIT SHARING TRUST, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN or who may have an interest in this case you are hereby notified that unless you file an answer or response to the Petition in scied with a thronton file on encourser a theories in the scied client? said suit or otherwise file an appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Grundy Wash Morris default order may be entered at any time after that day and Judgment entered in accor dance with the prayer of said Petition for Declaratory Judgment to Quiet Title. "E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <u>https://efile.illi noiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm</u> to learn more and to select a nois courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp." Dated: 10/14/2022 5:50 AM Corri Trotte Clerk of the Circuit Court. SM Frank J Meents 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A Channahon, Illinois 60410 Telephone: (815)534-9515 Facsimile: (815)534-9516 Attorney Code: 06298859 Email: frank@meentslaw.com Published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, Oct. 19. Oct. 26 and Nov. 2. 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF GRUNDY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS THE MONEY SOURCE, INC.; Plaintiff,

VS. MICHAEL T. ZOPP; CITY OF MORRIS, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; STATE OF ILLINOIS; Defendants 22 FC 21

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the office of Donald F. Black, 201 Liberty Street, Suite 211, Morris, Illinois 60450, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the

Foreclosure sale of 502 East High Street

201 Elberty Street, Stille 211, Works, Inihols 60450, sell to the highest block for Cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Lot 38 in Cunnea's Subdivision of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 33 North, Range 7, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded October 24, 1901, in Plat Book B, at Page 103, as Document Number 55628, in Grundy County, Illinois. P.I.N. 05-03-107-021. Commonly known as 502 East High Street, Morris, IL 60450. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the sub-

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the sub The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the sub-ject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. File Number 22.003568 ADC

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on behalf of Estate of Harold Cunning

Return before the Circuit Court of Grundy County, 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, Illinois Room West, on the 19th day of December, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Now, there-fore, unless you, NATHAN E. TROY, appear and file an Appearance or Response on or before December 9, 2022, before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Grundy County, 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, Illinois 60450; a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judament entered in accordance day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition to Establish Parent Child Relationship; for Genetic Testing and for Other Relief. Dated: 10/17/2022. Corri Trotter

Clerk of the Circuit Court Nichole R. Bauer Meents Law, P.C. 25158 West Eames Street, Unit A

Channahon, Illinois 60410 Telephone: (815) 534-9515 Facsimile: (815) 534-9516 Attorney No. 6280949 E-mail: nichole@meentslaw.com Published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and 9

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Attorney Meents petitions court to quiet title on behalf of Estate of Harold Cunning

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF HAROLD H. CUNNING, Plaintiff,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MORRIS AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 24, 1972 KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 132 ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS AND TO ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, Defendants

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MORRIS, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 24, 1972 KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 132, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Grundy County, Illinois, to guiet the title of ownership to the following described property: TRACT ONE:

160 acres, Gardner, Grundy County, Illinois

PIN: 12-14-300-003

Legal Description: The Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Township 31 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois

TRACT TWO:

2022

157 acres, Gardner, Grundy County, Illinois

PIN: 12-14-400-002 Legal Description: The southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 31 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian, EXCEPT beginning at the Southwest comer of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 31 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian, thence East along the South section line of said section 422 feet, then North 310 feet, thence West 422 feet, thence South along the West line of said feat half of the Southeast quarter of said section 310 feet to the West line of said East half of the Southeast quarter of said section 310 feet, to

the point of beginning, in Grundy County, Illinois. Now, therefore, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MORRIS, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 24, 1972 KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 132, ITS SUCCES-SORS AND ASSIGNS AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN or who may have an interest in this case you are hereby notified that unless you file an answer or response to the Petition in said suit or otherwise file an appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Grundy County, 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, Illinois on or before <u>November 19, 2022</u> a default order may be entered at any time after that day and Judgment entered in accor-dance with the prayer of said Petition for Declaratory Judgment to Quiet Title. "E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To

"E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with infinite exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <u>https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm</u> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <u>http://www.illi-nois courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.</u>"

Dated: 10/14/2022 5:51 a.m. Corri Trotter Clerk of the Circuit Court

CASE NO: 2022 CH 15

Frank J. Meents Frank J. Meenis 25158 W. Eames Street, Unit A Channahon, Illinois 60410 Telephone: (815)534-9515 Facsimile: (815)534-9516 Attorney Code: 06298859 Email: frank@meentel.au.com Email: frank@meentslaw.com Published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, Foreclosure sale of 1923 Taller Road

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff, -v.- ERIC D EVANS; Defendants 21 CH 2

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 11:00 AM on November 30, 2022, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 East Washington Street front door entrance, MORRIS, IL, 60450, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Lot 72, Rockwell Estates Subdivision First Addition, being a subdivision in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded May 24, 2004 and filed in Plat Cabinet H, Slide 63, EXCEPTING therefrom that part of said Lot described as beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot; thence Southerly on the West boundary of said lot, being a 60 foot radius curve, concave Westerly, an arc length of 33.72 feet to the Westerly extension of an exist-ing common wall; thence Easterly on said Westerly extension and on said common wall and on the Easterly extension of said common wall, 102.78 feet to the East line of said lot; thence Northerly on said East line, 104.56 feet to the Northeast corner of said lot; thence Southwesterly on the North line of said Lot, a distance of 133.96 feet to the point of beginning, in Grundy County, Illinois

Commonly known as 1923 TALLER ROAD, MORRIS, IL 60450 Property Index No. 02-31-478-034

The real estate is improved with a townhouse with a two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Munipipelity Delite Card which is calculated as academication to the sale fee for the sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No 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. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is fur-

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at

the foreclosure sale other than a mortgage shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn

Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602, Tel No. (312) 346-9088 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report

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E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 21-07875IL_722031 Attorney ARDC No. 61256

Case Number: 21 CH 21

TJSC#: 42-3301 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiffs attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 21 CH 21

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Case No.: 2022FC78 Property Address: 1901 PARK LK DR, MORRIS, IL 60450 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-

RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage con-veying the premises described as follows, to wit: UNIT 1901-E AS DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF LOT 1 IN PARKLAKE

Notice of Foreclosure of 1901 Park Lk Dr.

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

FOR GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST J, Plaintiff, -v.- ANGELA E. SPRINGER; et al., Defendants.

VILLAGE UNIT ONE, A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF MORRIS, COUNTY OF GRUNDY AND STATE OF ILLINOIS; WHICH PLAT OF SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A TO A DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP MADE BY FORD CITY BANK, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT NUMBER 870 DATED JUNE 27, 1974 RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS DOCUMENT NO. 245314; TOGETHER WITH A PERCENTAGE OF THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT TO SAID UNIT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT C TO SAID DECLARATION IN GRUNDPLOCUMITY, ILLINOIS.

EXHIBIT C TO SAID DECLARATION IN GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 1901 PARK LK DR, MORRIS, IL 60450 Names of the titleholders of record: ANGELA E. SPRINGER. Date of the Mortgage: November 8, 2007. Name or names of the mortgagors: ANGELA E. SPRINGER. Name of the mortgagee: Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp.. Date and place of recording: November 15, 2007; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Grundy County. Illingis

Grundy County, Illinois. Identification of recording: Document No. 484048. NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before November 28, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT

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TIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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What have they done?

SHADOW LAKES—I am sure your TV programming has been interrupted by all the political ads. As you are watching these ads, ask yourself this. All these candidates have been in office for either 4 or 6 years. When they are pitching to you to vote to put them back in office again, do any of them tell you what they have done during their term? How many of them have written a bill and had it passed? They all tell you what they are going to do, but another term in office, and the result is the same. They do nothing and run again! A lifelong job. Always, Margot Lane

Meaningful issues

WILMINGTON-One might think, by watching political commercials these days that our biggest issue is abortion. Isn't that what we've been seeing on T.V.? Although important, there are many more meaningful issues that our politicians are not discussing with us. 1.) High gas and oil prices. Solution, open the Keystone Pipeline. No need for us to import from other countries. 2.) Violence, crimes, murders, hijackings on the rise. So please show your support by supporting our men and women in blue. Our politicians are protected. 3.) Taxes on the rise in Illinois. Considering moving to another state. 4.) Workers right Amendment to the Illinois constitution. Vote No! It's another way to raise our taxes.

Taken for granted

COAL CITY-Finally! I never thought I would see the day when a black Chicago journalist, Charles Thomas, finally coming out and saying the truth about black voters and the Democratic Party in Illinois. The commercials with Mr. Thomas questioning why black voters continue to vote for the left wing liberal politicians who make the same promises to black voters every two or four years, get elected or reelected and then never deliver on any of their promises. It is about time! The Democrats take the black vote and black citizens for granted. They just assume that no matter what they say or do the black voters will vote for the Democratic candidates. Perhaps the tide has finally turned and black voters will see the light and vote for a candidate that will actually follow through on their promises.

Vote no to Amendment

DIAMOND- The proposed Amendment One to the Illinois Constitution will be on the Nov. 8 ballot. No other state in America has asked its voters to grant such a blatant power grab to the government unions. The Illinois school board association, The Illinois Chamber of Commerce and The Illinois Manufacturers Association all opposed it. #1 the second clause states that the amendment would be controlling over another part of the constitutions that spells out home rules unit of local government. Meaning units of government would be subject to the amendment. #2 It would drive up property taxes by giving government unions power to negotiate political issues including econom-ic welfare. #3 Elevating collective bargaining rights to the same level of the constitution gives unions more power than your elected officials. #4 If a teachers' union didn't want back ground checks as part of the hiring process they could write it into their contract. They could hire a child sex predator for a bus driver with impunity. As a parent you could do nothing about it. #5 The Chicago's Teachers Union is the most powerful union in Illinois. They're presently operational only in Chicago but that will change dramatically if voters pass Amendment One in November. This law would spread the CTU's extremist views and power to every part of Illinois including Grundy County. #6 It prohibits lawmakers as our representatives from ever changing or enacting reform down the line. It will be prohibited by the amendment itself. They only need 60 percent of the vote. If it fails to reach 60 percent but still musters more yes votes from more than half of those voting, it would still pass. Talk this over with friends and neighbors both here and other parts of Illinois. Then ask them to do the same. Not all voters have the same access to this information that we have. Sharon

mers in Europe and the privileges he experienced go on and on. Enough with you liberals and the white privilege BS.

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Hope it's not true

COAL CITY—Please say it isn't true. Recently had dinner with some friends who live in the Braidwood, Wilmington and Coal City area and they informed me and my wife that some of the schools are providing litter boxes in the schools (in the classrooms) for these idiot kids who identify as cats. I hope this isn't true but would like to get some conformation as to the validity of this subject from the "Sound-Off" community. If it is true- Where the hell are the parents of these idiots and when are we as a country going to stop catering to the needs of every crack pot moron who can't seem to realize that they are human like everybody else. Also, how can the Health Department allow something like this occur?

Can't trust him

SHADOW LAKES—Last night, I watched the debate between Senator Darren Bailey and Governor Pritzker. When the topic came up about teaching our school children and promoting gender change, our beloved Governor, said untrue. The next day I received a copy of the "Will County Gazette." The headline in this paper stated the Pritzker family, and Lurie Childen's Hospital promotes "gender and sex development experiments" in Illinois public schools. Is this the man you are going to reelect? Who do you believe? Always, Margot Lane

My favorite book

WILMINGTON—A recent caller submitted a quote from the Bible and I felt compelled to quote one of my favorite books, that being the Devil's Dictionary, by Ambrose Bierce. In it he defines religion as a daughter of hope and fear explaining to ignorance the nature of the unknowable. By the way, I like Jesus, but not his fans. Penny Lane

Ignoring Jan. 6 crimes

WILMINGTON—On Fox news they tried to scare the Rubes for scores of rampant crime yet they ignore the crimes of Trump and the January 6th traitors.

Political propaganda WILMINGTON—I recently received a copy

WILMINGTON—I recently received a copy of the Will County Gazette which claimed to be a newspaper. It is actually a political propaganda filled with right wing talking points including a tax on gay and trans youth while pretending to be protecting the children. That being said I'd like to thank Eric Fisher and his staff for printing The Free Press Advocate, The Braidwood Journal and The Coal City Courant with real news content and the Sound-Off page which gives everyone a form to voice their opinions not just those of Dan Proft and Darren Bailey.

FP Trickster

SHADOW LAKES— This is Frank. Pritzker used federal bailout money to get Illinois bond ratings raised, the same federal money that originated off federal taxpayers in the U.S.A. Guess who owes all that money now? His campaign commercials try to make it look like he actually had some brilliant plan to achieve this and saved Illinois, a typical trickster. Smoking mirrors. One thing I give J.B. is his goal to make Illinois the baby killing capitol of America with his super pro abortion policies. Anyone who votes for J.B. or any Democrat, they are all pro abortion. Guilty of complicity. And those that iu nav that means is they should have a right to choose whether or not they kill their baby. What are you gone say to God when he asked you about it. Do the right thing and don't vote for any Democrat. Nothing is hid from God. lish these remarks the newspaper makes every effort to forward unpublished comments to the parties to whom they are directed.

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which the Illinois Supreme Court followed. Didn't our lawmakers in Springfield learn from this? Now we have Amendment 1 on the ballot that contains a section to vote on another constitutional amendment for "workers' rights." It will have no bearing on private workers, only state workers who will have the power to demand anything they want during a strike. If they want low-cost housing in there contract, like the Chicago Teachers Union demanded, then Amendment guarantees their right to demand it. This proposed Amendment would bring Illinois into another crisis. It would prohibit any law from being passed that diminishes their rights. What about the rights of us taxpayers? We shouldn't have to pay \$2,100 more in taxes to help pay for this. Let us learn from the pension situation: Adopting something that cannot be undone is a dangerous endeavor. Vote no for Amendment 1.

For emergencies only

BRAIDWOOD—This is simple. In 1975, Congress voted to have a strategic oil reserve for an emergency like war, not for the party in charge to use to lower the price of gas for votes before the midterm elections. Please remember after the election all the sales taxes come back.

Out with fools

BRAIDWOOD-Since the Covid pandemic, economic problems are worldwide and no less so than for our cousins across the pond in the UK. Several months ago they threw out Prime Minister Boris Johnson and last week his replacement, Liz Truss, resigned after 44 days in office. She tried to cut taxes on the wealthy as a way to achieve national stability but even her allies gave her no support. It must be noted that Trump's 2017 tax cut did the same thing conditions. under different although Nevertheless, the Brits seem to have no tolerance for fools and it's too bad our nation does when it allows a president to attack the government he swore to protect. Perhaps if we lose our democracy, we should try the parliamen-tary form of government. Madison M.

Handling the storm

CAPE CORAL, FL—Century link outage is coming up on one month in the Embers Burnt store area. Every time they give me a day, the next two days they move the date and do nothing. In this time I have seen two vans on the road. They lack resources and ability to handle the storm. scams are involving young and senior citizens. Who needs the nightmare? Beware of scam text messages on Covid relief and tax credits. The IRS is warning they're on the rise as are fake texts offering to set up online IRS accounts. The text messages known as smishing may look like they are from the IRS but they are not. Don't respond to the text or open the link. Copy the caller ID number and text message and e-mail it to the Revenue Service ugly side of technology. Be extra careful with your Social Security number.

Gambling addiction

MORRIS—I read in last week's newspaper that video gaming generated \$3.5 billion for Illinois in 10 years. Not a mention of gambling addiction by far too many. Wives, husbands and children suffer miserably when the money to support them goes into a gambling machine. Far too many end in failed marriages. Close to \$655 million for the town and counties that allow the machines to operate. Sad commentary.

Brutally honest

MORRIS—She signs her name Sharon in the sound-off column. Whoever she is, her articles are so brutally honest about the political scene today. We enjoy her articles because it's not gibberish. She knows how politics works. Thanks Sharon.

Extreme?

The only angle the liberal Democrats have for the November election is that anyone who disagrees with their way of thinking is extreme. They have not presented a single plan on how to fix any of the issues facing our state/country. I have not heard a single Republican candidate refer to a Democrat as extreme. If you want to see extremism, take a look at the new law/regulation passed in California, Bill AB 2223, that allows babies to be killed up to 28 days after they are born and the individuals who commit such an act cannot be prosecuted. Only in California. There was another group of people in history who committed these types of acts and their names were Nazis. But don't worry, the Illinois liberals hate being up staged by the California liberals and such a law will be drafted and passed in Illinois in the near future. Whatever happened to the constitutional rights of a new born baby? If a Hispanic woman crosses the bridge from Juarez, Mexico into El Paso, Texas and gives birth to a child on the USA side of the Rio Grande, that child has every right that an American citizen has and if it is murdered the culprits will go to jail. How is that any different from a child born in an American hospital by an American citizen? Doesn't that child have the same rights as the Hispanic child born in El Paso simply because the child's mother crossed over a bridge onto American soil? You liberals really are a bunch of hypocrites. You don't want anybody to eat meat because it involves the slaughter of domesticated animals but killing babies, harvesting their body parts and dumping their remains into a landfill is no big deal for you narcissistic monsters.

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White privilege?

The next time a left wing liberal Illinois Democrat tells you that white privilege is a big problem in Illinois, ask them why then did they elect a Governor who is the poster child for white privilege. Born into the Hyatt Hotel fortune, grew up in a mansion, went to the prestige's Milton Academy outside Boston (only 14% of applicants are accepted unless you got the big money influence to get in) with annual tuition around \$65,000 per year, spent sum-



Got our vote

BRACEVILLE— Mary K. O'Brien, we like your commercial. You got our vote, Braceville.

Listen to the facts

COAL CITY—Considering the numerous allegations of various crimes filed against him, former President Trump has the unmitigated gall to declare our nation a "cesspool of crime" since he left the White House. In fact, it has come to the attention of fact checkers recently that the Republican state of Oklahoma has a higher violent crime rate than New York and California according to official records. Another surprise is that the sparsely populated state of Alaska has one of the highest murder rates of any state. Is it because of their indigenous natives? Probably not because Hawaii has a high minority population and is one of the safest states of all. The MAGA crowd seems to

be playing fast and loose with the truth as usual. Kurt K.

Can't be undone

CUSTER PARK—Illinois' five taxpayer-funded pension systems are \$317 billion in debt. Illinois has the second most pension debt in the nation and efforts have been introduced to amend the pension program but have failed because of the provision in the Illinois Constitution that says pensions cannot be "dimin-

Testimony under oath

WILMINGTON—Republicans are a tough bunch and none tougher than Liz Cheney and none more patriotic. Cheney promises that Trump's subpoenaed testimony under oath to the Jan. 6 committee will not turn into a "circus" like Trump's first presidential debate in 2020. Cheney states that discipline will be maintained by gathering Trump's testimony over several days' time. Of course, the American people refused to allow Trump's shenanigans to affect their vote back then. In fact, Trump's behavior as a carnival barker during that first debate most likely turned voters against him which is why Trump lost the election. Irene D.

Supporting enemies BRAIDWOOD—Our national debt is

BRAIDWOOD—Our national debt is unsustainable. We now pay \$1 trillion interest on what we owe foreign countries like China, Russia and Japan, just to name a few. We are supporting the military of our enemies China and Russia. Joe just keeps promoting more and more giveaways.

Scams, scams, scams

MORRIS—The Department of Education began accepting applications for student loan relief when it launched a beta test for millions of qualifying borrowers online website and in the mail. Also Medicare plans are on television and in the mail. Be very careful and alert. Some plans are just licensed insurance agents scammers working overtime. If caught they should

get life in prison. Won't happen in the USA. Mostly

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Not so good

WILMINGTON—The more I hear about this Trump fella I'm starting to think he might not be a good guy.

Diesel supply in danger

DIAMOND-The United States, as of Oct. 14, has 25.4 days of supply, down from 34.2 days of supply four weeks prior. The diesel crunch comes just two weeks before the November midterm elections and will drive up prices even more. Diesel is the fuel used by the freight trains and long-haul truckers to transport our foods and other goods. Farming, construction, fire engines and military vehicles are also endangered. Here we sit in an abundance of American oil used to transport the greatest farm producing meats, fruits and vegetables in the world with military vehicles and equipment needed to be at the ready in these dangerous times, yet we have been denied access to it. This is the soul responsibility of the Biden administration and those who put him into office.



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An ice cream-based dessert drink from the 1940s

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Anyone feel like going out per clubs were all for ice cream? The universal the rage. answer across all age groups is a resounding "yes". However, going out for ice cream looks a bit different depending on where you are in life, and where you are in the USA.

This week we visit The Badger State for a treat that is part cocktail, part ice cream, and 100% Wisconsin. If you know, you know. Anyone up for a Pink Squirrel?

The Pink Squirrel is an ice cream-based dessert drink straight from the vintage blenders of America's Dairyland. The cocktail was invented at Milwaukee's famous Bryant's Cocktail Lounge in the early 1940s and has been a staple of Milwaukee mixology ever since.

The drink is not as popular outside of the Midwest, and has evolved into a drink made with heavy cream instead of ice cream outside of Wisconsin. If you order the drink in Wisconsin, expect ice cream, and lots of it.

The Pink Squirrel rose to prominence in 1940s/1950s Wisconsin as electric blenders were becoming popular in America's kitchens, and sup-

the rage. A typical night

at a supper club in mid-century Milwaukee would start with a Brandy Old Fashioned at the bar, followed by a meal, then wrapping up the evening with a return to the bar for a Pink Squirrel.

So, what's in the Pink Squirrel? ice cream is straight up vanilla

and the "pink" comes from crème de noyaux. What exactly is crème de

novaux? I had to look up this one myself as I have never encountered this particular liqueur. Crème de noyaux is a French almond liqueur, similar in color to the Italian almond liqueurs (amaretto). The Italian almond liqueurs such as Disoranno carry a strong almond flavor, whereas crème de noyaux carries lighter, sweeter almond notes.

The Pink Squirrel isn't an all sweetness/no substance cocktail. In fact, for a "sweet" dessert drink the Pink Squirrel is surprisingly complex.

complexity comes courtesy of the almond notes in the crème de noyaux, the rest comes from the balance of chocolate and vanilla flavors. Think of it as

adding chocolate syrup to a milkshake, or pouring chocolate syrup on your vanilla ice cream. The cocoa Pink ice cream? Actually, the notes add a satisfying depth to

the vanilla sweetness. The chocolate notes in the Pink Squirrel come from crème de cacao, the chocolate used liqueur in the Grasshopper and the Brandy Alexander. There are two types of crème de cacao, light and dark

The dark variety is a coffee-colored liqueur whereas the light variety is clear. Use the light variety over the dark. You will not achieve the light pink hue if you use the darker crème de cacao.

Speaking of the signature pink hue, the Pink Squirrel should turn out a light pink and should not be a darker red or bright neon pink. If it is "too

Most of the pink" dial back the crème de noyaux or add more ice cream. Ice cream cocktails are unofficially in a separate cate-

gory of mixology, and Wisconsin owns the category. In addition to the Pink Squirrel, Bryant's Cocktail lounge has been turning out perhaps the best Grasshoppers in the Midwest for decades.

If you ever find yourself thirsty in Milwaukee, and vou're not counting calories, Bryant's Cocktail Lounge is located at 1579 S 9th Street, west of I-94 and north of Lapham Boulevard. It's not all ice cream and dessert drinks at Bryant's, they serve all of the classics and are consistently rated among the best bars in America by Esquire Magazine.

The Pink Squirrel is built in a blender and served in a Hurricane glass.

Combine in blender:

1 oz. crème de noyaux 1 oz. white crème de

cacao 3 scoops vanilla ice cream

Blend until smooth Serve with whipped cream on top, garnish with sliced almonds

Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

Rutherford earns Chamber EOM trophy



MINGTON CHAMBER of Commerce recently presented Debbie Rutherford (left) from Kerr Management Consultants with Employee of the Month Trophy. Presenting the trophy is Chamber ambassador Dee Yehling from The Corner Tap. Rutherford has been with Kerr Management Consultants for 26 years, and was recognized for her passion for hard work, thoroughness and friendliness. She is also treasurer for the chamber, an unpaid position, who volunteers much of her time and fundraising ideas for the benefit of the community.

Mortgage assistance program to reopen Nov. 1

Qualifying homeowners can receive up to \$30,000 in assistance

payments and up to three their primary residence. months of future payments. The funding can also be used their monthly housing payproperty homeowner's insurance, condominium or homeowner association fees, and mobile home lot rent. Funds received do not need to be repaid. More information is available at illinoishousinghelp. org/ilhaf, and the application portal will be open from Nov. 1 through the end of January 2023.

used for past-due mortgage py the home in the state as mortgage assistance may

 Be at least 30 days late on amount a person can ree

Braceville Gardner Cemetery clean up

The Braceville Gardner Cemetery is announcing their fall clean up. All grave decorations must be removed by Nov. 10 or they will be discarded.

Also, during the year all wilted, faded and broken grave decorations will be removed.

Please use garbage cans located by the Maintenance Building. Do not replace decorations until the clean up is completed.

Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated by the cemetery board and manager.



BY CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The state will reopen a mortgage assistance program for pandemic - impacted homeowners on Nov. 1.

The Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund, run through Illinois the Housing Development Authority, provides up to \$30,000 in assistance to homeowners through payments made directly to mortgage servicers, taxing bodies or other approved entities

The program is funded through an appropriation from the federal American Rescue Plan Act and can be

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To qualify, Illinois homeowners must:

• Have experienced a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic after Jan. 21, 2020, or a hardship that began before that date and continued afterward.

· Currently own and occu-

ment. ٠ Have a household

income at or below 150 percent of the area median income.

• Be able to demonstrate they have either communicatwith their mortgage ed provider about their inability to pay or sought counseling with a federally approved counseling organization.

Individuals who participated in a previous round of

\$30,000 cumulatively. IHDA and its housing partners will hold information sessions on the program, and a schedule is posted online at illinoishousinghelp.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the

ILHAF hotline at 1-866-454-3571.



As I sat intending to write a brief memorial and memories of (Mom) Cora Mae. Memories just flooded into my mind. All the good stuff. My mother loved going to garage & estate sales. We would check the Free Press for the first ads to appear in spring, reading and picking what we thought were the best sales the night before. Early the next morning we were off, arriving sometimes an hour early for the first sale to start. Sorry, yes we were some of those (Early Birds). We would last until noon. Then it was time to go for lunch or in my mother's case - dessert. Pie, cake, cookies you name it, she was good with it as long as it was sweet. I heard the sweettooth was from the Hoffman side of the family. We would enjoy our lunch and talk about all our great finds.

Then fall would come and the Garage Sales slowed; which marks the start of card playing and best of all puzzle season. Mother must have put hundreds of puzzles together in all her years and remembered every one of those pretty pictures.

So try to be a pretty puzzle piece today, in memory of Cora Mae Hoffman. Love,

Who passed one year ago Oct. 27, 2021.



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Low-income families in \$3,838 for a three-person Illinois can now apply for state assistance on their natural gas, propane and electricity bills.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, has \$300 million available. Families can apply by visiting helpillinoisfamilies.com or by calling 1-833-711-0374. Information on other state assistance programs can be found on that website as well.

LIHEAP provides onetime payments directly to energy service providers on behalf of recipients.

Families who earn up to two times the federal poverty level are eligible for LIHEAP. That works out to a 30-day gross income below \$2,265 for a one-person household, \$3,052 for a 2-person home, home, \$4,625 for four people, \$5,412 for five people and \$6,198 for six people.

The level of assistance received is needs-based, and last year's LIHEAP recipients received an average of \$1,330 per household, according to the governor's office.

Grundy County residents seeking assistance can call Kendall-Grundy Community Action at 815-941-3262 and Will County residents can obtain information through the Will County Center for Community Concerns at wcccc.net or by calling 815-722-3262.



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Grundy Bank joins campaign to help consumers from being scammed

ed, industry-wide campaign to protect consumers during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

We want to take the opportunity to join this industry-wide campaign and bring awareness to phishing scams that con people daily. We hope that joining this campaign that we give our customers the best practices for phishing defense, "said Christine Mendez, Marketing and Sales Director of Grundy Bank.

Grundy Bank joined the American Bankers Association and banks across the nation to promote an industry-wide campaign educating consumers about the persistent threat of phishing scams. The FTC estimates that consumers lost \$5.8 billion to phishing and other fraud in 2021, an increase of more than 70% compared to 2020.

combat То phishing, the #BanksNeverAskThat campaign uses attention-grabbing humor and other engaging content to empower consumers to identify bogus bank communications asking for sensitive information like their passwords and social security numbers.

"Phishing attempts are at an all-time high

America's banks join forces in a coordinat- and scammers are targeting consumers from every direction -by text, phone, and email, "said Paula Benda, Senior Vice President, Operational Risk and Cybersecurity at ABA. "Education and awareness are key to helping consumers spot a scam, and with help from participating banks like Grundy Bank, we're able to reach bank customers across the country so they can stay one step ahead of the scammers.

Grundy Bank, along with more than 1,000 banks from across the U.S. and ABA, kicked off the month of October with National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Grundy Bank is sharing consumer tips on social media and in bank branches to highlight common phishing schemes. Because cybersecurity education and fraud awareness can often be dull and forgettable to many consumers, the campaign is designed to be bright and bold with a bit of comedy.

The campaigns short videos offer similarly ridiculous scenarios like wallpapering a room with cash, roasting marshmallows over a cash fire and recycling cash on garbage day. Consumers directed are to BanksNeverAskThat.com for more



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Less seasonal use, not politicians helping gas prices to decline

Area gasoline prices continue to drop as local motorists are seeing most stations with fuel under \$4/gallon.

Average gasoline prices in Illinois have fallen 9.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.20/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

Locally Braid

"Average gas prices have declined for the second Lakes having an oversized effect on the drop in the national average," said Patrick De Haan, head of petrological analysis at GasBuddy.

decision to cut proprice reports, the cheapest station in Illinois was \$3.43/g

higher in the Northeast as "With oil prices struggling a bit after reaching \$93 after tight levels ahead of the heating oil season. Motorists are gasoline prices is seasonal and should continue into the fall, driving prices, not the desires According to GasBuddy or hopes of politicians."

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tions on Monday were priced duction, many regions could reminded that the decline in \$3.65 to \$3.68/g. Wilmington stations were week as demand continues to \$3.68/g to \$3.99/g near the decline seasonally, especially if and is unrelated to the coming interstate while in Coal City more data points to a signifi- election. Seasonality is king in GasBuddy was reporting cant economic slowdown." prices at the pump at \$4.04.

see falling gas prices again this

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Joyce Alderson ____

COAL CITY-Joyce Elaine Alderson (nee Holt), 74, of Coal City, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Joyce was born on Oct. 6, 1948 to Selmar Franklin and Margie Maxine (nee Hagood) Holt. On Sept. 1, 1990 she married William Alderson in Arkansas and they made their home in Coal City. Joyce loved every dog she ever met and especially adored her own dogs: Frankie, Stella and Izzy. Joyce was a nature

lover, enjoyed painting ceramics, nurturing her flower gardens and making floral arrangements. In her earlier years, she was employed by Arrow Road Construction which is how she came to meet her husband. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandson, Will, and was immensely proud of his congressional nomination and acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

Surviving are her husband of 32 years William Alderson; daughter, Russelle (Brent) Holsinger, of Columbus, OH; grandson, William Holsinger, of Annapolis, MD; sisters, Lois

WILMINGTON- Gale Czys, 78, of Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, 2022 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Born Feb. 24, 1944 in Salem, IL, Gale Rochelle was a daughter of Luther and Blanche (Stybr) Hish, She was raised in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1962. On Jan. 9, 1965 Gale married David Czys and together they made a home and raised their family in Wilmington.

Gale's employment began working with the Ammunition Procurement and Supply Agency (APSA) before gaining employment with the Wilmington Advocate Newspaper. She later went to work for the Wilmington School District, from where she retired from working in the High School Guidance Office in 2008.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wilmington; belonged to the Braidwood Recreation Club, and was an active volunteer with Kuzma Care Cottage. Gale enjoyed working crossword puzzles, playing scrabble and euchre and in years past loved to play volleyball. She was a great fan of Elvis and cherished her time together with family and friends out to eat and shopping. Gale will be most remembered as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who was always her boys and grandkids biggest fan.

Survivors include her husband, David; two sons: Mark Czys (fiancé Abbey Hagi) of Champaign, IL and Bret (Jennifer) Czys of Wilmington; grandchildren: Brendan, Ellie, Evan, Blain and Emery; one brother, Gary (Julianne) Hish of Wilmington; her uncle,

Stamper and Judy Holt; brother, Roger D. Holt; sister-in-law, Ann Holt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, brother, Franklin Holt, and many cherished dogs.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022 at 1 p.m. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. All guests are welcome to dress in casual

attire for the visitation and funeral. Interment will immediately follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may directed to Uplifted Care hospice or to an animal organization of the donor's choice.

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

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

Gale Czys

Donald (Velda) Hish of Bloomington, IL and sisters-in-law: Mary (Ben) Wilson of Wilmington and Christine Krahn of Naples, FL, and five nieces and nephews: Wendy Krahn, Marnie (Jonathan) Jones, Mike Wilson, Robyn Ybarra and Greg Wilson. Gale was preceded in death by

her parents, Luther and Blanche Hish and her father-in-law and mother-inlaw, Edward and Anne Czys.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 East Kahler Road in Wilmington on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow Monday morning, Oct. 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the funeral home with Rev. Harriette Cross from the First United Methodist Church in Wilmington offici-

Burial will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, where Gale will be laid to rest with her parents. Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers will be her sons and grandchildren.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Gale's memory to Kuzma Care Cottage, 635 S. Main Street, Wilmington, IL 60481.

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

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

BR. Leo Keigher _

PERRYVILLE, MO—Br. Leo (Francis J. "Fran") C.M., 92, of Keigher Perryville, MO, passed away

peacefully Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022 at the Apostle of Charity Residence St. Mary of the Barrens in Perryville, MO.

He was born May 25, 1930 in Chicago to Leo W. and Veronica M. (Haley) Keigher. When his family moved to Joliet, Fran attended St. Patrick's Parish and grade school and Joliet Catholic High his years growing up with his family and friends there. After graduating high school, he worked at Caterpillar in Joliet and later Argonne Labs



nature. He kept connected in between with calls, visits, and cards.

In 2017, after 44 years at DePaul, 34 of which were spent operating his Back Door Ministry, Br. Leo retired. He moved to the Vincentian Apostle of Charity Residence at St. Mary of the Barrens in Perryville. There he reunited with other retired priests and brothers, most of whom he knew well. Despite his trials of health and distance

from family and friends in Illinois, he found School. The second of 10 children, Fran enjoyed happiness there. Br. Leo came to love and appreciate the dedicated staff of nurses and caregivers. He loved to reminisce with his family when called or visited, and never tired of sharing the many stories of his life. Because Br. Leo saw firsthand the sad plight of the poor, he was left with great compassion for the suffering of others. That experience led him to a deep appreciation for his faith, family, and friends. He often encouraged us to appreciate those blessings and to never forget to say our prayers. He had a strong devotion to the rosary, and was proud to live on the same grounds as The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal. He is survived by his brother, Patrick Keigher; four sisters: Theresa O'Connor, Rita Keenan, Eileen (Tom) Schiltz, and Kathleen (Warren) Lindsay; foster brother, Jim (Joyce) Traina and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Michael Keigher; sisters: Margie Keigher, Mary (Buddy) McGrail, Lois (Tom) Flavin; brothers-in-law, Jerry O'Connor and Glenn Keenan; his sister-in-law, Carroll Keigher and nieces, Sheri and Marina Schiltz as well as numerous relatives and friends. Br. Leo (Fran) was loved so much and will be truly missed, he was a wonderful brother, uncle, Godfather, cousin, Vincentian Brother and friend. Rest in peace our dear Brother Leo. A funeral mass was held Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Mary, Mother of God Chapel at St. Mary's of the Barrens in Perryville with the Rev. Patrick McDevitt, C.M., Provincial of the Western Providence officiating. Burial was at Vincentian Community Cemetery in Perryville. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mary of the Barrens or Congregation of the Mission. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/people/St.Marys-of-the-Barrens/100080131630846/

Stephen A. Sayers _____

Stephen A. Sayers, 73 of Orland Park, and formerly of Coal City, died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022 at his home.

Born Feb. 10, 1949 in Fairfield, IL, Stephen Adrien was a son of Adrien Eugene and Doris (Harrison) Sayers. He graduated from Coal City High School with the Class of 1967, and was soon thereafter, drafted into the United States Army where he served in combat

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during the Vietnam Conflict. On Sept. 22, 1973, Steve married Rosemary Shelton and together they made their home in Coal City. He worked for Stepan Chemical, where he retired as an Engineer in 2015 following 35 years of service. Steve was a life member of the V.F.W. and belonged to the Coal City Area Club.

Known for his love of the outdoors, Steve loved to fish and camp. He enjoyed spending his summers vacationing on Marsh-Miller Lake in Wisconsin and visiting the casinos in Tunica, MS. Steve will be most remembered as a simple man, who had a great sense of humor; spoke fluent sarcasm and would help those he loved and cared for with anything they needed.

Survivors include his son and daughter-inlaw, James and Denise Womack, and his loving companion and partner, Beverly Dattilo, both of Orland Park; granddaughter, Victoria (Anthony) Ortiz of Westville, IN, as well as Dana (John) Klein of Steger, IL, who were like his own. Five grandchildren: Liam, Arianna, Dallas, Caleb and Nya; two brothers: Robert (Debbie) Sayers of Pea Ridge, AR and John (Debbie) Sayers of Kewanee, IL; nieces and nephews: Kerry Sayers-Foley of Davenport, IA, Kim Sayers of Darien, IL, Kelly Sayers of Oswego, IL, John Michael Sayers of Durant, IL, Bree Sayers of Jackson, MO and Rob Sayers of Alpharetta, GA. Steve was preceded in death by

his parents, and his wife Rosemary. The family will receive friends for

a visitation at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 North Broadway (one block north of Illinois Route 113) in Coal City on

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow on Friday morning, Oct. 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home with Rev. Chris Hopkins from The Center in Palos Park officiating

Burial will be in Sample Cemetery in Morris, where Steve will be laid to rest with his late wife, Rosemary. Pallbearers will be: Dan Davidson, Gabriel Pryszcz, Edward Milkint, Michael Doyle, Todd Mielcarz and John Klein.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts Steve's memory to The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, IL 60464 or to the Animal Welfare League 10305 Southwest Hwy, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

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

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

Dorothee Tjelle _____

CARBON HILL—Dorothee Rose Tielle, 94, of Carbon Hill, passed away Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 surrounded by family at the Lightways Hospice Home in Joliet.

Born Nov. 14, 1927 in Coal City, Dorothee Rose was a daughter of James and Rose (Mlynek) Vilt. She was raised and educated in Coal City and was a graduate of Coal City High School with the class of 1945. On Nov. 26, 1949, Dorothee married Everett Tjelle in St. Rose

Catholic Church in Wilmington, and together they made their home in Gardner, before relocating to Coal City.

Dorothee was a former member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington, and currently belonged to Assumption Parish in Coal City, where she was a member of The Martha's. Dorothee served as a 4-H Leader, and most recently was an active volunteer, assisting with the Carbon Hill Homecoming for many years; St. Vincent's Table, where she baked and provided desserts weekly; The Coal City Clothes Closet, and MOMS Cookies. She enjoyed dancing, as well as gardening and flowers. Family was always the center of Dorothee's life and she cherished the time she was able to spend with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and siblings. She was also for certain to be in attendance for any and all of her grandchildren's activities

Survivors include her children: Dennis (Margene) Tjelle, of Dwight; Alan Tjelle, of Carbon Hill: Diane Cramer, of Saunemin: LuAnn (Randy) Bradbury, of Odell and JoAnn (Loren) Koenig and Brian Tjelle, both of Carbon Hill; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one brother, Ron Vilt, of Wilmington and two

Fern L. Wren

COAL CITY—Fern L. Wren, 97, of Coal City, passed away with family at her side on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022 in Morris

sisters-in-law, Lorraine Vilt, of Carbon Hill and Phyllis Tjelle, of Dwight, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothee was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Everett Tjelle (Jan. 9, 1990); son-in-law, Kenny Cramer; brother, Richard "Hotshot" Vilt; sister, Bette Stutts, and her special friend and companion, Franklin Bevan.

Funeral services were held Tuesday,

Oct. 25, 2022 in Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church in Coal City. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated with Rev. Josh Miller presiding, and Deacon William Dunn assisting. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic

Cemetery in Campus, where she was laid to rest with her late husband.

Pallbearers were: Jim Muser, Jordan Koenig, Craig Cramer, Chris Cramer, Luke Tjelle, Jake Tjelle and Shane Wepprecht.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made as gifts in Dorothee's memory to Lightways Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431; Paralyzed Veterans of America, P.O. Box 758542, Topeka, KS 66675-8542 and St. Vincent's Table or the Assumption Building Fund c/o 195 S. Kankakee St., Coal City, IL 60416.

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

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

Fern was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Francis Sr.; two sons and a daughter-in-law: Francis Jr. and



with an additional two years leave spent serving in the U.S. Army. At age 29, Fran decided to begin his vocation as a religious brother. He chose the Vincentian Order Congregation of the Mission because of the founder St. Vincent's great love and service to the poor.

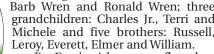
Fran entered St. Mary of the Barrens Seminary in Perryville and made his final vows July 19, 1962. His assignments included St. Mary's Seminary, DeAndreis Seminary in Lemont, IL and finally in 1973, the Vincentian Residence Offices of DePaul University in Chicago. Brother Leo also spent time volunteering for the Big Brothers and Sister Org. and the Kennedy Home for Special Needs Children, and at the Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home. In 1983, Br. Leo petitioned for and was granted permission to work full time in service to the poor. It was then that Br. Leo's Back Door Ministry began its crucial work. Each day, a line of homeless men and women would come to his door in need of help. They would receive clothing, blankets, necessities and coupon books for food at area restaurants. Those books meant even more in the winter months providing some time away from the bitter cold. Many of them relied on Br. Leo to just listen to their story and hear his words of consolation. He often would point to the crucifix as proof of God's love for them. Br. Leo worked hard to find resources and donations, and compiled a long list of contacts. His ministry also included helping poor families who came or called on him with various needs. He greatly appreciated the generosity of so many faithful donors and volunteers.

During his years in Illinois, Br. Leo (Uncle Fran) stayed close to his family. He was a favorite guest at so many parties and special events. Fran loved to share a magic trick or funny story with his special nieces and nephews who remember him for his gentle and accepting Hospital.

Born July 25, 1925 in Morris, Fern was a daughter of Charles Alfred and Lavina Mae (Ashton) Gordon. She was raised and educated in Morris and on Dec. 6, 1941, Fern married Francis Edwin Wren. Together they made a home and raised their six children.

A devoted wife and mother, nothing made Fern more proud than to become a grandmother, great-grandmother and greatgreat-grandmother. She was a member of the Morris Women of the Moose, and will be remembered as an exceptional cook. Fern enjoyed playing bingo, working puzzles and gambling. She was a great euchre player; a fan of the Chicago Cubs, and could often be found watching the Gameshow Network.

Survivors include four children: Charles E., Sr. (Margaret) Wren, of Braidwood; Gary L. Wren, of Carbon Hill and Sherrie L. Hobbs and Richard A. (Joan) Wren, both of Coal City; daughter-in-law, Dena Wren, of Coal City; 16 grandchildren: Stephanie, Stacy, Kimberly, Tammy, Julie, Carey, Sherry, Ronald Jr., Ryan, Jason, Justin, Dawn, Jeffery, Jillian, Brad and Kristin; numerous great and great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Sanders, of Coal City and numerous nieces and nephews.



Per Fern's wishes, green flameless cremations rites have been accorded. The family will receive friends for a memorial visitation at Reeves Funeral

Home, 75 N. Broadway, one block north of IL Route 113 in Coal City on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 from 10 a.m. until the time of memorial service at 12 noon. Inurnment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Morris, where Fern will be laid to rest with her late husband, Francis Sr.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Fern's memory to the Morris Hospital Foundation, 150 W. High St., Morris, IL 60450.

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

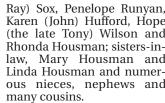
Flameless cremation arrangements and memorial services have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City.

Raymond Housman

DWIGHT—Raymond Andrew Housman, "Ace," 75 of Dwight, formerly of Braidwood, passed away Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 at OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa.

Born Jan. 25, 1947 in Braidwood, he was the son of Andrew Raymond and Ruth L. (nee Stevens) Housman. Raymond was a union carpenter with Local #174. He enjoyed watching old westerns and fishing with his

grandson. Surviving are three children: Cindy (Bernie) Studyvin, of Joliet; Daniel Fredrick Lee (fiancé, Tricia Boyne) Housman, of Dwight and James Clifford Housman, of Pontiac; two grandchildren, Leeann (George Henry) Hall and Mark Allen Redman Jr.; two great-grandsons, George Henry Hall III, "Junior" and Leeland Ray Hall; six brothers: Donald (the late Donna) Housman, David (Jan) Housman, William (the late Brenda) Housman, Nathan (Kay) Housman, Richard (the late Joyce) Housman, and George (Angie) Housman; seven sisters: Peggy (Ronald) Wendel, Carol (Gary) Zilm, Patricia (the late



Preceding him in death were his parents, Andrew and Ruth; wife, Linda Lee (nee Lutomski) Housman (June 30, 2015), who he married Dec. 9, 1974; three brothers: Ronald Housman, Warren

Housman and Ralph Housman and one sister, Marilyn Housman.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorial visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022 from 12 p.m. until the time of memorial services beginning at 4 p.m.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpat-tersonfuneralhomes.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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A tribute to Gary Brieser



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OVER 75 VEHICLES and roughly 200 people lined up at Wilmington High School on Sunday morning to parade to the home of Gary Brieser, the owner who started Brieser Construction, who passed away Saturday. The line-up stretched over a mile long as police escorted vehicles through downtown Wilmington. The circled the driveway at his home near Harborside Marina where each vehicle dropped a carnation in his honor. It was a fitting tribute to Brieser who turned a small construction company into a reliable general contractor who employed about 3,000 people over the past 44 years. Brieser's tradesmen were often encouraged by Gary to volunteer their time and talent for building community projects. The main office was in Wilmington on Lorenzo Rd from years 1978 - 2000 before locating currently in Channahon. It's still a very Wilmington-heavy corporation with about 25% of its employees having a Wilmington address. The company Gary started is now one of the largest woman-owned civil industrial contractors in the United States. His obituary information was unavailable at press time as arrangements were still being made.

OBITUARIES

Jim Noffsinger

LEROY—Jimmie Lee Noffsinger, 71, of Leroy, passed away unexpectedly Oct. 14, 2022. He was born Feb. 20, 1951 in Oak Park, IL to Thomas and Gracie Noffsinger.

Jim graduated from Reed Custer High School class of 1969. Being naturally athletic, he excelled in many sports while in high school. He found a great love for bowling and golfing and enjoyed those for many years. Jim worked for years in the Carpentry and Sheetmetal Unions and was the proud owner for years of a hardware store in Mackinaw, IL. He enjoyed putting together puzzles and proudly displayed them in his home.

Surviving are sisters, Dee (Bill) Beasley and Darnell (Don) Christenson; brothers, Ed (Terry) Noffsinger and Jack (Juanita) Noffsinger; five

children: daughters, Dana (Kelly) Lardi, of Coal City and Stacy Belz, of Mahomet; sons: Michael (Brenna) Noffsinger, of Coal City; Kevin Noffsinger, of Lacon and Arthur (Brooke) Noffsinger; grandchildren: Abby Lardi, Grace Lardi, Claire Lardi, Lucy Lardi, Alice Lardi and Caroline Lardi; Dane Noffsinger, Brady Noffsinger, Caleb Conover, Riley Conover, Wyatt Belz, Derek Belz, Cameron Noffsinger, Bryson Noffsinger and Brynlee Noffsinger.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his parents and his late wife, Teresa Noffsinger.

A graveside service was held Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 at Dawson Cemetery. Those who wish to remember Jimmie can make donations to the Calvert-Balangee-Bruce Funeral Home at 101 W Center St, LeRoy, IL 61752.

Joe P. Gleason

COAL CITY—Joe P. Gleason, 62, of Coal City, formerly Elwood and Joliet, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 at Joliet Hospice House

Born April 6, 1960 in Joliet, he was a son of Edward L. and Theresa M. (Caron) Gleason. On Dec. 11, 1985, Joe married Deborah Moore in Joliet, and together they cherished 36 years. Joe lived many lives in one lifetime. He started working at the age of 8, making lunch deliveries to neighborhood business, paper delivery, bicycle repair and mowing lawns. By his teens Joe started working with a traveling carnival for the summer. This eventually lead to owning his own concession vehicle, allowing him to travel with carnivals and circuses. In time he joined the Hauk Gas Co. working up to management while many ventures. music, comedy, stage performances and discov- direction and care of Reeve Funeral Home, Ltd., ering new experiences. He always looked for a 75 N. Broadway Street, in Coal City.

good laugh, good food and getting a good bargain. Survivors include his wife, Deborah, of Coal

City; three brothers: Dave (Dawn), Steven and Wayne Gleason; one sister, Susan Gleason; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Brian Gleason and one niece, Lisa Marie.

Cremation rites have been accorded and services will be held per Joe's wishes.

Preferred memorials in Joe's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Friends and family are encouraged to sign

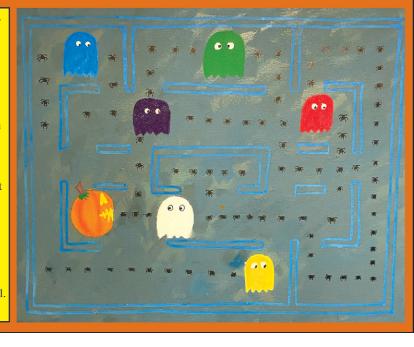
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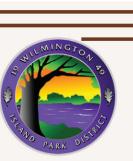
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Sweet and scary

Ranking the best, worst and favorite Halloween treats

STAFF REPORT

Chocolate and peanut butter appear to be the perfect combination and that's why when it comes to Halloween candy, the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup reins.

It's tradition that on Oct. 31, costume characters roam the streets in search of sweet treats, everyone seeking out their favorites as they empty their pumpkin buckets, bags and pillow cases to inventory the stash of candy they collected going door-to-door.

For the majority of Americans, finding a peanut butter cup is a win while Halloween this year and among them 96% finding a peanut butter kiss—the ones wrapped in black and orange paper—is a loss.

most popular and worst trick-or-treat candy are released, and CandyStore.com provides a comprehensive listing of both by analyzing published reports and comparing it to its own survey of 15,000 customers to determine what trick-ortreaters want and don't want to find at the end of the night.

Starburst and Hot Tamales.

This year's favorites have not changed in the last 365 days as Hershey Kisses, Snickers, Tootsie Pops and candy corn maintained their spots in the top 10.

Candy corn also ranks among the top 10 worst candies-for the record it's #2 this year, dropping down a spot from last season.

The list of the worst starts with circus peanuts up from #2 last year, followed by candy corn, peanut butter kisses, Necco Wafers, wax cola bottles, Smarties, Mary Janes, Tootsie Rolls, black licorice and Good & Plenty.

CandyStore.com reports 172 million Americans are expected to celebrate will purchase candy spending about \$27.55 on average.

. Overall, Halloween spending this Each Halloween the rankings of the year is expected at about \$10.6 billion with \$3.1 billion going toward the purchase of candy, according an estimate provided by the National Retail Federation.

The annual CandyStore. com survey also breaks down the favorite candy choices by state.

Illinoisians' top picks continue to be The 2022 list of America's favorites Sour Patch Kids followed by Kit Kat and

once again starts with the peanut butter Starburst. The on-line candy retailer cup, followed by Skittles, M&M's, reporting some 152,928 pounds of Sour reporting some 152,928 pounds of Sour Patch Kids being bought and consumed this year.

> Neighbors in Iowa prefer M&M's, Wisconsin residents like Butterfingers and in Indiana Starburst is the favorite.

> Missouri residents continue to favor Milky Way and in the state of Kentucky the peanut butter cup is the treat of choice.

> The top ranking candy in each of the neighboring states has not changed in the past year.

> Out of all the states, Arizona residents consume the most of their favorite treat downing 779,828 pounds of Hershey **Kisses**

> Among the more unique candies making the favorites list is salt water taffy coming in at #2 in both Nebraska and Washington.

> And, Hot Tamales are ranked the favorite in four states-Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota and Virginia-and were a runner-up in eight others.

As a point of note to parents, it's OK to stash some of those surgery treatshalf of parents across the U.S. say they hide some of the candy their kid collect to enjoy at a later time.

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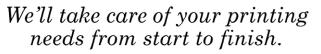
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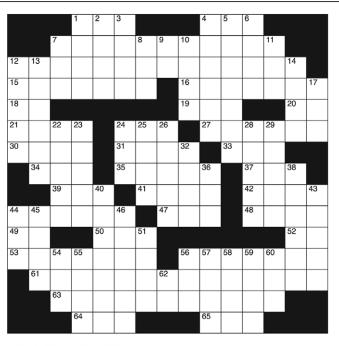
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Illinois Democrats have millions more to spend

Speaker Chris spend in the final House Welch reported raising a whopping \$14 million in the third quarter, with almost half of that, \$6 million, coming from Gov. JB Pritzker. That gives Welch a huge cash advantage for the home stretch over his Republican counter-part.

Welch's personal campaign committee reported raising \$7 million between July 1 and September 30 and reported having \$11.6 million cash on hand at the end.

Welch's caucus committee, Democrats for the Illinois House, also reported raising \$7 million in the same time period, with \$6 million of that coming from Gov. Pritzker. The committee ended the quarter with about \$5.8 million in the bank after spending \$6.4 million.

From the start of October through October 21st, Welch reported raising another \$1.5 million for his personal committee and about \$500,000 for his caucus committee, giving him a total of \$19.4 million to

five weeks or so of the campaign if he cleans out the accounts. Welch earlier transferred close to \$10 million from his personal committee to his caucus committee. So, his available cash for the final push is likely up to \$16 million, but could be more if the need arises.

Senate President Don Harmon reported raising \$4.9 million during the third quarter for his personal committee and ended with \$13 million in the bank.

Harmon's caucus committee, ISDF, raised about \$9 million, with \$7 million of that coming from Harmon's personal committee and another \$1 million from Gov. Pritzker. It ended the quarter with \$4 million after transferring out \$4.5 million to members and

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spending \$1.9 mil-lion on polling, media production, etc. plus some overhead. reported raising another \$1.8 million Oct. 1-21 for his personal committee and \$6.1 million for CAPITOL FACTS caucus commit-

Rich Miller

Pritzker and \$5 million transferred from Harmon's personal committee. So, he's sitting on a total of \$19.9 million, plus another million or so in his other accounts.

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As expected, Republican fundraising could not even come close to keeping pace with the Democrats. House Republican Leader Jim Durkin's personal committee reported raising \$820,000 in the third quarter, just 12 percent of Welch's haul. Durkin ended the quarter with \$319K, after spending \$1.8 million, including sending \$300K to his caucus committee, House Republican Majority. He's since reported raising \$1.4 million through October 21.

House Republican Majority reported raising about \$1.4 million in the third quarter, plus Durkin's \$300K. It spent \$1.6 million and ended the quarter with \$220K. It has since reported raising \$1.6 million through Oct. 21, but \$850K of that came from Durkin's personal committee.

All told, that left Durkin with about \$2.5 million to spend in the final five weeks about 16 percent of Welch's grand total.

Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie reported raising \$2.7 million in the third quarter, with about \$2.2 million of that coming from Richard Uihlein. He reported spending \$3.1 million, with \$2.9 million going to his caucommittee, Senate cus Republican Victory Fund. He ended the third quarter with \$1.2 million cash on hand and has since reported raising \$870K.

The Senate Republican Victory Fund reported raising about \$400K in the quarter, plus the \$2.9 million transferred in by Leader McConchie. It spent \$3.3 million, and ended the quarter with \$296K. It has since reported raising \$1.3 million, with \$1 million of that coming from McConchie's personal campaign.

Total it up, and it appears that McConchie has about \$2.6 million to spend on the final five weeks – about 12 percent of what Senate President Harmon has.

Legislative caucuses, the governor and other candidates all qualify for a major postage discount by using their respective state parties to handle their mailing operations. So, looking at party spending gives us an idea of what's happening on the mailer front.

After shedding leadership that couldn't legally raise or spend state campaign funds, the Democratic Party of Illinois reported bringing in \$8.3 million in the third quarter and ended with \$5.8 million. It has since reported bringing in \$4.3 million, giving it \$10.1 million in available mailer spending during the final weeks.

The Illinois Republican Party raised \$2.2 million, spent \$1.5 million and ended with \$1.1 million cash on hand. The ILGOP has since reported bringing in \$3 million, giving it \$4.1 million for the home stretch - much less than half what DPI had.

The Democrats have zero excuses for failure.















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COALER SPORTS

Lady Warriors give Channahon a good fight

The Channahon Indians rolled into town on Thursday, for the 8th grade Lady Warriors' final IVC match-up of the season.

The 3-9 Warriors played the Indians tough defensively, but came up short in the 26-15 loss.

Maisy Franklin was the game's leading scorer with 9 points. Franklin also tallied 4 rebounds and was 3 for 4 from the free-throw line. Kyla Stark, Rileigh Eddy, and Mia McKim rounded out the scoring for the Warriors with 2 points each. Rileigh Eddy also grabbed 3 rebounds and had 2 steals, while Mia McKim racked up 4 rebounds and 3 steals.

"This was our 9th loss of the season, but we didn't play poorly, and there are a lot of takeaways from tonight's game. Our defense was pretty solid tonight; we gave them trouble getting the shots they wanted despite being greatly out-sized," said coach Andy Leve.

"We did not match-up well with them at all, but we were helping on screens like we do every night and not giving them much. We also were much, much more patient on offense and took care of the ball really well. We only had 9 turnovers, and that is definitely a season low for us.

"Hopefully finally it clicked tonight that we can keep the ball on offense as long as we want and we don't have to force passes in where they belong, don't causing turnovers; we can keep work-ing the defense until something opens up that we can every game. take advantage of.

that means the other team doesn't, and that limits the number of chances they get to try and score. We went 3 for 7 from the line tonight, and that is lower than we want to be, but Kyla Stark had 2 freethrows that were halfway down before they rattled back up and out somehow.

good, and I was sure they were dropping; I think everyone in the gym thought so too. Either way, our free-throws are getting better. I know our record doesn't show it, but we really are improving as a team.

'Ŵe just have a long way to go before it will show in the win column. The good news is that, even despite our record, and with the exception of the Minooka game, the girls still come out and compete and play hard every night.

'So they're aware that they are getting better, otherwise they'd just go out and lay down

As a coach, I like to see "Plus, if we have the ball, that because I'm sure it would be really easy to barely showup every game when the losses keep piling up. There's still 5 or 6 wins out there for us, and we're ready to get them. We aim to turn a few of the close losses from last year into wins, and we're going to start with Sandwich on Monday," said Leve.

Both shots looked really

Coal City Soccer Club hosts Pumpkin Cup Tourney



COAL CITY SOCCER Club hosted a Pumpkin Cup Tournament at the Coal City Elementary School on Oct. 29 and 30.SECOND PLACE WINNERS for U6 were Redi Mix. Pictured (from left) are: Coach Devan Gagliardo, Ryan Vironda, Averie Nichols, Lydia Mikula, Merik Schott, Ember Dearth, Gianna Gagliardo, Ruger Hodgen, Oakley Parks and Coach Corey Mikula.



Done with classy Stiles



FREE PIZZA! The Coal City volleyball team gave Abby Stiles a send off to state last week when the Coal City junior was challenged to serve the ball over the volleyball net and in play within 30 seconds to win free pizza for the student section. Stiles nailed it on her second try bringing cheers from Lady Coalers and fans. Stiles won her first round match 4-6, 6-2, 10-5 before losing 6-2, 6-1 in the second round.



THIRD PLACE WINNERS for U8 were Coal City Harborside. Pictured (from left) are: Casen Schott, Riley Matsko, Greyson Trofimchuck, Veronica Pershey, Logan Ingalls, Corrine Gibson, James Susan, Jack Terrel, Mikey Thetard, Colton Brncich and Coaches Jason Schott, Matt Trofimchuck and Joe Terrel in back.





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Library news

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Thursday, Oct. 27- Terrific Tots, 10-10:30 a.m.

Terrific Tots, 6-6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28-Fun Fridays, 3 p.m.

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Monday, Oct. 31-Makerspace Cart Mondays - All Day

Terrific Tots, 10-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, 11-11:45 a.m.

Eager Readers Homeschool Edition, 1-2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 1-Adult Book Club. 1-3 p.m.

Merry Grinch MAS Sign Class, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 2-Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Paper & More, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Family Lapsit, 10-10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime-10-10:45 a.m.

Teen Anime, 5-5:30 p.m.

FOURTH PLACE WINNERS for U8 were Coal City Coal Bin. Pictured in row one (from left) are Boden Boresi, Dallas Barrie, Brant Kratochvil and Lexi Christensen. Coach Christina Christensen is in row two with Andrew Vironda, Charlie Christensen, Coltin Allen, Myles Marketti, Presley Franciskovich and Coach Colleen Christensen.



COALER SPORTS Reilly's big night leads Coalers past Streator

BY JIM SHELDON SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

On a night where 49 passes were attempted, it was Coaler senior quarterback Braden Reilly who had a night to remember to close out the regular season Friday in Streator.

He completed 11-of-16 passes for 251 yards and five touchdown passes to five different receivers, four of which came in the first half as the

Coalers built a 35-8 halftime advantage and cruised to a 41-14 win.

"Offensively, we're getting better each week in our passing game to compliment our running game and Reilly had a very good night for us," said Coaler coach Francis Loughran.

"He spread the ball around to a lot of different receivers."

Streator got on the board first with a five-minute drive capped by a Matt Williamson six yard touchdown reception and an 8-0 lead. Williamson had 53 yards receiving on the drive, including a 37 yarder.

"They came out and got a couple of big plays on us. I thought we settled in pretty well after that."

Braiden Young had the answer with a 34 yard touch-down catch to make it 8-7.

Landin Benson added a 44 yard touchdown reception, making a great run after the catch to give the Coalers a 14-8 advantage and they never looked back.

Drake Dearth recorded a 15 yard touchdown catch at the 7:54 mark of the second quarter, 21-8.

"I think it was mixing up the play calls. We kept Streator guessing and took shots when we had them" said Reilly.

"The best part for me is having full trust in all my



Photo by Ann Gill

COALER QUARTERBACK Braden Reilly had a night to remember against conference foe Streator on Oct. 21. He completed 11 of 16 passes for 251 yards amd five touchdown passes.

receivers. I can throw a jump ball up to any of them and I trust them to make the catch." After Jim Feeney's second

interception of the ballgame, Reilly found Silvestre Mayorga for a 42 yard touchdown catch, 28-8 CC.

Austin Davy added a oneyard td run late in the second quarter for a 35-8 half-time advantage.

Reilly capped his big night with a 31 yard touchdown pass to Chris Cholico late in the third quarter.

"It was good to get Cholico involved. He had a very good game for us. Young has been solid all year," said Loughran.

"Benson had a great catch and run out of the backfield and to be able to get Mayorga a touchdown was great. Dearth does the dirty work on the defensive line and as a fullback and it's good to get him in the endzone as well.

Streator recorded an 18 yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter, but quarterback Christian Benning completed just 16-of-30 passes for 141 yards and three interceptions, the last coming from Crede Skubic who returned it 26 yards to seal the victory.

"Feeney was very impressive in the secondary and Skubic just has a nose for the football and grabbed a deflected pass for another interception."

"Streator was able to move the ball through the air, but I thought defensively it was a pretty good night."

The Coalers outgained Streator 387-298 with 136 rushing yards.

Benson had 61 yards on seven carries and Buddy Widlowski added eight rushes for 28 yards. T.J. Babcock had a 15 yard run, Chase Cora tallied seven carries for nine yards, Stephen Byers Jr added a six yard run and Layne Cuddy recorded two yards on three rushes.

Cholico had three receptions for 37 yards, Derek Carlson added 32 yards on two catches and Wyatt Wickiser recorded a 10 yard grab.

"Our line also worked their tails off and gave me time to read and let the plays develop," said Reilly.

"It was definitely a game where everyone did their part to get the win."

Defensively, Carlson, Davy, Michael Gonzalez and Tanner Phillips all made five solo tackles to lead the charge.

Cason Headley and Feeney both made four stops and Gavin Carpenter and Nolan Ness both tallied three tackles.

Jack Poyner, Skubic and Kaelan Natyshok all recorded two stops. Also in on a tackle were Young, Widlowski and Tyler Porth.

The Coalers will host Wood River (East Alton) in the opening round of the Class 4A playoffs Saturday at 2 p.m.



Coalers excited to host playoff opener

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City (#8 seed, 6-3 record) and

East Alton Wood River (#9 seed,

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No passes will be allowed

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BY JIM SHELDON SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

After securing their all-important sixth win to close out the season, the eighth-seeded Coal City football team's reward is a home playoff game against ninth-seeded Wood River (East Alton) to open the Class 4A playoffs Saturday at 2

p.m. The Oilers faced five playoff teams during the season and went 2-3 in those games. They also went just 2-2 on the road and will be making the three-and-a-half hour trek to Coaler Country.

"We've already exchanged films and they are a run-heavy team. They are going to look to establish the run early and often," said coach Francis

Loughran. "We've got to be ready for that. The offensive line gets off the ball really well."

East Alton dropped their last two contests after a 6-1 start. Six of their nine games were decided by nine points or less so they are no stranger to close games.

The Oilers are averaging 28.1 points per game and giving up 21.3 as opposed to the Coalers who are averaging 30.2 and giving up 18.7.

"Our kids are excited to be playing in front of the community. We're going to look to do what we do well which is run the ball and play good defense."

"The best way to use our homefield advantage is to do well and put pressure on them."

The winner of this game will likely face top-seeded Carterville (9-0) which is a good four-and-a-half hours south of Coal City. The Coalers were placed in the South bracket which means lots of travel if you win.

"It was trending that way the lady few weeks, but it's kind of out of your control," said Loughran.

"You're excited to be in the playoffs and you really don't worry about where you're playing." Springfield (Sacred-Heart Griffin) and Macomb are the

Springfield (Sacred-Heart Griffin) and Macomb are the second and third seeds respectively and they are both 9-0.

Rochester (4th, 8-1) and Breese (Central) (5th, 7-2) are likely quarterfinal foes.

The Coalers three losses this year were to 7-2 Morris, 8-1 Wilmington and 9-0 Reed-Custer, so they are certainly battle tested which will help them in the playoffs.

They won five of their last six outscoring their opponents 225-100 over that stretch.

"I think overall we're doing a lot of things well. I'm really impressed with how much they've improved throughout the season."

"It's been really exciting to watch these guys develop and mature."

Wood Alton has never won a playoff game in their history, sitting at 0-9.

CC is hoping to keep that record intact. With the strides they've made in the passing game along with a tough running attack, they are going to be a difficult offense to contain.

"It's going to be a huge advantage for us. It will help us keep defenses on their toes," said quarterback Braden Reilly. "We feel way more comfortable mixing it up now and it's

"We feel way more comfortable mixing it up now and it's great to see everything clicking at the right time."



SENIOR NIGHT FUN - Coal City breezed past Lisle in two games last week while holding Senior Night. Hitting the ball for the Lady Coalers is Kenzie Henline (26).

Lady Coalers capture ICE championship

The Varsity Lady Coalers beat Lisle in two quick sets, 25-3, 25-16, to claim the Illinois Central Eight conference championship with a 13-1 league record and 23-7 overall.

"The Lady Coalers have worked so hard to earn 1st in conference," praised coach Pam McMurtrey. "Now it's on to regionals and hopefully another championship run."

Coal City, the top seed in the Seneca Regional, held its first regional match last night against either Peotone. If they won, they will return to Seneca on Thursday at 6 p.m. for the regional title.

Against Lisle, Addyson Waliczek had 12 setting assists, 3 digs, 1 kill and 1 service ace. Kayla Henline had 5 setting assists, 3 digs, and 2 service aces.

Emma Rodriguez had 8 kills. Bella Veraveic had 3 kills and 1 dig. Paige Walker had 1 kill and 2 digs.

Kenzie Henline had 1 kill, 1 block, 2 service aces, and 1 dig. Jadyn Shaw had 5 digs. Addison Gagliardo had 3 digs. Aubrey Mellen had 2 digs.

The JV Lady Coalers beat Lisle 25-21 and 25-23 bringing their record to 14-10-1 and 9-5 in conference. JV Coalers are third in conference.

The freshmen Lady Coalers beat Lisle 25-3 and 25-20 bringing their record to 24-3 and 14-0 in conference to also claim the ICE title.





MAKING THE CUT into a gap while carrying the ball during a recent game for the junior varsity Coalers is Rey Gonzalez.

JV Coalers finish on a high note

The frosh-soph Coal City football rolled Streator at full steam Friday night during a 50-8 victory to end the season. The win improves their final record to 7-2 overall.

"It was a huge night for all three phases of the game," coach Marty Egan commented. "Defensively, we got our first defensive touchdown on a pick 6 and had several big stops to give our offense great field position.

"On Special Teams we pinned them deep in their own end on nearly every kickoff and had a kickoff return touchdown (82 yards by Rey Gonzalez) in the first half," Egan noted.

"Offensively we were able to spread the ball around and capitalize on the short field all night. It was a great team win with everyone getting involved and stepping up when their number was called."

Touchdown runs were made by quarterback Zander Meents (40 yards in six carries), Gonzalez (one for 4

yards), Tyler Hogan (two carries, 17 yards) and Alec Waliczek (four yards in two tries).

Will Endrst contributed 24 yards in five touches while Dylan Young had one carry for four yards and Nate Brodnick one for two yards.

Meents finished with 98 yards passing and a touchdown of 7-for-11 attempts. Porterfield made that TD catch to finish with 16 yards in two grabs. Hogan had a 42-yard pass reception while Gonzalez finished with three catches for 31 yards.

Mason Garner was 4-for-5 in PAT kicks while Lucas Pfitzenmaier came through with a fumble recovery.

The defense was led by Hayden Porterfield with six tackles and Logan Vance and Hogan with five stops each. In on four tackles apiece were Ayden Housman, Meents, Endrst and Gonzalez. Contributing three tackles each were Young and Owen Kent.

Photo by Amy Walker RIGHT SIDE HITTER Teagan Fox (8) scores a kill for the Lady Coalers during last week's home match.