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Grab and go

Unit 1 students taking advantage of breakfast, lunch offerings

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

When the state abruptly closed schools last spring the Unit 1 School District's food service team transitioned its daily in-person meal offerings to grab and go sacks that were delivered to various pickup locations throughout the district.

When classes resumed this fall, the food service staff resumed its grab and go offerings for students. In the first few weeks of the school year, 263 students or about 12.5% of those enrolled grabbed a lunch as they left their school buildings for the day.

Not only were students able to get a nutritious lunch as they walked out the door, those enrolled at the early childhood center, elementary and intermediate school had access to breakfast when arriving for the day. In August, 60 students were enjoying the morning meal.

The cost of those meals were deducted from student lunch accounts for those who did

not qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program.

In early September, United States Department of Agriculture [USDA] announced that in response to the COVID-19 pandemic a waiver had been created allowing schools across the country to offer free meals to students through the end of the calendar year.

The free meal offering began Sept. 1 and that is when the district started seeing the number of students utilizing the food service increase.

District wide the number of students taking school lunch increased by 93.5%.

"I believe there are a variety of factors that have led to the increase in participation. As soon as the meals were free, we saw a significant increase in participation numbers, which I believe we all expected," said Unit 1 Superintendent Dr. Kent Bugg.

In August there were 263 students taking a lunch home with them, but in September the number of lunches going home increased to

509.

"I also believe that the financial ramifications of the pandemic have trickled down to many of our families, which has contributed to the increase in participation. We even have students enrolled as full remote learners who stop by to pick up their lunch everyday," Bugg added.

As for breakfast there was a 130% increase in the number of students utilizing the service. The waiver opened the district to expand its breakfast offering to middle and high school students and in that first month the 44 students—37 middle and seven high schoolers—took advantage of the breakfast offering bringing the number of students enjoying a morning meal to 182 students.

Breakfast is served 15 minutes prior to the start of each school day and 8.7% of the district student body was participating as of the end of last month.

Menu items vary from day to day and include favorites like pancakes, waffles, toaster

treats, bagels, cereal, donuts and juice.

As for lunch, two to three days a week a microwavable meal is offered and consists of items like pizza, chicken sandwiches, mini corn dogs and grilled cheese.

Other days sandwiches, Lunchables, nachos and cheese are on the menu and the grab and go sacks always contain a fruit, vegetable and carton of milk. Some days there are sweet treats like gelatin and cereal treats.

In September, 24.3% of district students were taking a school lunch.

Earlier this month, the USDA extended the waiver through the end of the 2020-2021 school year [June 30, 2021] to allow schools to continue providing meals at no cost to all children.

"Children can't focus on learning if they are hungry. And, despite the unprecedented circumstances, Americans can count on USDA's child nutrition programs and our hard working partners in communities across America to ensure our nation's school children get the food

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Grundy voters exercising their right

STAFF REPORT

There are 36,471 registered voters in Grundy County, and over 30.6% have already cast their votes.

Grundy County Clerk and Recorder Kay Olson reports a steady stream of voters have been making way into the county courthouse to cast their votes ahead of the Nov. 3 General Election.

Since early voting began on Sept. 24, the office has been processing hundreds of ballots a day and in the past six days the clerk and her staff have witnessed voters lining up to make their choices for representation at the federal, state and county level. As of Tuesday morning, 11,175 votes had been cast—5,926 vote by mail ballots, 5,122 in-person early votes and 127 grace period votes.

Olson said its good to see so many people coming out to exercise their right to vote, and she believes the large number of early in-person and mail-in votes will help alleviate long lines at the polls on election day.

In response to the on-going pandemic, any one can request to vote by mail and the last day to request a vote by mail ballot from the clerk's office is Thursday, Oct. 29. Completed mail-in ballots can be sent back to the county clerk's office, hand delivered to Olson's office or placed in the secured drop-box located on the west side of the county courthouse, 111 E. Washington St., Morris, at the entrance to the county jail.

Olson said her staff empties the drop box about three times per day. The returned ballots are then secured by the clerk's staff.

More than 8,000 mail-in ballots were requested and have been sent out by the clerk's office. By law the clerk was required to send notice to voters who cast a ballot in the past three elections of the option for mail-in voting. However, to ensure no one was left out of the process, Olson chose to send the information out to all registered voters in the county. And, by the numbers of ballot requests county residents are taking advantage of the vote by mail option.

Mail in ballots must be post marked by election day to be counted or placed in the drop box prior to 7 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Individuals who requested a mail-in ballot, but have since decided to appear in-person must bring the mail-in ballot with them to the courthouse if early voting or their polling place on election day.

Olson said processes are in place to ensure the elections are secure.

All polling locations will be open on Election Day—Tuesday, Nov. 3—from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.. Polling locations can be found on the front of the voters card or by visiting the county website at www.grundyco.org.

Early voting will continue through the close of the business day on Monday, Nov. 2. Voting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. In the final days leading up to the election voting hours have been extended to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to 1

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The show must go on



Courtesy photo

REHEARSALS ARE WELL underway for the On Broadway Dancers 9th annual Christmas show, "Signed, Sealed, Delivered." A pandemic can't stop the dancers from presenting their annual holiday show to raise funds to assist local families in need, specially now with more families than ever feeling the on-going effects of the pandemic. The show will take a different route this year as the dancers have partnered with friends and businesses from across the community to film their show that will be presented as a drive-in movie on Saturday, Nov. 28 in the west parking lot at Coal City High School. Among the stars of the show is Wilmington's Caleb Swick [center] who is working with the dancers on several scenes that will tell the story of how two elves are sent from the North Pole to retrieve Santa's missing mail. To date, OBD has generated over \$35,000 from its holiday shows to provide food, clothing and toys for local families during the holiday season. Ticket information will be released in the coming week.

Diamond seeking sidewalks

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

Just over one mile of sidewalk is scheduled for replacement if the village of Diamond is awarded a grant it intends to submit.

Mayor Terry Kernc reports the village is seeking an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program [ITEP] grant totaling \$743,000 for 1.1 miles of sidewalk along Route 113.

Kernc said, "The existing sidewalks are in poor condition with areas of cracking and heaving."

The proposal calls for the removal of the existing 5-foot sidewalk that runs along the north side of Route 113 from Curtis Street west to Fifth Avenue and replace it with an 8-foot sidewalk. This improve-

"THIS PARTICULAR ROUTE IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN OUR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN, SO CHILDREN WILL BE FREQUENT USERS OF THIS IMPROVEMENT, ALONG WITH SENIORS AND THOSE NOT HAVING ACCESS TO A MOTOR VEHICLE, NOT TO MENTION, ALL RESIDENTS WHO VALUE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE."

TERRY KERNC
DIAMOND MAYOR

ment will include all new Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] ramps and meet all ADA requirements.

"It will connect active friendly routes to every day destinations while at the same time improving the overall health of users, both physically and emotionally," Kernc said.

"This particular route is already included in our Safe Routes to School plan, so children will be frequent users of this improvement, along with seniors and those not having access to a motor vehicle, not to mention, all residents who value a healthy lifestyle," the mayor continued.

The grant is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation [IDOT] and supported by federal funds.

The village could be responsible for up to a 20% fund match, but Kernc hopes that amount will come in at 10% or less.

According to IDOT, the application will be scored based on the merits of the project and its ability to provide an enhancement to the transportation system. A minimum score of 52 will be required to be eligible for

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HALLOWEEN

Trick-or-treat

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

CARBON HILL	• COAL CITY	• DIAMOND
	4-6 p.m.	
BRAIDWOOD		WILMINGTON
2-5 p.m.		4:30-7:30 p.m.
Braceville		South
4-7 p.m.	Elwood	Wilmington
	3-7 p.m.	4-6 p.m.
Godley		Gardner
4-6 p.m.		3-6 p.m.

Lunch

they need to grow and thrive," said Brian Lipps, USDA deputy under secretary for food, nutrition and consumer services.

At the close of September the district reported 42 students at the early childhood center took breakfast up from 20 in August and the lunch count went from 55 in August to 125 in September.

At the elementary school 47 students arrived early for breakfast up from 15 the prior month and 119 students grabbed a lunch an increase of 64 students.

There were 49 students who ate school breakfast at the intermediate school in September up from 25. As for lunch, 121 students took home a meal up from 71 in August.

At the middle school there were 37 students eating school breakfast and 98 having a school lunch an increase of 47 students.

And, at the high school there were seven students who stopped in for breakfast and 46 grabbing a lunch to go, up from 31 the prior month.

Given the number of mid-

dle and high school students taking advantage of school breakfast, Bugg said the district would monitor participation rates for the rest of the year to determine if it made sense to continue offering the service to students in the 2021-2022 school year.

"Right now, the federal waivers allow school districts to offer the breakfast and lunch programs at no cost, but I assume that will end when the pandemic ends. Once that ends, we would have to run a financial analysis to determine if the federal reimbursement of the breakfast program would offset the cost of continuing to offer the program," Bugg said.

Amanda Herrera, who oversees the district's food service program, reports the staff has been able to manage the increase in participation without need to increase hours.

The district receives a set federal reimbursement for each meal served.

"We are very pleased that we have been able to offer this service to our students, and Amanda Herrera and her staff have done a terrific job implementing the plan at no additional cost to the district," Bugg said.

Sidewalks

funding.

The score will then be used to determine the town's required match that will also be based on community need.

The village's potential matching contribution will not be known until the application is reviewed and scored by IDOT.

The Village Board was to approve the final application this week. The request will then be submitted electronically to IDOT with another copy hand delivered by the mayor to IDOT's Springfield office prior to the Nov. 2 deadline.

Kernc expects the village will be notified in the new year of accepted projects. If received, the mayor anticipates the project will be completed during the 2022 construction season.

Election

p.m.

Those voting in-person at the courthouse or polling location are being asked to wear a face covering and maintain acceptable social distance for the health and safety of election staff and fellow voters.

Early votes and mail-in votes received prior to 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 will be included in

the final rollout of the unofficial vote totals posted by the clerk's office on election night.

Election results will be made official at the retabulation and canvassing set for 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Olson predicts final voter turnout for this election at about 74%, with half of that being done in advance of Election Day by early and mail-in voting.

On the local ballot are the positions of President and

Safety first this Halloween

STAFF REPORT

Halloween is here and the weather is looking perfect for a Saturday evening of trick or treating.

This year's door-to-door collection of treats will likely look a little different. In the midst of a resurgence of COVID-19, state and community leaders are asking treat seekers and treat givers to follow the guidelines of covering their faces, maintaining acceptable social distancing and frequent hand washing/sanitizing.

The villages of Carbon Hill, Coal City and Diamond came together to adopt a get of guidelines for citizens to follow this Halloween.

The agreed upon guidelines state:

- All participants—those giving and receiving treats—must wear a face covering/mask that completely covers their nose and mouth.
- A parent accompanies their own children in their own small group.
- Homes with lights on welcome

trick-or-treaters and homes with no lights on do not wish to participate in trick-or-treaters.

- Only one group goes to the door at a time.
- Groups maintain a 10-foot separation from other groups.
- Parents disinfect treat packaging prior to letting children eat their treats.
- Parents have hand sanitizer with them to regularly clean their children's hands during trick-or-treat.
- Parents should take child's temperature and check for COVID symptoms prior to allowing child to participate. Anyone experiencing a fever or COVID symptoms should not participate.

The Illinois Department of Public Health [IDPH] has also issued recommendations for trick-or-treating including utilizing face coverings, staying within household groups and maintaining a six foot distance, thus they suggest leaving individually wrapped candy on a table in driveways or in front of walkways to allow for social distancing and candy col-

lected should not be consumed until after handwashing.

The state has also made remarks regarding mask use during Halloween events.

"For anyone wearing a costume—whether a child or adult—a costume mask is not a substitute for face covering," said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, IDPH director. "If face coverings are worn under the costume mask, please ensure that this does not create any breathing problems, and if it does, don't discard your face covering put the costume mask aside."

Per phase 4 guidelines of the Restore Illinois Plan, indoor haunted houses are not allowed, those visiting pumpkin patches should utilize face coverings and hand sanitizer before handling pumpkins, hayrack rides are limited to 50% capacity and riders must maintain a six foot distance.

Additionally, the state says Halloween party attendance is limited to 50 people or no more than 50% of a building's maximum capacity.

The good and the bad

Ranking the best, worst and favorite Halloween treats

STAFF REPORT

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups reign when it comes to Halloween candy, Candy corn does not.

It's tradition that on Oct. 31, costumed characters roam the streets in search of sweet treats, everyone seeking out their favorites as they empty the collection bucket and inventory their stash of candy at the end of the hunt.

For the majority of Americans, finding a peanut cup is a win, finding a peanut butter kiss — the ones wrapped in orange and black paper — is a loss.

Each Halloween season the rankings of the most popular and worst candy are released, and CandyStore.com provides a comprehensive listing of the best and worst candy by analyzing a dozen published reports and comparing it to its own survey of what trick-or-treaters want and don't want to find in the bucket at the end of the night.

The 2020 list of the most popular starts with the peanut butter cup that retained its top sport from last year, followed by M&M's that jumped three spots to number two on the CandyStore.com list.

Snickers Skittles and Sour Patch Kids round out the top five, followed by Twix, Kit Kat, Butterfinger, Nerds and the Hershey Bar — classic choco-



Image courtesy of CandyStore.com

EVERYONE HAS THEIR favorite candy and in Illinois for Halloween the choice is Sour Patch Kids.

late and the newer cookies 'n' cream variety.

When asked, local residents seem to agree with the list as far as the peanut butter cup goes, they also report being fans of the Sour Patch Kids.

However, one reader posted a like for the peanut butter kiss that made the CandyStore.com's list of the worst Halloween candy, and it was toward the top of the most disliked of the haunted holiday treats.

The repeat loser of Halloween candies is one most associated with the season — candy corn.

The yellow, orange and white sugar 'kernels' made the top of the list for a second consecutive year.

Free Press Newspaper readers tend to agree it is one

they don't want to collect when going door-to-door.

The festively wrapped peanut butter kisses came in at number two on the worst list, followed by another candy that comes in a seasonal color, the circus peanut. Two years ago, the circus peanut was at the top of the CandyStore.com worst list.

Rounding out the top five are the sugar water filled wax cola bottles and Smarties, though plenty of folks said they really like those sweet chalky little disks of sugar.

The final five on the list includes some classics and likely some favorites from back in the day.

At number five on the worst list is the Neco wafer, a classic candy that ceased production for a short time before making a come back. Although

it's on the list of worst Halloween treats, it has long been a favorite for those who played church growing up.

The classic Tootsie Roll is always plentiful in the treat bag on Halloween, but Americans report it's one they would rather not find. The chocolate roll in all sizes comes in at number seven on the list.

Mary Janes find themselves on the list at number eight again this year, followed by Good & Plenty and black licorice (this is one we all might agree on).

The CandyStore.com survey also breaks down the candy choices by America's favorite and by state.

Illinoisians top pick in 2020 is the Sour Patch Kid followed by Kit Kat and Starburst.

Neighbors in Iowa prefer M&M's, Wisconsin and Indiana residents report Starburst is their favorite, Missouri residents favor Mikly Way and Swedish fish rank at the top in Kentucky.

While there is a list of the most popular candy, there is also a list of America's favorite Halloween candy and it includes the number one from the worst list.

As it goes, CandyStore.com reports America's favorites include Skittles, Reese's Cups, Starburst, M&M's, Hot Tamales, candy corn, Snickers, Sour Patch Kids, Hershey Kisses, and Jolly Ranchers.

CandyStore.com reports 172 million Americans will celebrate Halloween this year with overall Halloween spending expected around \$8 billion.

Vice-President of the United States, as well as Senate and Congressional representation.

Incumbent Senator Dick Durbin, a Democrat, is being challenged by Republican Mark C. Curran, Jr. in race that also finds the names of Willie L. Wilson, David F. Black, and Danny Malouf on the ballot.

In the 16th Congressional race incumbent Adam Kinzinger, a Republican, is facing a challenge from Democrat Dani Brzozowski.

Voters in Illinois' 40th Congressional District, that includes areas south of Route 113, will find the names of incumbent Patrick J. Joyce, a Democrat, and Republican Eric M. Wallace on the ballot.

State Representative David Allen Welter, a Morris Republican, is uncontested in this election to retain his 75th District seat. Coal City and Diamond residents living north of Route 113, along with those in Carbon Hill and Goose Lake, will see Welter's name on their ballot.

For those in the 79th District, again areas south of Route 113, the choice is between Republican Jackie Haas and Democrat Charlene Eads. The seat is currently held by Lindsey Parkhurst, who chose not to seek re-election.

In Grundy County races, incumbent State's Attorney Jason Helland, a Republican, is seeking re-election to a third term in office. He is being challenged by Jeff Brown, a Democrat, who currently serves as an assistant state's attorney in Will County.

Grundy County Circuit Clerk Corri Trotter and Coroner John W. Callahan are both uncontested in their re-election bids.

For representation on the Grundy County Board in District 3—an area that includes Braceville, Felix, Goose Lake, Maine,

Goodfarm, Greenfield, Garfield, Highland and Vienna Townships—there are five candidates [two Republicans and three Democrats] seeking the three available seats.

Incumbents Harold Vota, Ann Gill and Jim Ryan are on the ballot with Caleb Counterman and John Sproull.

On the ballot in County Board District 1 —Morris, Wapounee, Mazon, Norman and Erienna Townships—are incumbents the late Don Hansen, David Valdivia and Ellen C. Hanson, along with Michael A. Leone, Jr. and Cody Mulac. Three will be elected.

And, District 2—Aux Sable, Saratoga and Nettle Creek Townships—candidates for the three seats are incumbents Debra Jo Kinsella and Eric Rasmusson and challengers Joshua S. Harris and Michael Lutz.

Voters will also be asked to cast a vote for judge in the

13th judicial circuit and Sheldon Sobol is uncontested in his bid or the seat.

There are also binding and non-binding referendums including three advisory questions placed by the county board at the request of citizens on the topics of fair maps, immigration and the

Second Amendment.

Along with a proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution known as the fair tax amendment.

Unofficial vote totals can be viewed as they are tabulated on the county's website at grundycoco.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

EARLY VOTING SITE - GRUNDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

General Election - November 3, 2020

Early Voting will begin on Thursday, September 24, 2020 and continue through Monday, November 2, 2020

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

TIME -	Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (unless noted below)
Saturday	October 3 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday	October 6 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 8 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 10 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Sunday	October 11 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Monday	October 12 CLOSED-COLUMBUS DAY
Tuesday	October 13 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 15 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 17 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	October 18 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday	October 20 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 22 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 24 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	October 25 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday	October 27 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 29 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 31 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please call the Grundy County Clerk's office at (815) 941-3222 - Option 1, if you have any questions.

Please Note: Face masks required and cell phones are not allowed in the Grundy County Courthouse.

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THE ANNUAL CUB Scout Pack 466 food drive to benefit the Coal City Food Pantry will be held Nov. 7 and 8.

Annual food drive moved to November

The annual Cub Scout Food Drive will be held one month early this year.

Organizers announced that the annual food drive organized by Pack 466 will be held Nov. 7 and 8. The change in dates is a direct result of the on-going coronavirus pandemic.

For decades, local scouts have organized a food drive to benefit the Coal City Food Pantry's holiday assistance program for families and individuals in need. This year is no different, it's just a bit earlier.

Due to guidelines the food pantry must follow including social distancing and capacity limits, the drive is being pushed up several weeks in order to allow volunteers the time needed to sort through the community donations.

As in the past, the Scouts are calling on area residents to support the effort by picking up a few extra items when they head out to the grocery store in the next week. All items donated must have current expiration dates.

Scouts will distribute donation bags through the villages of Coal City, Carbon Hill and Diamond on Saturday, Nov. 7. Residents are asked to fill those bags with non-perishable food items and household supplies and place them outside their front doors by noon on Sunday, Nov. 8. Volunteers will then go door-to-door to collect and deliver items to the food pantry for later distribution.



RESIDENTS IN THE village of Diamond have until the end of November to legally burn their leaves, while Coal City residents can't light leaves on fire until December 1. Until then they can place them in the new yard waste totes or kraft bags for curbside pickup.

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

As leaves piling 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 you'll have to wait until December 1.

Leaves can be placed in the recently delivered yard waste totes and kraft bags to be left at the curb for pickup by the town's waste hauler.

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

At the same time, it approved expanding the practice to nine months in five zoning areas—industrial, light industrial, agriculture, agriculture-residential and low density subdivisions.

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

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

The collection of yard waste by the town's waste hauler continues through the first week of pickup in December.

As of Oct. 1 residents in the village of Diamond can burn leaves and related yard waste until the last day of November.

Diamond also specifies the rules that come along with being able to burn, such as the time of day and only on the property when the yard waste was generated.

Additionally, Diamond's code makes it clear there is to be no open burning of leaves or other yard waste within 48 hours after a rainfall of more than one-half inch of precipitation.

Maine Twp. Drainage Dist. to host annual meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
MAINE TOWNSHIP
DRAINAGE DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the commissioners of Maine Township Drainage District will hold the district's annual meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., at the Willis residence, 205 S. Jugtown Road, Coal City, Illinois 60416, to review the business of the district. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Bill Stahler, Chairman
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Administrative intern on duty

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

An administrative intern is on duty at Coal City Village Hall.

Thomas Phetmeuangmay was recently selected by Village Administrator Matt Fritz to assist in carrying out administrative duties, specifically pandemic-related reimbursements.

"Tom has already made a difference in the short time he has been providing his expertise for the village," Fritz said.

Since joining the village staff earlier this month the intern has completed a scattergraph regarding water quality results, he's started entering data necessary for the village to attempt to gain COVID-19 reimbursements for police payroll and is now working on pandemic reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

A student at Northern Illinois University, Phetmeuangmay is enrolled in the master's of public administration program [MPA] offered through the school's Center for Governmental Studies.

The village has contracted Phetmeuangmay's services through the university and he will be paid \$1,545 per month for an average of 20 hours of work per week including two days of duty at the village hall—Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Phetmeuangmay completed his undergrad at Northern earning a bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology and international political science.

Through his coursework Phetmeuangmay told village officials he developed a skill set geared towards analytical research that focused on community benefits.

"I am a big fan of local government. I have been a participant in it my whole

life...and just fell in love with the atmosphere and the work that helps benefit local communities and the concept of doing that for a living," Phetmeuangmay said.

Based on recommendations, he sought out the MPA program at Northern. Through his studies he was approached regarding the internship opportunity available in Coal City.

"I came out and visited the city and I love it. Everyone has been nothing but respectful and nice to me. I love the small town feel and am happy to help you anyway that I can," the new intern told the Village Board during a virtual meeting last week.

He and several other students applied for the assignment. He will be on duty through the end of June 2021.

COVID cases on the rise

STAFF REPORT

Half of Illinois' 102 counties were placed on the state's COVID-19 warning list last week, but Grundy County was not among them.

However, recent data posted by the Illinois Department of Public Health indicates that might not be the case when the new list is released later this week.

For the reporting period that began Oct. 18, Grundy County's seven day rolling test positivity rate has fluctuated between 9 and 10% with a single day positivity rate reaching 16.1% on Oct. 18.

IDPH reports 98 new cases between Oct. 18 and 23 with 1,000 tests performed. The highest one day total of new cases—24—was reported Friday, Oct. 23.

For the week from which the most recent warning list was generated—Oct. 11-17—Grundy County was listed as being on target with a 7.9% positivity rate and 869 tests administered.

The positivity rate is calculated as total positive tests to total tests.

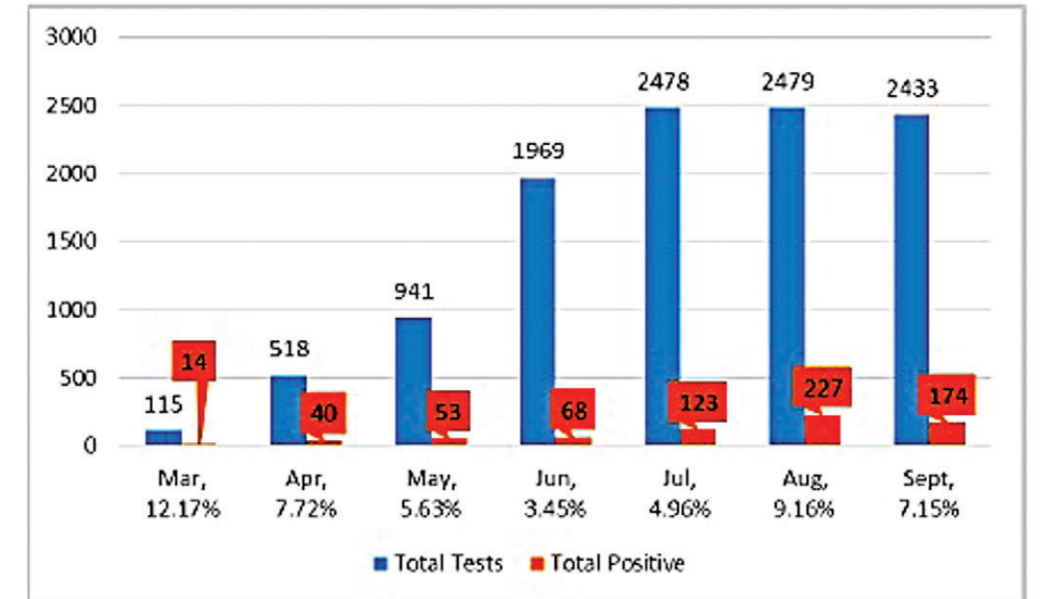
According to IDPH data collected and shared by the Grundy County Health Department, there were 14 positive cases reported at the start of the pandemic in March with 115 tests conducted resulting in a positivity rate of 12.1%.

In April, Grundy County had 40 additional positive cases with 518 tests administered, 53 cases were reported in May with 941 tests, and 68 cases in June with 1,969 tests.

According to the data, July, August and September had the highest number of cases and test performed to date.

IDPH data indicates 2,478 tests were conducted with 123 positive cases in July, 227 cases were recorded in August with 2,479 tests administered and 174 reported cases in September from 2,433 tests.

As of Oct. 23, the total number of positive cases in Grundy County stood at 916



Courtesy image
GRUNDY COUNTY COVID-19 positive cases and tests by month from March to September.

persons with seven recorded deaths—all with underlying health conditions—since the start of the pandemic.

Grundy County's Public Health administrator Michelle Pruim reports the health department is currently following 146 people who have recently tested positive and are in isolation, and each of their close contacts.

Per guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), close contacts of positive cases should quarantine for 14 days since the last encounter with the sick individual.

As of Monday, the state's seven day rolling positivity rate was at 6.3% and six of the 11 COVID-19 regions were or were set to enter into additional mitigation efforts to slow the spread of the virus.

Region 2, the North Central Region, which Grundy County is a part of witnessed an increase in the positivity rate. As of Oct. 23, IDPH was reporting the rate at 7.2%, up from 7.1% on Oct. 19. The region posted a 5.6% rate on Oct. 12 and 5.2% on Oct. 5.

As Pruim has noted in the past, the positivity rate of the

region is important because if it reaches 8% for three consecutive days the state will impose restrictions like those in place in neighboring Will and Kankakee counties.

Of the 20 counties that make up the North Central Region—Henderson, Kendall, Knox, LaSalle, McDonough, Mercer, Rock Island and Warren—are currently on the COVID warning list.

With a resurgence of the virus in the state, health officials remind residents they can help slow the spread by wearing a face covering in public, maintain acceptable social distancing, and frequent hand washing.

In an emotional address to the public on Friday, Oct. 23, IDPH Director Ngozi Ezike said it's sad to see the numbers going up again.

As of Monday, 4,729 new cases were reported bringing the total number of cases to 378,985.

"I've never run a marathon, but I have the utmost regard for those who've been able to train and plan and finish a marathon. But this is a difficult race when you can't

actually see the endpoint, and I'm sorry that that's the message I have for you," Ezike said. "Nevertheless, I'm asking you to fight the fatigue. Fight the urge to give up on social distancing. Fight for your kids to have safe, health opportunity to have in-person learning in school with teachers who were trained to teach them in the classroom. Fight to have safe, healthy environments in which we can work so that businesses can remain open so that our economies can start to thrive again. This does mean wearing your mask."

Locally, the health department tracks positive cases by hometown, as of Oct. 15 there were 176 residents from the communities of Coal City, Diamond and Carbon Hill. That number, according to IDPH, had increased to 185 as of Monday.

Case per zip code data can be found on the IDPH website at dph.illinois.gov.

"With our mask and our clean hands and our physical distancing we can prevent exposure to this deadly virus," Ezike said during a press conference in Peoria on Monday.

Village of Coal City files annual publication report

LEGAL NOTICE

Village of Coal City
Annual Publication Report
April 30, 2020

REVENUE SUMMARY: PROPERTY TAX 3,634,348.25, TELECOMM UTILITY TAX 104,690.10, NI GAS UTILITY TAX 71,435.62, COM ED UTILITY TAX 192,474.42, LIQUOR LICENSES 1,200.00, GAMING LICENSE 2,310.26, VIDEO GAMING STATE REV 63,093.64, CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEE 72,243.67, OTHER LICENSES 900.00, BUILDING PERMITS 35,046.50, CONTRACTORS PERMIT 17,600.00, ZONING INSPECTION FEES 9,659.00, RE-INSPECTION FEES 137.50, BLDG. PERMIT ADM. FEES 5,290.00, VARIANCE FEES 1,200.00, STATE INCOMETAX 606,457.22, PPRT TAX 26,831.01, SALES TAX 496,701.56, LOCAL USE TAX 192,783.26, POLICE GRANT 5,246.41 - IDNSGRANT 14,184.58, FINES, COURT 27,339.07, DRUG FINES 1,087.00, ADJUDICATION FINES 4,500.00, ACCIDENT REPORTS 520.00, "P" TICKET FINES 4,378.50, AUXILIARY POLICE SERVICES 1,500.00, CCSCHOOL-REIMB half XINGRD WAGES 10,811.62, CCSCHOOL-REIMB RESOURCE OFFICER 125,902.68, INTEREST INCOME 26,160.44, PARK DONATIONS 11,893.50 - MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 379,913.15, MISC REV. 23,835.32, INTERGOV AGREEMENT 19,384.00, MOTOR FUEL TAX 201,965.81, STATE GRANTS 9,117.56, IMPACT FEE 38,900.00, PENALTIES 26,858.23, UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS 18,281.34, WATER SURCHARGES 14,717.91, PENALTIES 32,873.45, WATER & SEWER SALES 1,447,172.61, TAP-ON FEE/SEWER, 28,200.00, METER SALES 4,350.00, GARBAGE FEES 546,861.00, LANDSCAPING WASTE 2,395.05, PARK PROGRAM SALES 1,347.00 TOTAL REVENUES: \$8,564,098.24

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: UNDER \$25,000.00, MYSLIWIEC, KELLY; NELSON, NEAL E.; PARRISH, HEATHER; HUGHES, PATSY J.; MACALUSO, MARY; PAQUETTE-HOOKER, TANYA L.; ROACH, DARREN T.; WHARRIE, LADONNA J.; ASHCRAFT, MARGARET A.; BUTTERFIELD, GREGORY C.; WIECZOREK, NICOLE B.; BEACH, SARAH E.; BRADLEY, TIMOTHY J.; HANSON, GEORGE; LUTES-THOMAS, JACQUELINE A.; HABERKORN, DAVID C.; JOHNSON, CHRISTIAN T.; HADDON, CINDIE L.; SMITH, ALEXANDER; HARVEY, JESSICA; WATSON, ANNE M.; TOGLIATTI, DAVID M.; BRADLEY, ROSS; GREGGAIN, DANIEL J.; SPESIA, DAVID A.; SHUGART, GEORGE P.; PERINO, DOMINIC G.; HALLIDAY, TERRY J.; BABCOCK, DANIEL L.; ROUSE, ZACHARY J.; HARTSFIELD, DANIEL E.; FEEHAN, JOSHUA M.; Between \$25,000.00-49,999.99 BAKIU, GEZIM ALI; MALONE, RICHARD R.; NUGENT, JOSHUA; SULA, LINDA M.; WIECZOREK, BONNIE J.; RITZ, JODY J.; WATSON, KYLE W.; Between \$50,000.00-74,999.99 TALTY, TYLER J.; MACK, JOHNATHAN R.; ALLEN, JACQUELINE A.; NOFFSINGER, PAMELA M.; WICKISER, KRISTINA; O'CONNOR, JOHN R.; MAZZONE, NICHOLAS A.; SASSENGER, KADY D.; Between \$75,000.00-99,999.99 DILLON, MATTHEW M.; LEWIS, DANIEL S.; ROTH, CASEY; HUDDLESTON, JOHN; OLSON, DARRELL L.; VALIENTE, TYLER L.; IMHOFF, MICHAEL T.; CLARK, JASON M.; MORAN, DAVID M.; JONES, KEVIN D.; KASHER, DAVID C.; Between \$100,000.00-124,999.99 LOGAN JR., THOMAS L.; HARSEIM, CHRISTOPHER R.; BEST, THOMAS J.; \$125,000.00 and over FRITZ, MATTHEW T.; TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$2,314,526.64.

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: A-BEEP 3,741.50, ALARM DETECTION SYSTEMS 3,962.16, ALTORFER INDUSTRIES INC. 7,739.65, AT & T 3,606.47, ANCEL, GLINK, DIAMOND, BUSH, 105,965.21, AQUAFIX, INC. 4,324.40, AT&T MOBILITY 8,065.19, AT&T 4,344.87, BANK OF PONTIAC 5,509.17, JEFFREY BEXSON 3,280.00, BOB'S ADVANCED AUTO 10,972.23, BONNELL INDUSTRIES 2,805.61, BRANDT EXCAVATING INC. 13,216.85, BERNARD BURLA 4,705.80, BUSINESS CARD 40,266.02, COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT 66,396.41, COAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY 7,176.00, I.R.S. 171,110.15, CHAMLIN & ASSOC INC 202,195.12, CHRISTOPHER B BURKE 176,355.56, CLOUDPOINT GEOGRAPHICS 3,600.00, COMCAST 21,576.54, COM ED 14,974.16, COMPASS MINERALS 33,062.38, CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY 54,977.29, CORE & MAIN 66,753.01, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY 3,091.43, AQUA SOLUTIONS 6,395.24, CURTIS 1000 2,756.77, D CONSTRUCTION INC 71,122.13, DELTA DENTAL 18,942.32, VILLAGE OF DIAMOND 9,149.83, MATTHEW DILLON 3,893.06, DRACO CONSTRUCTION CO 8,573.72, DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES 155,035.33, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP 24,515.85, ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS 3,343.68, ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN 6,512.27 - ESRI 2,700.00, GRUNDY COUNTY E.T.S.B. 94,509.72, FIRST MIDWEST BANK 82,515.40, FIRST AMERICAN BANK 1,195,625.64, FISHER AUTO PARTS, INC. 9,599.42, MATTHEW FRITZ 5,850.00, GALL'S INC 3,216.09, GASVODA & ASSOCIATES, INC. 31,413.31, GOVHR USA 8,250.00, GRUNDYSUPPLY 24,705.39, GRUNDY REDI-MIX COMPANY 6,527.03, GEDC 5,893.00, GRUNDYCOUNTY COLLECTOR 8,041.44, GRUNDY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL 3,170.00, GRUNDY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 66,567.50, JEFFREY S. HALLIDAY 14,900.00, HD SUPPLY CONST SUPPLY 8,396.98, INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE 3,642.25, IDES 3,711.92, IDOT 277,902.50, IEPA 101,924.42, ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND 76,498.00, IMIC 155,187.00, IMRF 69,995.12, INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL 293,833.91, JCM UNIFORMS 3,694.46, GRAINCO FS, INC 45,736.81, TERRENCE KUNES REVOCABLE TRUST 21,524.69, LANDMARK FORD 39,673.00, LEAF 2,776.74, LEXIPOL, LLC 4,935.00, LOCIS 4,452.00, METROPOLITAN AREA NARCOTIC 5,000.00, IMAGE SYSTEMS & BUSINESS 5,087.03, MEADE ELECTRIC COMPANY 6,313.75, CAPITAL ONE COMMERCIAL 5,862.22, MIDWEST SLAT 72,461.68, MIDLAND STATE BANK 149,804.25, MIDWEST BEDLINERS & TRUCK 2,970.20, MISSISSIPPI VALEY PUMP 4,350.00, MJ PRODUCTIONS, INC. 2,750.00, MIDWEST PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP 5,524.91, MUFFLER CONCRETE INC. 4,950.00, MUNICIPAL WELL & PUMP 63,923.85, NICOR 6,617.58, NORTH CENTRAL IL COUNCIL 26,746.10, NORWALK TANK CO. 3,075.31, A. OLBROT CONSTRUCTION 25,336.28, UNSOLVE 8,000.00, PLATTVILLE COATINGS INC. 7,500.00, POSTMASTER 11,055.00, PROJECT GREEN ENVIRONMENT 8,121.50, QUALITY SPOT REPAIR, INC. 3,875.00, QUILL CORP 2,735.24, RAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY 6,400.00, R.T.D. TRANSPORT, INC. 40,385.11, SANTANDER LEASING LLC \$193,985.21, SHERWIN WILLIAMS 3,599.67, SIMPLE COMMUNICATIONS 40,341.82, SISTEK SALES, INC. 6,383.16, SKC CONSTRUCTION, INC. 17,752.80, SURFAIRE WIRELESS, LLC 4,707.25, STOTT CONTRACTING, LLC 168,234.35, AXON INTERNATIONAL, INC. 2,537.75, TEST, INC. 16,837.50, JACOB & KLEIN, LTD. \$5,659.80, J.K. TROTTER ENTERPRISES, 6,885.00 - UMB BANK NA 583,624.78, UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE 48,081.80, UNIVAR USA INC. 6,317.31, USA BLUE BOOK 8,783.88, VERIZON WIRELESS 2,711.97, VSP 4,399.83, WASTE MANAGEMENT 493,503.43, WATER PRODUCTS 10,627.34, WEX BANK 27,607.20, WHITMORE ACE HARDWARE 6,657.33, WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL 5,043.25, GENE WREN CONSTRUCTION L. 6,764.58, WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED 10,828.48, MELVYX INC 5,018.75, BRIAN ZABEL & ASSOCIATES, 20,750.00, All other Disbursements Less Than (2500) \$144,261.62 - TOTAL VENDORS: \$6,362,130.99.

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Kudos to decorators

WILMINGTON—Just wanted to applaud the person/people who have taken the time to decorate the downtown area for the fall season. Your hard work is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Many thanks, Katrina Skoryi

Accomplishing more

WILMINGTON—I have a contractor working on my house and he and I discussed the election. He cannot stand to listen to President Trump and I can agree with that. But as he said, and I agree, Trump has done more for this country in my life and his life and even for minorities. So what you vote for is not the personality. It's the administration and what they do for America. Forget the personality.

Standing room only

WILMINGTON—Remember years ago when you went to the emergency room only to find there was standing room only? That nightmare was the tragic American healthcare system for decades. Obamacare resolved the crowded emergency rooms and many other problems, especially guaranteeing preexisting condition coverage for all health insurance policies. But for 4 years President Trump has been crippling Obamacare with executive orders and now Trump is striking Obamacare down completely using the Supreme Court. What will happen? Will we return to the days when people stood in line for hours to receive charitable healthcare? Will we return to the days when hospitals performed surgeries free of charge because people couldn't pay? Before Obamacare my co-worker needed heart surgery and was forced to find a charity to pay for it. Fortunately she was in her 20s, because charities seldom had enough funding to help older people. It was a healthcare horror into which Trump and Republicans want to drag us downward once again. Irene D.

Devastating for workers

WILMINGTON—We cannot trust Democrat legislators in Springfield to keep their promise about the Fair Tax not affecting 97% of the population. We cannot trust Democrats to send more money to our local schools and cities. Even Lightfoot is making Chicago Public schools pay more of their fair share in her new budget. Many Illinois small business, manufacturers and farmers are suffering because of our poorly run state and the Covid-19. This is worst possible time to vote yes for a massive tax hike. The TV ads and flyers we are receiving in the mailbox are full of lies. The governor and Democrats make promises all the time about not raising fees and taxes. This year Democrats doubled the gas tax, tripled new car title fees, cigarette and alcohol taxes up, drivers license fees went up, and our vehicle plate fees tripled to name a few. By voting no we will avoid a graduated tax that makes it easier to tax low and middle income families. Because it will be very easy to change income brackets with stroke of a pen. A no vote can stop the Democrat State Treasurer from using the graduated income tax as a way of taxing retirement income. The proposed tax rates are merely a starting point. If we vote yes to a graduated-rate income tax, there are compelling reasons to believe that rates may climb higher, and that more taxpayers would be subjected to higher rates by Democrats changing the tax rate and tax brackets, which can include retirement income. By changing the constitution, we repeal critical tax payer protections. Future legislators will be allowed to tax the same dollar of income over and over. The most important thing to know about this "fair tax" is that proposed tax rates are not part of the constitutional amendment. That means future Springfield legislatures can adopt rates and brackets of their choosing. We are not voting on rates! The Illinois legislators vote on rate. We are voting to change the Illinois constitution to strike out the flat tax to be replaced. The current "fair tax" rates is not a tax cut for 97% of taxpayers. At the end of the day, the Illinois Chamber states that it is nearly impossible to raise new tax revenues with a graduated tax without significantly increase taxes on the middle class. A graduated income tax will be devastating for workers and businesses and job creation. We cannot tax our way out of the debt run up in Springfield. JB needs the legislator to eliminated government waste, corruption and fraud first. Then come to taxpayers with their hand out. The governor needs to do his job instead of turning to taxpayers for a bail-out for out of control spending.

Political commercials

WILMINGTON—You can't avoid political ads just now. First, 90% of the commercials are for people not on my ballot. Second, they never identify their party anymore. If on the ballot, own up to your party affiliation. Lastly, constantly bringing up pre-existing medical conditions is overdone. There are plenty of other issues to also discuss.

Party attitude

WILMINGTON—Why is it that people who have Trump signs in front of their homes end up getting vandalized or stolen? But people who have Biden signs don't. Does this have anything to do with how violent the Democrat party is? Where as the Republican party is not interested in damage like ANTIFA and BLM.

Taxpayers have decided

WILMINGTON—Mayor Roy Strong, you put the dam's future for the people to decide and when the majority of the people made their decision to remove the dam on the state's expense you now want a new vote because it's not what you wanted. We, the people, don't care what you or the aldermen say. You should listen to what the people voted for. Also, not everyone should have a say on the future of the dam. The only people who should be able to vote are the people who pay property taxes. If you want the dam to stay then the next time someone drowns then you, the aldermen and the people who want the dam to stay should foot the bill, not the people who don't want their property tax bill raised from being sued again. That dam is not worth another loss of life.

Keep the dam

WILMINGTON—Before any decision gets made concerning the river dam, shouldn't the Corps of Engineers be involved? Has the city or state DNR spoken with the Corps to see how badly the river will drop above the dam? If the Corps of Engineers has been involved we haven't heard or read anything. What about the Godley Water District and its intent to withdraw up to 32 million gallons of water a day near Custer Park? Their tapping of the river as a regional water source will impact the river. We're downstream of that and the river will be down to a trickle. Let's hear what the Corps thinks about that before the dam is removed.

Open to all

LAKEWOOD SHORES—If Wilmington let's the state take out the dam it will ruin the fishing and boating in our area. I know we're not in the city limits but the poll being taken should be opened up to all the public, not just city people. This has been a dry year and right now, even after some rain, you can walk across the river upstream of the dam and not get your knees wet. It will be worse if the dam is removed.

Insist they fund all

WILMINGTON—Why is it the state will pay to remove the dam and not pay if the town says it wants to step ladder the thing? The money saved up to fix the dangerous dams throughout the state was dedicated years ago. So if the city says it wants to keep the dam but terrace it to get rid of the underwash, the part that cause people to drown, then that should be an option paid for by the state. Seems to me our city administrator and mayor should be insisting that the state pay for all the options, not just removal, because the money is there.

Bad plan Joe

WILMINGTON—Biden's tax proposal is not good for families and small businesses. Stanford University economists find Biden's tax hike will kill jobs and over time medium family incomes will drop. Biden's tax hike plan will raise taxes on middle-class families by over \$2,000 each tax year due to repeal of Trumps tax cuts. Repealing Trumps tax reform would cut our child tax credits in half. Millions of low and middle class families will have to pay for Obamacare individual mandate tax. Instead, we will have a lower standard of living, fewer jobs available, and lower wages. Biden's tax hike on businesses will always get passed on to workers and consumers. This is terrible time to raise taxes on anyone, small businesses, farmers, or corporations. Tax hikes on businesses means less money for workers, no hiring and investments. Biden's large tax hike will cause a loss of 4.9 million jobs and shrink the economy by \$2.6 trillion. Trump wants to keep lowering our taxes. Vote "No" to all Democrats running for election that want to raise our taxes. Businesses always pass on taxes on products and services.

COVID deaths

WILMINGTON—According to the CDC only 6% of all Covid deaths were due to Covid alone. On average there were 2.5 other medical conditions present (diabetes, heart disease, etc.). Interpret this as you wish, but it's obviously better to be healthy. If not, perhaps self-quarantine is the safest route. The pandemic will be around for who knows how long, but we can surely learn to adapt to the so called new normal.

Law and order

CUSTER PARK—Who is breaking the law in our country? These days kidnapping plots and civil war plans are all the rage by those practicing mob rule. A man was arrested on October 16 who threatened to kidnap and kill the mayor of Wichita, KS for mandating face masks, and 13 people were arrested on October 8 for plotting to kidnap Michigan Governor Whitmer for restrictions to curb the virus. The strategy of Michigan's Wolverine Watchmen included killing law enforcement to take down the governor in addition to their long-term goal of inciting civil war. Does President Trump discourage this violence? Quite the contrary. He encourages it because Trump doesn't approve of masks or restrictions. Amid chants of "lock her up" at rallies, Trump claimed Governor Whitmer is a 'wannabe dictator'. Wrong. That is Trump's goal. Trump worships Putin, Erdogan and Kim Jong-un, all dictator thugs who rule by murdering their own people. Is this the so-called law and order Trump is bragging about? Gloria W.

Better off now

SHADOW LAKES—Regarding the article titled 'Another insult' in the Sound-off column by Ralph D. Obviously, Ralph you don't know anything about what Trump has done for the military. I use the VA. They have drastically improved compared to when Obama was in office with all the scandals going on. Trump has also increased military pay, he has increased everything the military needs to perform as your favorite president, Obummer depleted the military. He bent down in front of other leaders, bowed to them, which is something no American president has ever done. So wherever you got this information about Trump calling the military scoundrels and losers I would sure like to know because you are misinformed. Dan Hill

Choice is clear

COAL CITY—Time is running out and you have a clear choice. If you're for illegal immigration with open borders, free health care, free college, the great new green deal (no planes, cars, or fossil fuels), for defunding the cops, for riots, looting, lawlessness, chaos, getting rid of religion, you're for the leftist Democratic party headed by the Harris/Biden ticket. But if you're for closed borders with legal immigration, the 2nd amendment, getting rid of Obamacare, energy independence, getting rid of useless regulations, civility, backing the cops and making America Great again, then you're for Trump/Pence and most of the Republicans. Before the Wuhan virus was unleashed on the world, we had the best economy in years, lowest unemployment, new trade laws, NATO paying their fair share, the strengthening of the

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military forces and our ties to allies! Plus everything the Democrats charged Trump with the Democrats actually did it. Russian collusion, Clinton paid for made up Russian intelligence against Trump with the Steele dossier which led to over three years of Democrats running around looking for Russian collusion. B. S. As for quid pro quo, Biden bragged about getting a Ukrainian prosecutor fired or they wouldn't get \$1 billions' aid from the U.S., not to mention Hunter Biden got paid millions for a job on the board of a energy company, with no experience whatso ever! So you have a clear choice, vote extreme leftist agenda with the Harris/Biden ticket and other Democrats or more jobs, growing economy, law and order. Vote for Trump & most Republicans. It's that simple! KL

If we all do

WILMINGTON—As I call this into sound-off it has not been quite 24 hours since the governor imposed restrictions on Will, Kankakee, DuPage and Kane counties for having inside activities. To all of you who know me and have read my comments about people wearing masks and have chosen to confront me when you see me out in public, if you think this shutdown makes me happy, far from it. It truly breaks my heart. I just wish that everyone would wear a mask. I know from personal experience when I go to church and I have to go a half hour early to get checked in, I sit there for a half an hour wearing a mask and then sit another 45 minutes to an hour for the service wearing a mask, it's very uncomfortable so someone like me with asthma problems. I would rather go into a business and have something to eat and drink and see people wearing a mask than seeing signs on the door saying "We're closed." It really breaks my heart. I would rather shop here in this wonderful town that has been my home for 19 years than shop anywhere else. It truly scares me and I know it scares other people when there are signs posted wear a mask and people do not wear them, because no one knows where this virus is coming from. It's very scary for people who have loved ones in hospitals and nursing homes. All I'm saying is I'm not trying to be mean and I'm not wishing anybody any harm or ill will. I want to see every single business in Wilmington thriving, making money, employees making money and good tips. People please wear a mask. Thank you and be safe and god bless you, Sherri Michaels.

Proving a point

WILMINGTON—Response to "Let's Move On." I am one of those angry people that believe not supporting the church will prove my point. Thank you so much for writing this sound-off because I thought that my lack of support was going unnoticed, until I read this treasure! #SAVE ST ROSE

Tax cuts work

WILMINGTON—Biden's tax hikes are a threat to all of us that can least afford it. We need to elect Republicans to the House and the Senate to save Trump's Tax Cuts and Job Act that have helped middle class families. Biden and the Democrats want to repeal Trump's tax cuts act. Biden supports trillions of dollars of tax hikes. House Republicans want tax cuts to boosts wages and add jobs by helping businesses through the pandemic. Biden wants to hike taxes on all businesses and repeal Trump's tax cuts. What Biden and the Democrats don't tell you is what tax benefits go away when they hike tax corporations. Repealing the tax act will raise all of our utility bills. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) reduced the amount of federal income tax ComEd paid by \$205 million and those savings are required to be passed onto customers and reduce our monthly bills. Nicor Gas also passed tax reform savings to customers through lower energy bills. The Biden plan increases corporate income tax and we all loose the savings. Businesses are investing and expanding in the U.S. due to tax cuts. Voting for Republican's is a vote to save tax cuts when we need them most.

Respecting the truth

COAL CITY—With all due respect to the truth, what false claims and misinformation is President Trump spreading recently? Trumps says people wearing masks got COVID-19 at a rate of 85%. Wrong. The CDC says masks are our best defense. Trump says our country's performance fighting COVID-19 is good. Wrong. Statistics show we are almost the worst in the world. Trump says Dr. Atlas is a great expert of the world. Wrong. Atlas is a radiologist whose written works are political rather than clinical in nature. Trump claims he is protecting preexisting conditions. Wrong. His lawsuit will strike it down with no replacement. Trump claimed ignorance of QAnon at the town hall, claimed ignorance of the Proud Boys in September and David Duke in the 2016 election. Wrong. He supports them all. Trump claims President Obama spied on his 2016 campaign. Wrong. Official investigation proved otherwise.

Furthermore, it's downright shameful that Trump blames Gold Star families, the most honorable families in America, for infecting him without proof. Kurt K.

Bad for local jobs

WILMINGTON—Biden is willing to destroy our oil and gas industry for a small group of climate activists. Out of all key debate topics, climate change ranked 11th out of 16 issues polled. Of those polled, 4% said they would vote for a president because of climate change. When asked if they would pay \$2.00 more for electricity for Biden's New Green Deal, they all said no! This poll was conducted in California with plenty of climate change activist. Illinois' oil, gas and nuclear industries are the backbone for good paying jobs in our area. Trades people working in energy construction report that they consider projects in oil and natural gas industries to have better wages, benefits and opportunities than renewables projects. The oil, natural gas and nuclear industries offer projects and facility upgrades with longer durations than those in renewables industries, which means steadier incomes for our neighbors and friends. For those willing to travel to work on natural gas pipelines, contractors hire locally and across the Midwest. Jobs to enable families to have cheaper natural gas prices and good paying wages. They are the same contractors, trades people, and operators that donate their hard earned wages to our churches, schools, sports teams, scholarship funds, golf outings and community projects at baseball fields and parks. A vote for Biden, is a vote to have you and your neighbors' job eliminated. If people vote for Biden, I hope you are willing to be displaced or loose wages when you try to retrain for the renewable energy of solar and wind. How many operators or trades people do you think it takes to keep a wind farm running? The Democrats' efforts to ban fracking, pipelines and nuclear energy is bad for Illinois and bad for America and detrimental to American workers.

Blue vs. Red

SHADOW LAKES— Do the math people, it's very simple. Blue states need big bail outs. Red states do not. Does that ring a bell in anybody's brain? Dan Hill

Times have changed

COAL CITY—When I was little you knew Christmas was right around the corner when you received your Sears Christmas catalog. Going thru that catalog was almost as good as opening presents on Christmas day! Talk about making a list and checking it twice. Sadly those days are over. I think you can still get the catalog, but it's just not the same. Fast forward to early September. My wife goes to Sears store and buys 3 kitchen appliances. She is told delivery will be in late October and they'll call the night before to give estimate of time for delivery. Day before delivery no call, she calls the phone number on receipt at 8:30 pm and is told no delivery tomorrow, it's now going to be late November. No one ever called to tell us there was a delay. Cancelled order & we'll never go there again! What a shame of the decline of a once great store. KL

Doesn't know better

BRAIDWOOD—The Braidwood city administrator and mayor have a puppet on a string. They use this puppet's loud, opinionated and boisterous cheerleader style personality to their advantage in order to disgrace those on the City Council who they do not agree with. Their naive puppet obviously doesn't know any better so they continue to allow their strings to be pulled even after it has been brought to their attention.

One year ago

CUSTER PARK—It's deja vu all over again. Just one year ago, President Trump was trying to throw dirt on Biden which is a tactic used by dictators in backward countries who make their political opponents disappear. It's the usual "lock him up" which Trump supporters mindlessly scream at his rallies despite that it would violate the Constitution. America was once above these dirty deeds because we traditionally taught primitive countries throughout the world the democratic process. No longer. It was justified, therefore, that impeachment charges were filed and one year ago we were in the middle of Trump's impeachment hearings of which I'm terribly proud due to the integrity of the process which indicated that Trump was guilty without reasonable doubt. Yes, Trump is an impeached president who would have been convicted except that spineless Senate Republicans, usually tough on crime, gave him a break. So here we are again. Trump has proven himself unworthy of their mercy because he is now repeating the crime. Gary W.

Newcomer advice

BRAIDWOOD— With all of these sound-offs lately about this supposedly newer resi-

Dessert drinks served up with just the right sweetness

Hey, what's that chocolate Martini drink? You know the one, it's like a Brandy Alexander, only it's green. Or is it pink? This week we will decode the mystery of the "chocolate Martini" as we prepare three of the most popular after dinner drinks in all of mixology.



THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL
Brian Rung

Before we get into the chocolate Martini family, I would like to go on the record and say that I love a good Grasshopper, and the occasional Brandy Alexander. These are dessert drinks that serve up the perfect amount of sweetness and rich texture to follow a fine meal, or as a stand alone treat. You will find that many mixology "purists" will make the occasional exception for a decadent dessert drink, the Brandy Alexander is often the exception.

Where did this family of creamy dessert drinks come from? The Brandy Alexander recipe predates prohibition and is the launching pad for both the Grasshopper and the Pink Squirrel. This family of cocktails hit their collective stride in the 1970s during the "fern bar" era, the same scene that gave us the Cosmopolitan for those who found Martinis to be a bit too much.

The three drinks in this group all share two ingredients: heavy cream, and crème de cacao. The addition of the base ingredient will take the drink in one of three completely different directions. It's brandy or cognac for the Brandy Alexander, crème de menthe for the Grasshopper, crème de Noyaux for the pink squirrel.

You may have a favorite

this is your introduction to the family of chocolate Martinis.

Let's start with the chocolate. In mixology applications, chocolate flavor notes are introduced to cocktails through crème de cacao, a chocolate liqueur. There are two types of crème de cacao, light and dark. The only difference is the color, both taste the same.

The dark crème de cacao is brown in color and is used in the cream/coffee colored drinks such as the Brandy Alexander. Both the Grasshopper and the Pink Squirrel hold their vibrant colors by using the white crème de cacao, which is actually colorless.

When comparing the flavors of the three, the Brandy Alexander is going to be the richest as its base is a fruit brandy or cognac. The Pink Squirrel will have the full-bodied notes of sweet almond liqueur, while the Grasshopper is essentially mint chocolate chip ice cream in a glass.

These are great recipes to have in your repertoire, especially when the holidays come around. These are easy to make, easy to enjoy, and best of all, the recipes are easy to remember.

All three cocktails use equal 1 oz. parts of all three ingredients, and all three are prepared in a shaker and served in a cocktail glass.

Other than the shaker, no special tools are required. These can be served in any glass, but they present a lovely visual pop when served in classic Martini glasses. Be sure to give any drink with heavy cream a good shake as you are forcing liquids of varying consistency into a single concoction.



The end result should be a drink in the glass that is a solid color, with a smooth and creamy texture.

As far as brand names for the crème de cacao, you will typically find both dark and light cacao under the brand names DeKuyper, Drillaud, and Bol's. Bol's is of a higher quality than the others, but also a bit more expensive.

The most widely available crème de Noyaux is from Hiram Walker, followed by Tempus Fugit. You may find a wider selection of Noyaux in the Badger State as the Pink Squirrel remains very popular in Wisconsin.

If the Brandy Alexander is your after-dinner treat, any quality brandy or cognac will get the job done, I have found Christian Brothers and E&J to be the best mixing options for this and other brandy-based cocktails.

If you choose the Grasshopper, you will need a bottle of the bright green crème de menthe. Once again, DeKuyper, Drillaud, and Hiram Walker are going to be the most widely-available. It all comes down to availability, all menthol liqueur tastes the same to me.

One note on the cream content, I find "heavy cream" to be the best suited for this family of drinks. Many recipes call for fresh cream, or simply cream, but I find that products labeled "heavy cream" tend to work best in these decadent dessert classics.

This family of cocktails is all about treating yourself...and not in any way about counting calories.

The Brandy Alexander is built in a shaker and served in a chilled cocktail (Martini) glass.

Combine in shaker:

1 oz. brandy
1 oz. dark crème de cacao
1 oz. heavy cream

Shake with ice, strain into chilled cocktail glass

Optional garnish with grated nutmeg

The Grasshopper is built in a shaker and served in a chilled cocktail (Martini) glass.

Combine in shaker:

1 oz. crème de menthe
1 oz. white crème de cacao
1 oz. heavy cream

Shake with ice, strain into chilled cocktail glass

The Pink Squirrel is built in a shaker and served in a chilled cocktail (Martini) glass.

Combine in shaker:

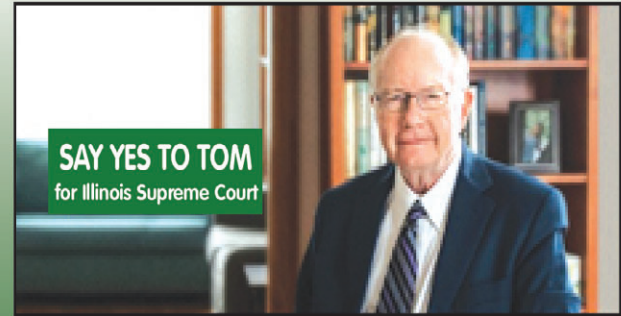
1 oz. crème de Noyaux
1 oz. white crème de cacao
1 oz. heavy cream

Shake with ice, strain into chilled cocktail glass

Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

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- Wednesday, Oct. 28**
- 6 p.m., Coal City School Board study session at CCHS
 - 6 p.m., Historical Society monthly membership meeting.
 - 6 p.m., Wilmington Area Historical Society meeting, updates in museum, 114 N. Main St.
 - 7 p.m., Coal City Village Board meeting, Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway.
- Thursday, Oct. 29**
- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Coal City Food Pantry distribution at Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Road, Coal City
- Friday, Oct. 30**
- 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., or til supplies last. Godley Park District will be having a spaghetti supper. Carry-out only
- Saturday, Oct. 31**
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Braidwood Lions Club trick or treat drive-thru at Old Smokey city park. Enter on Third St.
 - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Braidwood Lions Club Halloween hot dog giveaway, Old Smokey park, north side of pavilion.
 - 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Custer Fire Protection District will be hosting a Halloween drive-thru. There will be 3 locations, Custer

- Fire Station 21750, Hwy 113. Deer Ridge Subdivision and Custer Township Hall, 35332 Grant Ave.
- Sunday, Nov. 1**
- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annual St. Rose Church turkey dinner held at the school, 626 S. Kankakee St. Dinners will be carry-out and dive-up only.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3**
- 10:30 a.m., Godley Park District, Seniors Alive.
 - 10:30 a.m., Grace Lutheran Church, Wilmington, crafts and conversation open to the public.
- Saturday, Nov. 7**
- 10:00 a.m. Build a Faerie Garden, Godley Park District
 - All day - Cub Scout Pack 466 annual food drive in Coal City. Watch for bag at your front door.
- Sunday, Nov. 8**
- All day - Put out your food for Cub Scout Pack 466 annual food drive in Coal City.
- Monday, Nov. 9**
- 6:15 p.m. Coal City Lions Club Bingo, 680 S. Illinois St.

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dent to town causing all sorts of trouble, it's easy to see why so many people feel the way they do about this person. All a person has to do is watch the videos of the circus council meetings to see what they are all about. If someone moves into a new town, they shouldn't try to force the people already living there to adapt and change to their wants and needs. Just because a newcomer may not like their new town because it does not meet their expectations, doesn't mean that the rest of the town isn't happy with what they have. Coming in like a wrecking ball and demanding change is just going to destroy any chances of those in a community accepting the newcomer. Good luck to this newcomer in repairing their reputation.

Worked his freedom

WILMINGTON— Looking at the sound-off article from Wilmington saying "we can't afford reparations." I'd also like to add: Children that were given into indenture by parents who were unable to feed and clothe them. This happened in this area to my father in 1919. For 10 years he worked to pay for his food and clothing. Finally, at age 21, he was allowed to leave.

Fabricated promises

COAL CITY—Let's all vote for Joe Biden and we can put this country back to what it was before Trump became president. We can have more taxes and employment shipped to foreign countries and a green new deal with all wind and solar power without fossil fuels. We can watch while back door deals are cut once again to enrich the politicians laws as they remove the first and second amendments. We can also watch China being allowed to take control of the USA and bring socialism to everyone so we can become servants to corruption. Vote Democrat and receive nothing but fabricated promises that your life will be good under socialism while the politicians fill their bank accounts and live like monarchs.

Political coverup

WILMINGTON— It was stated on the news that the social media has been blocking certain news stories about corruption and this violates the first ammendment. Some of the other news stations have also been violating the law by suppressing the news. According to the laws of the USA there is suppose to be prosecuted and placed behind bars. But don't hold your breath waiting because they will be protected by the democratic party because they have been helping Joe Biden to become president by covering up the criminal activities theat have involved the Biden family for years. Different laws for different people. Who said crime does not pay, except if your a politician in congress.

Final debate

BRAIDWOOD—During the final debate a mute button was promised and I wanted to push it so badly. President Trump seemed to go on and on forever as follows: preposterous statement that Trump has been tough on Russia; unfounded claim that Biden is tied to corruption in Ukraine and China; unfounded claim that a vaccine is coming within weeks; false claim that 2 million people were expected to die from COVID-19 in America; false claim that Trump's environmental rollbacks are improving air quality; false claim that Paris Accord would negatively affect national welfare; false claim that Biden wants to ban fracking; false claim that Obama was snubbed by North Korea; false claim that Trump helped black people almost as much as Lincoln; false claim that Biden intends to make windows smaller. On the other hand, there were so many accusations to be made against Trump which I yelled at the TV set, but unfortunately I don't think Trump heard me. Taylor S.

A big waste

Last week we had someone talking about Judge Barrett being a shoo-in. Well of course she is and you have Harry Reid to thank for it. He enacted the simple majority rule, also known as the nuclear option. Those chickens came home to roost three times. Thanks Harry. Barrett didn't have time to answer some direct questions due to the Ginsburg rule. That was another move by the Democrats and one of their brilliant tacticians. Thanks Joe. So far only one chicken home to roost. As far as the time being wasted, I agree. Don't you think the Republicans would have been happy to just vote and get on with other things? No Democrat ever passed up free air time to campaign, whine and attempt to ruin a political opponent. Thus you had four days wasted. M. Holmes

Cash handouts

BRAIDWOOD—What's the latest on free stuff handed out by the tens of billions? President Trump gave \$374 billion to farmers this year alone which is an unprecedented, record-breaking amount. Is it justified? Is it to correct Trump's colossal tariff blunders? Is it tied to coronavirus relief? Is it meant to buy votes? No matter the reason, it's taxpayer money. No matter the reason, right-wingers are obliged to reconsider their constant drum of complaint about government handouts because their members are now cashing huge bailout checks. These are neither food stamps nor assistance to provide housing. This is outright cash. As the granddaughter of farmers from long ago which used horses rather than tractors, I'm not opposed to helping individual Americans in the agricultural industry. But I am in favor of giving limited amounts to the many non-

farmers in desperate situations. It's time for right-wingers to quit griping about handouts because now cash is being handed to the right wing in spades. Ann S.

What we've become

WILMINGTON—Appreciation to Dan Hill for his service to our country. But that doesn't change President Trump's disdain for our military now and in the past. After many months Trump is still afraid to approach Putin about bounties on our soldiers' heads. Perhaps it's because Trump considers our troops suckers and losers and it's why he threatened to disown Donald Jr. if he enlisted. The military was getting raises throughout Obama's presidency despite Trump's public statement to the contrary which is one of Trump's 21,000 lies. Trump likes heroes who are not captured but I like my presidents who not only show respect to Gold Star families but who don't have secret Chinese bank accounts and who pay their taxes to our country rather than to China. I like presidents who don't try to jail their opponents as they do in blankety-blank countries, as Trump vulgarly calls backward countries. Sadly, we've become one of those backward countries who can't trust their election results. Ralph D.

It's about justice

WILMINGTON—The opinion presented in "A true diplomat" looks at President Trump's America through rose colored glasses. Trump's stock market has been thriving to benefit the wealthy and those lucky to have an investment after President Obama's hard work resulted in the longest period of economic growth and job creation in American history according to Forbes Feb. 17, 2020 edition. My taxes were not lowered by Trump's tax bill because he removed the individual mandate thus increasing my health insurance costs more than the few nickles I got in a tax refund. Across the world, Trump's bombing escalated in Afghanistan to the heaviest levels since 2001 thus increasing civilian deaths, and his shameful backstabbing of the Kurds in Syria are hardly inspirations toward world harmony. The affair with North Korea produced love letters, ICBMs and nuclear weapons to explode on American heads; Trump's enabling of Putin at the expense of democratic allies is nirvana for those seeking despotism. But who wants despotism other than a despot? Trump's recent Mideast peace accord was a positive move except for Palestinian interests who now have fewer Arab friends than ever before thus boding future trouble. Corruption? Yes, Director of National Intelligence Ratcliffe demonstrated corruption with his announcement last week, something almost non-existent in the past due to the system of whistleblowers which Trump dismantled slowly but surely by purges. As honesty gasps for air, integrity is starved to death. But remarkably, the author never mentions injustice and justice is what America is all about.

Fear and threats

SHADOW LAKES—The debates are over. Again you saw from the Left, their famous mantra, "Fear and threats." What did Joe say? "Looks like a cold long winter." Was that fear or a threat? Only last week, Elizabeth Warren stated, "if President Trump is elected again the world as we know it is gone." The left keeps closing this country, over and over. What do they expect, one time we will open things up and its (virus) is gone. They keep playing this over and over like groundhog gay. The results do not change. The Left screamed we need a vaccine. Now that we are on the verge of a vaccine, what does the left say? We are not going to take it if our president says it is ok. Is this more fear? As our president, we have to adapt...do what you have to do to protect yourself. Amazing...no fact-checking at the debate, would love to seen the light going off above Joe's head. Margot Lane

A good mix

WILMINGTON—I laugh when Republicans get squeamish about the word socialism. Our country has had socialized retirement, known as Social Security, for generations and people absolutely love it. In fact, a good percentage of the elderly would be homeless without it. What has been the result? Our country hasn't turned communist and none of us have grown an extra toe or gone cross-eyed. Yes, it's a good thing. Another good thing might be socialized medicine because health care should be a right not a privilege. Health insurance provided by your job can disappear overnight. We shall see what happens when Obamacare is struck down and half the population is not covered due to preexisting conditions. There will be nothing left but the crying and the gnashing of teeth and we will truly deserve it. But Biden proposes a mixture of private insurance and public insurance with a public option and that would be a solution right down the middle. Sounds good. Ralph D.

After losing

COAL CITY—To the person who wrote Right and wrong in last week's Sound-off column, I think your argument is a good one where President Trump is concerned because in this argument he is responsible for every death from Covid 19. After he is no longer president he should go to court and be tried for those deaths and hopefully go to prison for them. When he said everybody else should be locked up, he should be locked up.

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Pandemic doesn't stop 'turnip king'



ED MENZ of Wilmington dug up some grand turnips Monday, marking the end of the growing season. Menz, aka the Turnip King of Will County, holds a pair of 6-pounders with a girth of 23 and 21 inches. While he's grown them bigger, the harvest was still good despite dry weather and being in the middle of a pandemic. On July 25th he plants his crop from seed, a traditional date for planting no matter if it's wet or dry. Menz plants only the white globe purple-top variety because they tend to stay mild the bigger they grow.

Illinois Monarch Action plan takes flight

Four state agencies solidified their commitment to protecting monarch butterflies and other pollinators by signing the Illinois Monarch Action Plan last week.

"Though small, pollinators play an extremely important role in our survival here in Illinois and the world," said Natural Resources Director Colleen Callahan. "Today's signing not only moves us as a state from plan to action, but also reaffirms our commitment as public servants to doing our part in ensuring pollinators' survival."

The project brings together public agencies, private organizations and residents of the state to protect habitat used by monarchs by planting more milkweeds, their main food source, along state highways and public properties.

Illinois is tasked with adding 150 million stems of

new milkweed by 2038. It's the state's contribution to a regional effort to add 1.3 billion stems of new milkweed to the central U.S. to support migrating monarchs.

"Monarch butterflies capture the hearts of people across Illinois, from school children to mayors, in cities and across rural areas. The Illinois Monarch Project and this action plan harness this enthusiasm to empower others to take steps to help monarchs and other pollinators," said Iris Caldwell, University of Illinois Chicago and state coordinator for Illinois Monarch Project.

As one of the largest landowners in the state, IDOT is in a unique position to contribute resources to this goal.

"We hold a special commitment at IDOT for the environment and the role pollinators play in the Illinois ecosys-

tem and economy," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "From mowing schedules and restricting the use of pesticides, to planting only certain species along our roadsides, IDOT has embraced many changes in policies and practices over the years to protect pollinators. This plan only serves to strengthen those efforts going forward."

Prior to the project's beginning in October 2016, efforts to protect pollinators already were in place at state agencies and organizations. Those plans, as well as new initiatives, have been included in the state's action plan to maximize efforts.

Additional information on the Illinois Monarch Project, as well as full text of the plan, can be found at IllinoisMonarchProject.org.

Letter to the editor

Churches must unite and keep doors open

Dear editor,

This messages goes out to all Wilmington area and surrounding churches in Braidwood, Diamond, Coal City and others. Please hear me out!

I understand that there is a law of separation of Church and State. I feel we are being discriminated against and it's time to take a stand.

May we all be united in this request regarding the COVID-19 lockdowns. May we stand in unity and refuse to close our doors of our churches.

Honor the mask wearing and 6-foot social distancing, but do not close our church

doors. May we all stand in unity and make a statement. Who do we serve, God or man?

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OBITUARIES

Steven Neese

ESSEX—Steven Clayton Neese, 52, of Essex, formerly of Wilmington, fought valiantly against the devastating implications that cancer left behind and he eventually passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born Jan. 26, 1968 in Joliet. He graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 1986 and eventually received a degree in nursing from Kankakee Community College. Steve had a passion for the healthcare industry. Beginning from working at the Wilmington Fire Department as a paramedic and fireman, where he was also a certified diver, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He then moved on to work primarily in the mental health field and did so in many institutions. Steve had a fantastic personality, his humor, quick wit and positive spirit is what helped him be the best nurse, husband, dad and son that is possible. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved fishing and camping. He was also an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan, but the teams and activities that his children participated in trumped everything. His children were the light of his life and he made sure they knew he loved them. If you were lucky to have met Steve, you know how not giving up is an option and that there is always good to be found in anything.

Surviving are his parents, William and Ethel



(nee Howard) Neese, of Wilmington; wife, Jessica (nee Barnes) Neese, of Essex, who he married Oct. 14, 2018 in Essex; three children: Madilyn Neese, of Limestone; Corbin and Conrad Neese, both at home; brother, Richard (Kelly) Neese, of Symerton; sister, Marsha (Keith) Barnes, of Newport News, VA; sister-in-law, Diane Neese, of Bradley; numerous nieces and nephews, mother-in-law, Joyce St. George, of Braidwood; his "Nana," Julia Engel, of Braidwood and best-friend, Tim Frost, of Kankakee.

Preceding him in death were his brother, William "Billy" Neese; maternal grandparents, Avia and Golden Howard; paternal grandparents, Rosalie and Herman Neese and father-in-law, John Barnes.

Funeral services were held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Interment followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wilmington.

Memorial donations in his name may be directed to the American Cancer Society or to his children to set up a fund for college.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log on to www.rwpatterson-funeralhomes.com.

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

Keith Wills

MAZON—Keith Alan Wills, 60, of Mazon, passed away Friday, Oct. 23, 2020 at his home with his family by his side.

Born April 7, 1960 in Morris, Keith Alan was a son of Roy and Catherine (nee Vitale) Wills. He was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City, and was a 50 year member of the Gleaners. Keith attended school with Trinity Services, and worked at the Trinity Bakery in Wilmington. He took great pride in his work and always made sure that each treat was just right before baking in the oven. Keith enjoyed painting and coloring, and would look forward to Christmas when he could help decorate for the season with Trinity.

He was often the life of the party and loved to dance with any partner he could find or just by himself. Keith especially enjoyed celebrating birthdays and singing along to Happy Birthday. He was a loving and affectionate person who adored his pet collies. Most important to him was his family, especially his nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his sister and two brothers: Donna (Larry) Meyer, Ronald (Jane) Wills and Dennis (Karen) Wills, all of Mazon; nine



nieces and nephews: Jim Meyer, of Chicago; Richard (Tricia) Meyer, of Diamond; William Meyer, of Mazon; Kim (Bradley) Mathis, of Oswego; Janet Wills, of Coal City; Deanne (Scott) Friddle, of Coal City; Craig (April) Wills, of Elgin; Jennifer (Robert) Fisher, of Indianapolis, IN and Ryan Wills, of Mazon; 11 great-nieces and great-nephews, and his long time caretaker, Paula Spurgeon.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020 at Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City. Burial followed at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Keith's memory to Trinity Services or Joliet Area Community Hospice.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book, upload photographs, and share Keith's memorial page by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com

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

Richard D. Miller

COAL CITY—Richard D. Miller, 66, of Coal City, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020 at Morris Hospital.

Born Feb. 5, 1954 in Morris, Richard Dean was a son of Henry and Julia (nee Elam) Miller. He was raised and educated in Coal City, and graduated from Coal City High School with the class of 1972. On July 6, 1974, Rick married Judith Ann Hozian at the Channahon United Methodist Church.

He spent his entire career with ExxonMobil, starting right out of high school in 1972, and retired after 40 years of service on April 1, 2012. Richard enjoyed spending his time outdoors hunting and target shooting at the Downers Grove Gun Club. He had a keen interest and woodworking and playing golf, and will be affectionately remembered by those who knew him as "Red."

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Judy Miller, of Coal City; his daughter, Lauren (Bill) Walsh, three grandchildren: Cole, Quinn and Maeve Walsh; one sister and one brother, Lynda (Bill) Scerine and Gary (Kay) Miller; one sister-in-law, Janet Hozian and one niece, Julie Scerine (Nancy Crawford), as well as numerous nieces and nephews and many cousins.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Beth Ann Miller; his mother-in-law, Rose Ullrich; father-in-law, Frank Hozian; one nephew, Brad McCammon and several

aunts and uncles.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020 at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 N. Broadway St., one block north of IL Route 113, in Coal City from 4 to 8 p.m. Face masks requirements and measures of safe social distancing practices will be in order, and the funeral home staff will assist the family not to exceed the safe number set forth for the visitation.

A private funeral service will be held Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 at the Coal City United Methodist Church, with Reverend Bradley Shumaker officiating. Burial will follow at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Those wishing to participate in Rick's services are invited to watch the live stream on Friday morning starting at 11 a.m. by logging onto his memorial page.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Rick's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book, upload photographs, and share Rick's memorial page by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com

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



Phyllis Milton

WILMINGTON—Phyllis LaVerne Milton, 91, of Wilmington, and formerly of Chicago, Symerton and Ritchie, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020 at her home.

Born Nov. 23, 1928 in Chicago, Phyllis was the daughter of John and Victoria (Surovic) Kamis. She was raised and educated in Chicago and graduated Class Valedictorian from Jones Commercial High School. On Aug. 27, 1949 Phyllis married Wayne Conrad Milton, and together they made their home and raised their family in the Wilmington area.

Phyllis worked for many years as a timekeeper for the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant. She later assisted several small businesses as a bookkeeper, including her family's farming operation, where she kept highly detailed records which spanned over many years. Phyllis utilized her accounting skills to help serve her community by acting as treasurer for numerous civic organizations, including the Wilmington Garden Club, Wilmington Area Historical Society and the reorganized Catfish Days Committee of which she was a founding member. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington, where she sang in the choir and participated in the Methodist Women's Circle. Phyllis also served as an election judge for almost 40 years and took pleasure in numerous volunteer activities with the Farm Bureau and Park Board. Throughout the years, she enjoyed many cruises, trips to Europe, and the many extensive trips to Mexico.

When Phyllis was not busy tending to her numerous responsibilities, she took great pleasure in working in the garden or doing crossword puzzles. She had a knack for hand crafts such as crocheting and sewing, and looked forward to any opportunity to travel with her family.

Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Wayne Milton, of Wilmington; four children: Penny (Irvin) Holm, Celeste Milton and Vicky (William) Weidling, all of Wilmington and Heather (Paul) Rogers, of Kankakee; grandchildren: Nathaniel (Karen Patterson) Holm, of Palatine; Megan (Joshua) Corlett, of Wilmington; Dr. Robert (Dr. Morgan Gonder) Weidling, of Fairway, KS and Brooke Rogers, of Ames, IA; three great-grandchildren: Cameron and Emma Corlett and Ingrid Holm; brothers-in law and sisters-in-law: Wendell (Patricia) Milton, of Manteno and Robert (Sandra Milton), of Kankakee.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters-in-law: Vesta Klafka, Fostine Schwark and Susan Milton; five brothers-in-law: Sherman Milton, Dale Milton, Dale Dahn, Wilber Schwark and Leonard Klafka.

A funeral service was held at Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020. Reverend Harriette Cross from the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington officiated.

Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Phyllis' name to the First United Methodist Church, 401 E. Kahler Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481.

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

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



Terri Sola

ORLAND PARK—Sola, Terri L. (Nee Johnson), 66, of Orland Park, passed away Oct. 20, 2020.

Her family was her life. Terri loved shopping for presents for her grandchildren. She was happiest enjoying a meal with her family, laughing, and talking, with her dogs Gigi and Peanut snuggled up nearby.

She was a Devoted mother of Traci (Matt) Fritz, Bob (Mary Therese) Sola, and Kristi (Matt) Dvorak. Dearest grandmother of 12: Luke, Eli, Joe, Isabella, Amelia, Mary, Theo, Ben, William, Henry, Khloe, and Tristan.

Fond Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Loving sister to Steve (Cindy) Johnson, and Scott (Caren) Johnson Beloved partner to Richard Grist. Second mother to many through the years.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Arlene and Bob Johnson.

Inurnment will be private. Arrangements were entrusted to the Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center. In lieu of flowers, donations to TLC Animal Shelter, 13016 W. 151st St, Homer Glen, IL 60491, would be appreciated.



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Sponsor a wreath for a veteran's grave at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. The wreath laying will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19.

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Sponsorships are being collected through Nov. 25 for the year 2020 campaign. Donations after Dec. 2 will be for 2021. Order online at Wreaths Across America and include cemetery ID: ILALNE. For updates pertaining with wreath placement and coronavirus precautions visit the Facebook page: Wreaths Across America Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

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Veterans make up 5.7% of IL population

Illinois adults who have served in the military account for 5.7 percent of the state's population, the sixth lowest percentage among the 50 states, according to an analysis by the website 24/7 Wall St.

Military veterans in Illinois number 559,656, the study based on Census Bureau data found. Among the veterans, 6.6 percent live in poverty, and 690 of them are homeless, according to 24/7 Wall St.

Nationwide, about 20 percent of the 18 million veterans did their service after the 9/11 terrorist acts, while about 33 percent served during the Vietnam era. At the same time, 1.2 million of the veterans live in poverty, and 37,000 of them are homeless, the analysis found.

Many of the states where large percentages of veterans live have major military installations and large shares of active-duty troops, researchers said.

Which states have the largest share of veterans? Alaska ranks first with 12.6% of its population veterans. Second is Virginia (10.3%), followed by Wyoming (10.3%), Montana (10.2%) and Maine (9.7%).

States with the lowest percentage of veterans based on population are New York and New Jersey at 4.4%, followed by California (5.1%), Massachusetts (5.3%) and Utah (5.4%).

David McCorkle

ESSEX—David McCorkle, 50, of Essex, passed away Wednesday morning October 21, 2020 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home.

Born November 4, 1969 in Peoria, David Paul was a son of Edwin "Ray" and Darlene (nee Beever) McCorkle. He was raised and educated in Reddick and graduated from Reddick High School with the Class of 1987. On April 24, 1990, David married Tina Marie Scott in Kankakee. David was a farmer for a majority of his life and took pleasure in riding his Harley.

Survivors include his father Ray; his wife of 30 years, Tina; four children: Steven McCorkle, Brian McCorkle, and Jonathan McCorkle all of Essex, and Jennifer Kindt of Georgia; one granddaughter, Andi June Kindt; brother Todd McCorkle of Essex; many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews and all of his many friends.



David was preceded in death by his mother, Darlene and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Per David's wishes, cremation rites are being accorded and the family is planning a Celebration of David's Life at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in David's name to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 3 International Drive, Suite 200, Rye Brook, NY 10573 or at <https://donate.lls.org/lls/donate>

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

Cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington. (815-476-2181)

Alice I. Ziller

WILMINGTON—Alice I. Ziller, 69, of Wilmington, formerly of Custer Park, passed away Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020 at Silver Cross Hospital.

Born Jan. 30, 1951 in Joliet, Alice Irene was a daughter of Orville and Irene (nee Sharper) Ziller. She was raised and educated in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 1970. Alice later completed her Library Technical Assistant certification program at Joliet Junior College, and gained employment with the Wilmington School District where she would work for 46 years until her retirement in 2016. She was active in the community and held several memberships, including the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, and lifetime memberships with the Women of the Moose Chapter 781, VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 5422, and the Job's Daughters Bethel 75. Alice had a gift for quilting and embroidering skills such as candlewicking and red work embroidery. She also enjoyed knitting and crochet, and Scherenschnitte patterns. Alice loved spending time outdoors tending to her garden and watching the hummingbirds.

Survivors include her two brothers and one sister: Helen (Dan Sedlachek) Ziller, of Wilmington; John Ziller, of Bloomington and Henry (Carol) Ziller, of Elizabeth, CO; one sister-in-law, Jan Ziller, of Wilmington; 13 nieces and

nephews, 15 great-nieces and great-nephews, two great-great-nephews, one who was near to her heart, and one great-great-niece, as well as numerous friends and colleagues, including Annette Kavanaugh, Rita Werner and Jo Lane.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Thomas Ziller and one nephew, Edward Irving Kahler.

Per Alice's wishes, she will be donating her body to anatomical study.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church, 301 N. Kankakee St. in Wilmington from 1 p.m. until the time of memorial service at 3 p.m.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book, upload photographs, and share Alice's memorial page by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com

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

Hunters must have reservation to hunt pheasant at Wilmington site

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced changes to controlled pheasant hunting for the 2020-21 hunting season.

The changes, health and safety protocols implemented in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, will provide greater protection to both the hunting public and site staff during the season.

Standby controlled pheasant hunting permits will not be available this hunting season at the Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area in Wilmington.

Pheasant hunters will need to acquire a reserved controlled pheasant hunting permit to hunt Des Plaines SF&W and other controlled pheasant hunting sites.

Reserved controlled pheasant hunting permits can be acquired through the online reservation system online at <https://dnr2.illinois.gov/controlledhunt/>.

To make acquiring a reserved permit more convenient, hunters will be able to reserve a permit until noon the day before a hunt date. The daily fee for permits acquired online for controlled pheasant hunting is \$30 for resident hunters and \$35 for nonresident hunters. The daily permit fee applies to each individual hunter.

Hunters are required to pay for permits acquired online over a secure system using a major credit card. A transaction fee of \$1.00 for a single hunter or 2.25 percent of the permit fee for multiple hunters will be assessed for each permit. Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt Permits are issued at no cost.

All but one of the controlled pheasant hunting sites have ample reserved permits available for all days of the controlled hunting season.

Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt permits are also available for all but one controlled pheasant hunting site.

Hunters are encouraged to make the necessary planning adjustments now to hunt on the sites on the hunt dates desired.

Hunter check station procedures will also change. Hunters are advised to wear an appropriate face covering and maintain appropriate social distance when in the hunter check station area. Hunters should also pay attention to advisory signs with information about check-in procedures.

Check-out procedures will be announced during the registration process.

Also new this year is only non-toxic shotshells can be used at Des Plaines SF&W. Hunters are reminded that anyone in possession of lead shells will be ticketed.

In need of meals or food?

There are many resources in the area available for those who need assistance with food and meals.

Help for Hope, 100 S. Baima St., Coal City is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call 815-518-2000.

Assumption Food Pantry is also located at Help for Hope, same hours and address.

Braidwood Food Pantry, 112 S. Center Street, Braidwood at Community Care Center is open Tuesdays 8 a.m.-noon and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Information: 630-738-8863.

Ignite Christian Church, 1180 W. 1st St. Braidwood has a micro-pantry open 24 hours in front of the church. Information: 815-390-5040.

Top Fuel Saloon Food Pantry, 275 S. Hickory St., Braidwood is open 1st and 3rd Friday from 4 to 5 p.m.

In the Wilmington area there is Kuzma Care Cottage food pantry 635 S. Main St., Wilmington, which is open Monday -Friday 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., and the second Saturday of each month, 8-11 a.m. Call 815-476-2030 or visit www.kuzmacarecottage.org

Coal City Food Pantry at Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., south entrance is open Mondays 9-11 a.m. and Thursdays 1-3 p.m. Information: 815-216-3288.

We Care of Grundy County Food Pantry, 530 Bedford Rd., Morris food distribution is Wednesday thru Friday from 1-3:30 by appointment. Information: 815-942-6389.

St. Vincent Table hot meals are served on Monday evenings from 5-6 p.m. Locations change every two months.

Sept./Oct.-Assumption of

the BVM, 180 S. Kankakee St., Coal City

Nov./Dec.-New Hope Presbyterian Church, 80 N. Garfield St., Coal City

2021
January/February-United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd. Coal City

March/April-Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 110 S School St. Braidwood

May/June-Ignite Christian Church, 1180 W. 1st St. Braidwood

July/August-New Hope Presbyterian/80 N. Garfield St., Coal City

Sept./Oct.-United Methodist Church 6805 E. McArdle Road, Coal City

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Coordinator: Cindi Grove 815-941-1220 or cell: 815-735-1432.

ISP adds another step to FOID card renewal

BY GREG BISHOP
THE CENTER SQUARE

If it's been a while since you've logged on to the Illinois State Police Firearm Owner Identification portal, you'll notice some changes.

This, as new hires to process more than 142,000 backlogged applications will take six months to train.

A recent update to the ISP website—ISP.Illinois.gov—includes an updated portal for FOID card and Concealed Carry Licenses applicants that requires a verified email address or cell phone to log in. Information about the cost to taxpayers for the updates, and whether it was outsourced, wasn't immediately available.

The Illinois State Rifle Association said the additional steps requiring an email address or cell phone could be problematic.

"I feel that this is an additional hardship for those who are technologically challenged or for those who do not have a computer to receive emails or a smartphone to receive text messages," said ISRA Executive Director Richard Pearson. "We feel this will negatively affect hundreds of thousands of Illinois gun owners, Conceal Carry permit holders, Licensed Firearm Dealers, and Conceal Carry Instructors. We have notified our attorneys of this problem."

State Rep. Dan Caulkins, R-Decatur, said the update does provide an additional hurdle.

"It is in a way, but it's also I think the ISP, they're trying to modernize their system, trying to get it so people can get a response quicker on where their application is," Caulkins said.

The latest numbers provided by state police on Friday reflect numbers reported earlier this month. There are 142,324 pending FOID applications.

ISP says there were more FOID applications in the single month of June than from November 2019 to February 2020.

"If this trend continues, it is conceivable that Illinois could reach 3 million FOID cardholders," Pearson said of the flood of applications. "That would be the largest single voting block in the state."

More people are being hired to help process the applications, ISP said, but training for the job takes a minimum of six months. Caulkins warned the backlog will be compounded by a "tsunami" of FOID renewals that have been pushed back during the pandemic.

"It's a mess, it just truly is

a mess and until we do something about the FOID cards it's going to get worse," he said.

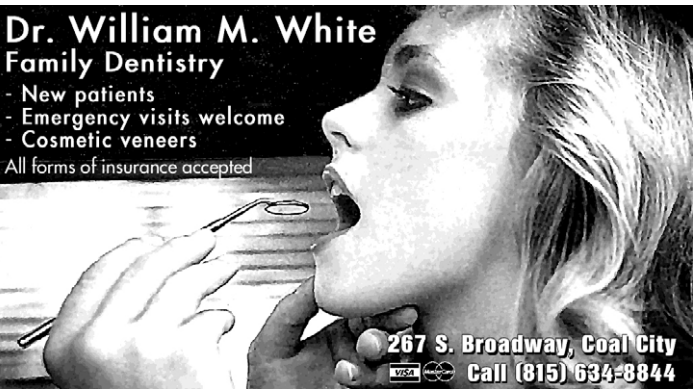
Under an emergency rule, expired FOID cards are valid for 18 months after the pandemic subsidies.

"I give the [ISP] director credit for trying hard to correct a problem that predates him but until we actually get to the bottom of this and decide that the FOID card is not necessary, this is going to continue to be a problem," Caulkins said.

People already go through background checks when they purchase firearms, Caulkins said, and the FOID is infringing on people's Second Amendment rights. The Illinois State Rifle Association said it is continuing to pursue legal action against the state over the delays. The group encourages anyone who has been stuck in limbo to contact them.

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Judge: Municipalities exempt from Election Day 'holiday'

BY PETER HANCOCK
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD – A Sangamon County judge has ruled local units of government are exempt from a law the General Assembly passed this year declaring the Nov. 3 general election as a state holiday and requiring all government offices to be closed that day, unless they are used as polling places or for other election-related services.

Lawmakers passed that measure during their special session in May as a way to protect public safety during the election amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, it was intended to allow schools, colleges and universities to be used as polling places without exposing students to members of the public who might be carrying the virus.

The Illinois Municipal League, a nonprofit advocacy group that represents local governments, filed suit in July seeking a declaratory judgment stating that the law did not apply to its members. The case was filed on behalf of village of Bolingbrook, in Will and DuPage counties, and Southern View, in Sangamon County, against the Illinois State Board of Elections.

The plaintiffs challenged a portion of the law that reads, "All government offices, with the exception of election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be used as a location for election day services or as a polling place."

If that applied to local governments, the plaintiffs argued, it would have forced many of them to pay tens, or even hundreds of thousands of dollars for holiday pay and related expenses for law enforcement officers, firefighters, other first responders and other staff who would be required to work on that day.

In a six-page opinion released, Circuit Judge Raylene Grischow ruled that if the law were applied to local governments, it would amount to an impermissible unfunded mandate.

"Where the Legislature fails to make necessary appropriations allowing reimbursement of expenses, local governments are not required to implement such mandates," Grischow wrote.

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.

Garbage will be placed in containers next to the maintenance building. Do not replace decorations until the clean up is completed.

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Hunters warned to avoid baiting violations in fields damaged by fire

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation Police are alerting waterfowl hunters to avoid state and federal baiting violations by not hunting from fields damaged by recent field fires in Illinois.

Due to the extremely dry weather conditions in recent weeks, numerous field fires have occurred throughout the state, damaging crops and resulting in large amounts of grain being left exposed on the ground.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service baiting regulations state: The presence of seed or grain in an agricultural area rules out waterfowl hunting unless the seed or grain is scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting,

normal agricultural harvesting, normal agricultural post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice.

Though inadvertent, since the recent field fires are not considered a normal agricultural practice, the fires have created areas that will be considered baited for the 2020-21 Illinois waterfowl hunting seasons until all grain left on the ground has been removed.

Hunting in or near these areas is prohibited by state and federal law.

Hunters with questions regarding waterfowl hunting and baiting can contact their local IDNR Conservation Police Officer. A directory with CPO contact information can be found on the IDNR website.

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Harvest time



Photo by Eric Fisher

A FARMER HARVESTS corn near Wilmington Sunday thanks to favorable weather conditions. Statewide the corn harvest as of Monday was 80 percent complete, slightly ahead of the 5-year average of 76 percent, according to the USDA's Illinois Ag report. There were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week. Soybean harvest was 90 percent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 80 percent. Winter wheat planted was at 89 percent, compared to the 5-year average of 73 percent. Statewide, the average temperature was 49.7 degrees, 2.4 degrees below normal. Precipitation averaged 1.75 inches, 1.07 inches above normal. Area farmers will have to deal with rain showers Thursday but could be back in the field on Saturday when it turns sunny and temperatures climb to 60 degrees.

Morris Hospital launches concussion management program

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is striving to improve the outcomes for individuals diagnosed with concussions through its new Concussion Management Program.

Called "Getting Your Brain Back On Track," the comprehensive and evidence-based concussion management program utilizes emergency or immediate care, neurology and rehabilitation services to enhance concussion diagnosis, evaluation and treatment.

"There's an urgent need for someone with a concussion to be seen by a certified provider within a few days of the injury," says Dr. Isaac Mezo, a neurologist with Morris Hospital Neurology Specialists, adding that Morris Hospital has noticed an increase in concussions in the community specifically due to sports-related and head injuries. "Yet, we've found it's often weeks or months after a concussion occurs that patients are receiving post-concussion treatment."

"These numbers are very troubling to us, and that is what this program is looking to change," adds Dr. Mezo. "Our goal is to streamline the process for concussion diagnosis and treatment, so that people can get back to work, school or play as fast as possible without any long-lasting injury."

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head that causes movement in the brain. This sudden movement in the head can cause chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretch or damage brain cells, causing neurological symptoms. Common symptoms of a concussion include headache, dizziness, nausea, sensitivity to light, concentration or memory problems, confusion, vomiting, vision problems or feeling sluggish, hazy or groggy. Concussions range in severity from minor injuries that heal with rest to serious conditions that can have long-term effects on daily life.

When a head injury occurs and symptoms last more than a few minutes, patients are strongly encouraged to visit an emergency department or immediate care

center so a provider can rule out a serious injury. Patients who are diagnosed with concussion at Morris Hospital's walk-in care locations will be referred for a priority care assessment and neurological exam within 48 hours with an ImPACT certified provider who is specially trained in post-concussion diagnosis, evaluation and treatment.

ImPACT, which stands for Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing, is a computerized test that provides data to evaluate a patient's post-injury condition and aids in tracking recovery. Morris Hospital's ImPACT certified providers include Dr. Isaac Mezo and Dr. Samuel Quaynor, neurologists; Dr. Jaynee Pendergast, family medicine; and Stefanie Henline, neurology nurse practitioner.

Depending on symptoms, providers may refer patients for physical therapy or speech therapy with an ImPACT certified therapist who will oversee the active rehabilitation for patients who are recovering from a concussion. Morris Hospital has four ImPACT certified physical therapists who work at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital.

"Physical therapy focuses on vestibular exercises for balance problems, neck pain, headache and dizziness," Dr. Mezo says. "Or, cognitive therapy with a speech therapist may be recommended for individuals who are having difficulty concentrating or finding difficulty with memory."

Initially, the concussion management program will be supported with funding from the Morris Hospital Foundation. Morris Hospital will also be striving to raise awareness in the community about concussion warning signs and treatment.

"If anyone has any kind of head injury, it's better to be safe than sorry," says Dr. Mezo. "Anyone who suffers a blow to the head should need just a couple of seconds to a couple of minutes for symptoms to go away. If any symptoms last more than an hour after a head injury, it's critical to get checked out."

What happens if you die without a will?

Dear Savvy Senior,
What happens to a person's possessions if they die without a will? I'm almost 60 years old and have never gotten around to making one, but the coronavirus crisis has made it a priority.
Will-less Willie



SAVVY SENIOR
Jim Miller

Dear Willie,
The coronavirus crisis has lit a fire under many Americans when it comes to getting their affairs in order. Currently, fewer than half of American adults have prepared a will or living trust.

If you die without a will, the state you reside in will determine what happens to your assets. Every state has intestacy laws in place that parcel out property and assets to a deceased person's closest living relatives when there's no will or trust in place. But these laws vary from state-to-state.

Here is a general breakdown of what can happen to a person's assets, depending on whom they leave behind.

Married with children: When a married person with children dies without a will, all property, investments and financial accounts that are "jointly owned" automatically

goes to the surviving co-owner without going through probate, which is the legal process that distributes a deceased person's assets.

But for all other separately owned property or individual financial accounts, the laws of most states award one-third to one-half to the surviving spouse, while the rest goes to the children.

Married with no children or grandchildren: Some states award the entire estate to the surviving spouse, or everything up to a certain amount (for example the first \$100,000). But many other states award only one-third to one-half of the decedent's separately owned assets to the surviving spouse, with the remainder generally going to the deceased person's parents, or if the parents are dead, to brothers and sisters.

Jointly owned property, investments, financial accounts, or community property automatically goes to the surviving co-owner.

Single with children: All state laws provide that the entire estate goes to the children, in equal shares. If an

adult child of the decedent has died, then that child's children (the decedent's grandchildren) split their parent's share.

Single with no children or grandchildren: In this situation, most state laws favor the deceased person's parents. If both parents are deceased, many states divide the property among the brothers and sisters, or if they are not living, their children (your nieces and nephews). If there are none of them, it goes to the next of kin, and if there is no living family, the state takes it.

Make a Will
To ensure your assets go to those you want to receive them, you need to create a will or trust. If you have a simple estate and an uncomplicated family situation, there are do-it-yourself resources that can help you create all these documents for very little money.

Some top-rated options include the Quicken WillMaker & Trust 2020 downloadable software (available at nolo.com) that costs \$90 and works with Windows and Macs

and is valid in every state except Louisiana; LegalZoom (legalzoom.com), which offers basic wills for \$89 or \$99 if you'd like assistance from an independent attorney; and Trust & Will (trustandwill.com) which charges \$89 for a basic will.

If, however, you want or need assistance or if you have a complicated financial situation, blended family or have considerable assets, you should hire an attorney. An experienced attorney can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

Costs will vary depending on where you live, but you can expect to pay anywhere between \$200 and \$1,000 for a will.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (actec.org) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.



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Published on Wednesday, November 11th

Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 28

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Attitudes have changed since Pritzker's previous COVID restrictions

As of Oct. 21, hospital admissions for patients with COVID-like illnesses had increased 75 percent in two weeks within the Illinois Department of Public Health's "Region 8," which includes DuPage and Kane counties.

As of Oct. 23, only 25 percent of hospital beds in Region 8 were open, down from a third earlier that week. The state's hospitalization "red zone" is 20 percent availability. At that point, regions are automatically put into state mitigation.

Remember "flatten the curve"? Well, the state's 7-day average case positivity rate rose 54 percent in the two-week period ending Oct. 22. And Region 8's 7-day average test positivity rate increased 64 percent during the 10 days prior to that date.

The trend certainly does not appear to be our friend. And who knows what the situation is by the time you read this?

Even so, Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-Elmhurst) complained during a House Republican campaign press conference last week about the state mitigation measures which will soon be imposed on her home county of DuPage, claiming that "we do not have the same type of crisis scenario that we did back in March."

Scientists knew very little about the virus in March, so people didn't know quite what to do. Also, the governor has said over and over that he has zero plans to impose another sweeping stay



CAPITOL FACTS

Rich Miller

at home order, which shut down a gigantic swath of an already mostly self-shuttered economy beginning in March.

The new mitigations apply mainly to bars and restaurants, closing indoor service and limiting hours. There is really no comparison between these mitigations and what was imposed in March. Remember when you couldn't get a haircut, or visit the doctor for a routine checkup, have a cavity filled or hang out with a friend? This is most definitely not that.

Rep. Mazzochi went on to declare that the governor is "perfectly happy to wreck what's going on in DuPage."

Um, even if his secret identity really is a cartoon super villain, JB Pritzker carried DuPage County in 2018. Presumably, he'd like to win it again. Joyfully wrecking DuPage would serve what purpose? Mazzochi may be spending too much time on social media.

But her reaction is an indication of the influential forces that are being targeted here. Influential restaurant and bar owners don't appear to be willing to take this lying down. Several have made a big public show of remaining open to indoor service in defiance of the new prohibitions.

Opponents of the new mitigations say that bars and restaurants and other venues shouldn't be singled out when the "real" problem is in nursing homes. But these venues are more

interconnected than you might think.

"Recent data released by Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services shows that weekly cases in nursing homes rose nationwide in late September as the disease became more widespread in 38 states and the country entered its third coronavirus spike," the Washington Post has reported.

In other words, if you want to protect Grandma (and a whole lot of other folks), you gotta control community spread. Nursing homes aren't isolated bubbles. Workers, contractors, vendors, visitors, etc. come and go all the time. Whatever is in the community has a good chance of getting into those facilities and then can spread like wildfire.

DuPage County's own contact tracing shows the second most outbreaks between September 29 and October 13 were connected to restaurants. The most? Long-term care and assisted living centers. That's just one of several reasons why the state is focusing on restaurants.

Some folks, including the Illinois Restaurant Association, are referencing some DuPage stats that go back to March to claim that restaurants aren't a real problem. Except, restaurants and taverns were closed for months last spring. Of course they weren't a source. Countless restaurants and

bars are centers of their communities and many of their proprietors are widely respected. Not to mention that the hospitality industry is an incredibly large and important segment of the state's economy.

There is no doubt that some very good, hardworking people are about to face financial ruin, owners and employees alike. And a lot of those owners have relationships with their legislators, mayors and other powerful types.

Point being, the governor is facing a different sort of challenge than last spring. We were mostly in it together back then. But now the virus is forcing the state to single out an organized, motivated and influential constituency and those folks are bound to gain significant traction, especially if heavily populated suburban Cook and Chicago are put into mitigation.

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

Pandemic slashes gambling revenue in Illinois

BY ZETA CROSS
THE CENTER SQUARE

The COVID-19 pandemic has slashed state tax revenues from legalized gambling.

Revenues are down more than \$200 million – or 13.4% – for fiscal 2020.

"We are nowhere close to where we were a year ago," said Eric Noggle, a senior state analyst.

Noggle is one of the authors of a new report by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, or CoGFA, that announced the fiscal year's findings that ended on June 30.

Noggle said the COVID-19

shutdown of casinos and video gaming parlors from March 16 through June 30 cut off gambling revenues altogether for three and a half months.

When Illinois lifted the shutdown on July 1, revenues stayed down – even with casinos, race tracks and video parlors operating again. Because of the pandemic, people were reluctant to go out like they used to do, Noggle said.

The Illinois Lottery is the largest source of Illinois gambling revenues. The pandemic has depressed lottery ticket sales by \$172.5 million.

Early estimates indicate that in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, lottery ticket sales in Illinois were down by 5.8%.

Because people are driving less and working from home, they are less likely to come across as many lottery ticket vendors as they would have in a typical year, Noggle said.

Fewer trips to the convenience store and the supermarket result in lower lottery ticket sales, Noggle said.

"Lack of access means fewer tickets sold," Noggle said.

The Illinois Legislature took note of the early signs of a slowdown in legalized gambling revenues and made some changes to increase tax revenues. Restrictions on video games were eased. Video parlors are allowed to have six terminals – up from a maximum of five. Truck stops

were also permitted to bring in more video game terminals. Depending on the location, truck stops can now have a maximum of 10 video game terminals – an increase of five.

Video gambling has taken over a larger share of the Illinois gambling market. There are more than 36,000 video gambling terminals operating in Illinois – the equivalent of 30 casinos, the report said. In response, the Illinois Legislature has increased the tax rate levied on video game terminals.

"This year, the tax rate was 30%. For fiscal year 2021, the tax rate is 34%," Noggle said.

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Virtual season for Smith and Hawkeye Marching Band

IOWA CITY, IA— Coal City's Lanie Smith is one of the 247 University of Iowa students who are members of the 2020 Hawkeye Marching Band.

This is Smith's fourth year with the Hawkeye Marching Band one of the "top ten college marching bands in the nation," according to CNN Headline News and one of the Big Ten Conference's marching bands whose half-time show is "worth the watch," according to Sports Illustrated.

She plays the baritone in what is affectionately known as "Band 140" by its membership.

The 2020 band has been conducting rehearsals outdoors at its practice field in reduced numbers since arriving on campus in August. However, the marching Hawkeyes aren't likely to perform at a home game of the football Hawkeyes in 2020. Big Ten Conference policy currently prohibits marching bands, cheerleaders, and dance team members from performing out of con-

"IN A NORMAL YEAR, WE GAIN A SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGE PLAYING AT HOME IN KINNICK AND ITS FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS WITH FRIENDS, FANS, AND THE HAWKEYE MARCHING BAND CHEERING US ON."

KIRK FERENTZ
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cern and respect for COVID-19.

Fans can watch "Virtual Game Day" performances of the Hawkeye Marching Band

The Iowa football team open its 2020 season at Purdue on Saturday. Kirk Ferentz's squad is set to play its first home game on Oct. 31 against Northwestern.

As the most visible ensemble in the University of Iowa's School of Music and the largest student organization on the campus,

the marching band brings all Hawkeyes together to "Fight for Iowa."

Comprised of students representing more than 50 of the majors offered at Iowa—Smith is majoring in Social work—this time-honored organization combines quality musicianship, Hawkeye spirit, pride and dedication to create its nationally renowned gridiron excitement.

"In a normal year, we gain a significant advantage playing at home in Kinnick and its familiar surroundings with friends, fans, and the Hawkeye Marching Band cheering us on," says Ferentz.

In addition to its many contributions to the game-day environment inside Kinnick, the Hawkeye Marching Band always performs pregame concerts in the UI Recreation Building located immediately northwest of Kinnick Stadium. These performances have also been sidelined for the 2020 season.

Smith is the daughter of Coal City residents Jason and Tricia Smith.

Foreclosure sale of 3770 Will Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS
MILL CITY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2017-1, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,
-v-
DAVID BZDILL, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA M. BEAZLEY A/K/A LINDA BEAZLEY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF LINDA M. BEAZLEY A/K/A LINDA BEAZLEY, ALLEN REYNOLDS, ERIC BEAZLEY, LUKE BEAZLEY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant
2019 CH 33

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Cairns begins college studies

SALT LAKE CITY, UT— Despite nationwide concerns over declining enrollment for institutions of higher education due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Utah saw its largest total enrollment in its 170-year history for the Fall 2020 semester. It also wel-

comed its largest, most diverse freshman class.

Joining the university's class of 2024 is Luke Cairns, a 2020 graduate of Coal City High School.

Among the 2,321 students welcomed for the fall semester, Cairns was accepted into the Honors College at the University of Utah.

Cairns is majoring in pre-computer science with an emphasis on game design.

The university's honors program has been in existence for more than 50 years, and an honors degree represents a student's willingness to seriously engage breadth in their general education as well as depth in their major through advanced research or scholarship.

Cairns is the son of Shannon and Ben Baer, of Coal City, and John Cairns, of Wilmington.

Laki Hawaiian Ice files as new business

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W1; Plaintiff, -Vs.- Charles Schmidt Appointed as Special Representative for Patricia Nuccio, Ariana Nuccio, Kavanagh Grumley & Gorboll LLC, Unknown Owner and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia Nuccio; Defendants. 20 CH 16

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Matusiak honored at white coat ceremony

DANVILLE—Lakeview College of Nursing recently held a ceremony to recognize students who achieved the transition into clinical practice within their bachelor's degree nursing program.

Ashley Matusiak, of Coal City, was one of the students who was honored by receiving a white coat. She attends Lakeview's Charleston Campus.

Sixty students from Lakeview's Charleston and Danville campuses participated in events that were held recently at each of their campuses.

The College's faculty, who were also wearing white coats, cloaked the students with their new garments. The white color of the coat represents compassionate caring, and the student's receipt of the jacket demonstrates a commitment to this compassionate and

humanistic care, according to Carolyn Rauch, who is an assistant professor at Lakeview College of Nursing. Rauch spoke at two of the events about the symbolism that the white coat represents.

"Historically, the white coat ceremony has been reserved for a college of medicine as a way of welcoming new physicians into professional practice. The new physicians would receive their white lab coats upon graduation in recognition of their accomplishment," said Rauch.

Within the nursing community, the right of passage into professional practice has traditionally been symbolized by graduates receiving their college's official nursing pin. Although this tradition continues, the nursing profession, as well as overall healthcare, has changed, explained Rauch.

Students recited verses that call for practicing the profession to the best of their ability as well as to promote, advocate and strive to protect the health, safety, and rights of the patient.

Peddicord files for variance request

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Coal City Zoning Board of Appeals on the Zoning Ordinance on the 16th day of November, 2020 at 7 o'clock p.m. in the office of the Board of Appeals, Coal City Village Hall, 515 South Broadway, Coal City, Illinois on the following matter:

To consider: A side yard variance for installing a 6' fence past the face of my house on the south side of my lot.

At the following address: 796 Quail Run

Legal description of property: Lot 6 in Quail Run Subdivision-first addition, part of the southwest quarter Section 3, Township 32 north, range 8, east of the third principal meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded October 11, 1994 in plat cabinet G, slide #55, document #335191; and certificate of correction recorded October 26, 1994, as document #3355491; in Grundy County, Illinois.

Request for the above appeal was applied for by: James Peddicord.

Said Board of Appeals will be at said time and place to hear all persons in support of such matter or any objection thereof.

Persons may appear in person or by agent.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2020.

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Norton files for property variance

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To consider: Constructing a metal building, max 50'x100', min 40' x 80' for personal use for storage for owner. No tenants

At the following address: 16 and 17 Railroad St.

Legal description of property: 77' x 180' x 61' x 132' with 77' at street frontage.

Request for the above appeal was applied for by: Tim Norton.

Said Board of Appeals will be at said time and place to hear all persons in support of such matter or any objection thereof.

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COALER SPORTS



File Photo

BRAD LITTLETON was selected by former Coal City baseball coach Jerry McDowell to be on of the top pitchers in the starting rotation on the Coal City baseball dream team.



File Photo

COAL CITY'S Cody Onsen was chosen by former Coal City baseball coach Jerry McDowell to be the number two selection at first base on the Coaler fantasy baseball team.

McDowell selects talented Coaler baseball dream team

BY SHAWN LONG
STAFF WRITER

Ever been tempted to pool all the baseball players from Coal City's past and pick the best of the best?

Here's your chance. Former Coal City baseball coach Jerry McDowell has given us names of players he'd have on his all-time Coaler baseball dream team.

McDowell starts at first base with Nick Arndt, a long ball hitter who finished with 39 career home runs, a school record that still stands and is fifth in the state record books. "Nick Arndt was one of the best raw hitters I've ever coached," said McDowell. "In fact, Nick hit .477 and .477 in two straight seasons. One year he had 15 homers to lead the team."

Cody Onsen would be a back-up for Arndt at first base. Cody is mentioned on the home runs list with 19 career home runs.

"Cody was a nice batter for us," added McDowell. "Cody played a little outfield for us but mainly stuck at first base. He was mainly a hitter."

Top pitchers

Top choice would be University of Illinois commit Payton Hutchings, who redefined the record books with 338 strikeouts in 179.2 career innings. That is an astonishing 13 strikeouts per seven inning game.

His best game was when he fanned all 21 batters in a no-hitter against Beecher in 2018, good for 19th in state. He leads the state in consecutive strikeouts with 22.

McDowell would also put right hander Ben Boresi into the mix, who leads with 12 wins in a season. He had a ERA

of 1.09 that season.

"He was probably my best right hander ever," added McDowell. "He won back-to-back state tournaments for us in Illinois Elementary Association in 1996 and 97."

In the three spot in the rotation behind Hutchings and Boresi would be Brad Littleton, who is mentioned on the list for strikeouts in a season, with 108. He also was good at keeping runs off the scoreboard with a season earned run average of 1.07.

Littleton went on to play college baseball at Lewis University where he garnered five career wins.

Littleton played semiprofessional baseball for the Rockford Rivets. He became one of Rockford's best pitchers as he earned a spot on the 2019 Northwoods League All-star team. The two-time All-State pitcher recorded a 4-1 record with a 2.19 ERA to anchor the Rivets pitching staff last season.

Fourth in the rotation would be Matt Blaine who had 18 career wins at CCHS, currently seventh best.

"He was really good for us," commented McDowell. "He's the coach at Saratoga now. He went and pitched at Lewis University."

Another pitcher he'd have to slot somewhere in the rotation or first out of the bullpen would be Jeff Schmitt, who was Coal City girls basketball coach Brad's older brother.

"Jeff Schmitt had all the pitching records until Payton Hutchings came around."

Jeff is currently second with 314 career strikeouts. He's mentioned on other lists too like ERA, career innings and wins.

He pitched at Northern

Illinois University where he's actually ninth all-time with 15 wins in his career.

J.T. Blaine is another pick from 2008 when the Coalers placed fourth in state with a 22-13 record. J.T. led the Coalers with nine wins and a 0.51 ERA which is currently the best.

"He was a right-handed pitcher, a workhorse arm and his ERA his senior year was the best all-time."

Dave Hanley, who pitched in 1970's would be one of those late inning arms to come into the game. But if there was a chance to insert a designated hitter role, that's where Hanley would be most successful as he currently leads the Coalers all-time in batting average.

"That's Payton Hutchings uncle," explained McDowell. "Dave Hanley was the only player to be over .500 in batting average for us."

If needed, McDowell noted Al Wills would be a good pitching option who could also play outfield. He pitched in 1995 when the Coalers won a regional championship with a 16-8 record. Wills is mentioned on every pitching list and currently is fourth best strikeout pitcher with 238.

Another name mentioned was Reed-Custer Middle School baseball coach and former Coal City pitcher Matt Hines. Hines led a team that was 21-6.

Catcher

Behind the plate would be Ben Trotter, who like Arndt, hit quite a few home runs. What he did better than anybody else was find the gap for doubles. Trotter has the best career mark for doubles with 46, and the next up was Hutchings with 32.

"He was Ben Boresi's catcher," commented McDowell. "He's a doctor now in Ohio. He had 20 doubles that year. Trotter was also behind Nick Arndt in career home runs with 26. Ben went on to play at Parkland and UIC so he went on to play division I baseball."

At University of Illinois at Chicago, Trotter ended up hitting .397 during his first season with two home runs, nine doubles and 34 RBIs. He finished with a career .331 batting average.

Behind Trotter in the catcher depth chart would be Ryan Rende. If Trotter ever needed a night off, Rende, who graduated in 2007 would be a good backup, finishing fourth in career home runs. "He could really hit," added McDowell. He ended up with 11 home runs in one season.

Kyle Lardi from 2004 would be another standout catcher as is Brian Yanites, a three-year starter, who is mentioned as one of the career double leaders (25).

Outfielders

Three top picks for the outfield would be Ryan Marketti, Austin McLuckie and Brad Schmitt.

Marketti had speed covering center field and hit the ball

well. McLuckie also ran balls down in the gap.

"Austin McLuckie was a nice leadoff hitter for us," said McDowell. He was very fast.

Austin put his speed on display with 39 career stolen bases, good for fourth all-time. Schmitt was another good outfielder during the 1993 season when the Coalers won 12 games.

George Kaluzny was the next outfielder because of his glove in right field. He also had some good power, smacking seven home runs in 2002.

Nate Natyshok was the next outfielder Jerry selected for depth because of his speed. His four triples during a game leads not only the Coalers all-time but the state as well. "Our record at school was five and he had six at-bats and hit five triples," added McDowell. "He wasn't an above average player but he just went wild one afternoon with four gappers at Seneca."

Corey Mikula, who is currently an assistant football coach at Coal City is mentioned as another good option in the outfield.

"He was our leadoff hitter. We had a team that was 33-3 and didn't even get out of the regional that year Herscher won over 30 games and Bishop Mac had only one loss."

Also mentioned as another good outfielder was Keegan Gagliardo, who not only has some mention in offensive categories like triples (6) but he also is tied for the lowest career ERA in history (1.15).

Second base

The first pick at second base is Jerry's son Austin McDowell, who is third in career hits (140), tied for first in triples (8), had 15 career home runs and is listed in almost

every other offensive category.

"He was in the top five in pretty much everything. He started three years at second base."

Austin also pitched with 18 career wins, so he could do it all.

Jason Manietta would be slotted on the depth chart too.

"He was a nice player," commented McDowell. "Good speed, ran the bases. He had 31 base on balls his senior year. Just a great eye at the plate and just a great team player he was."

Manietta is tied for first in walks in a season with Todd Bailey.

Another middle infielder mentioned was Brandon Howard, who was just a natural at the game. He went on to win National Player of the Year in Division III baseball at Joliet Junior College in the 2007-08 season as he hit .467 with five home runs, 26 doubles, four triples and 62 RBIs while swiping 26-of-32 on the basepaths.

The hot corner

Ryan McLuckie would be right at home playing third base. During his junior year, he hit .333 with 7 home runs, seven doubles and 25 RBIs.

John Gockman was also an excellent infielder.

"Gockman could play shortstop, second base and he actually went on and was the fieldgoal kicker at the University of Illinois. He was good."

Gockman is currently fourth in career steals with 36.

At U of I, Gockman made 14-of-22 field goal attempts with a long of 48 yards in 2003.

Another infielder would be the power bat of Jesse Gregurich, who is mentioned in the career leaders for home runs, belting 16.

Austin Pullara is another third basemen who could play every position. He was a great athlete with 42 career stolen bases. He also is mentioned in runs scored during a season.

Shortstop

At shortstop, the Reed-Custer Middle School basketball coach Jimmy Matsko is the unanimous selection and for a good reason. He was a great fielder and could really get on base.

"He had by far the best hands," noted McDowell. "He was so quick with his hands at shortstop. He leads in singles. He'd beat them out. He was very quick."

During his Coaler career, Matsko racked up 98 career singles. A mark that still stands as the most.

Kyle Halliday, who currently is sixth on the all-time list for batting average with a .469, would be the backup shortstop.

"Kyle Halliday was probably the best all-around player we had there as far as an infielder goes. He had really good speed and power and his on-base-percentage his senior year was .667 so he got on base two-thirds of the time. He could do a little bit of everything."

Behind Halliday, Zach Rouse would offer depth at that position while also offering versatility at other spots along the infield and he even pitched. Rouse is third in career home runs with 23. Rouse is also mentioned on the strikeout list with 174 career strikeouts along with a couple other pitching categories.

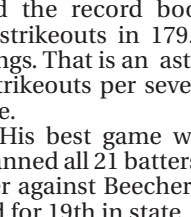
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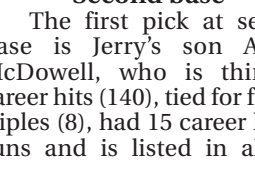
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THE COAL CITY Rockhounds baseball team competed in the Bronco division of the Fall Baseball League tournament recently. The Rockhounds include: (from left, front) Jason Piatak, Cooper Morris, Sebastian Parrish, Vincent Carrado and Colten Lynn. Back row: coach Brandon Clennon, Landyn Ramsey, Mason Garner, Cody Clennon, Brody D'Orazio, Emmett Easton, James Fergolec and coach Todd Parrish.



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BRONCO CHAMPIONS—The Coal City Scrappers captured the Bronco division in the Fall Baseball League put together by Jerry McDowell. The Scrappers include (from left, front) Kayden Wood, Alex Carlson, Landon Bomba, Hunter Gill, Jack Wren and Zach Bumpous. Standing are Gabriel Hamilton, Evan Olson, Mason Hamilton, Devon McVey, Brock Enerson and Collin Estebanez.

Special fall baseball league allows 125 kids to stay active

The Coal City Fall Baseball League concluded its season with a recent tournament that crowned a champion at the Mustang and Bronco levels.

League organizer Jerry McDowell said players from the Coal City, Gardner, South Wilmington, Dwight and Mazon participated.

"This turned out to be a real positive," said McDowell. "We had great weather and it was nice to see the kids get an opportunity to play. You could really see the improvement over the five weeks. A special thanks to the coaches who did

a fantastic job."

Jerry said he wanted to give the players that didn't get to play this year a chance to play baseball.

"Once the IESA had an abbreviated season and got finished up, I was just thinking a lot of these kids didn't get to play this summer at all," added McDowell. Some did and some didn't so you know...we had about a month and a half where we had some good weather so we were going to see what happens."

He advertised it on Facebook and couldn't believe

how many people responded in such a short amount of time.

"I put a little feeler out for teams and we ended up getting a 10-team league," commented McDowell. "We had five Bronco teams and five Mustang teams."

A total of 125 players attended the sessions, forming 10 teams for the tourney.

The games were split between Mustang games on Mondays and Bronco games on Wednesday.

The league was made up of travel teams and individuals who were drafted to a random

team.

"We had kids sign up individually and then we had a draft of coaches and put them on the teams," continued McDowell. "We also had half of our teams come in that had a little travel team together that was Gardner South-wilmington, there was a team from Dwight, Mazon and a coach from Coal City so half of them were travel and half were individuals."

Coal City school board member and parent Shawn Hamilton was grateful McDowell put the season together for kids who didn't get to play baseball over the summer due to the coronavirus.

"He had put together this league in response to a lot of other stuff getting canceled in

the fall," said Hamilton. "Again, a credit to Jerry. He put a fall baseball league together. He did a great job of advertising it to our neighboring towns."

The league ran five weeks with a single elimination tournament at the conclusion.

"We had 11 dates and no rainouts so it worked out really well as far as the weather went," commented McDowell. "It looks like we got it done right before the cold and the rain hit."

During the single elimination tournament, Dwight Dawgs won The Mustang Division with a come-from-behind win over the Coal City Cougars.

The Cougars, coached by Jon Micetich, came in with a three-game win streak and had a commanding 6-0 lead before

the Dawgs scored seven the last two innings to win, 7-6.

Earlier in the day, the Coal City Cougars defeated Male Concrete. Coal City Chaos defeated the MVK Mavs by one run and the Dawgs defeated the Chaos in the other semi-final game.

In the Bronco Division, the Coal City Scrappers won the regular season and also the tourney final. The Scrappers, under general manager Shawn Hamilton, won their last five games, including a 9-6 finale against the Coal City Rockhounds.

The Rockhounds, coached by Todd Parrish, advanced to the final with a solid win over Male Concrete. The opening game saw the Coal City Mudcats, coached by Harlan Kennell, defeat the Chaos.



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THE COUGARS MUSTANG baseball team competed in the single elimination tournament during Jerry McDowell's fall baseball league. The Cougars include: (from left) Austin Street, Chase Picci, Owen Burla, William Teague, Paiton Meister and Tucker Nowicki. Standing are coach Chad Shute, Reece Shute, Jonah Micetich, Carter Shain, Caleb Hall, Jaxon Shimp and coach Jon Micetich.

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Lady Coalers tennis bow out in sectionals

BY SHAWN LONG
STAFF WRITER

The Coal City girls tennis team was unable to advance out of the Ottawa (Twp.) Sectional last Friday, placing fourth as a team with 12 points.

Ottawa (32), LaSalle Peru (24) and Morris (16) made up the top three teams.

Doubles partners Kylie Jackson and Emma Hir were the lone Coal City team without a bye in the first round.

They battled Morris' Tessa Brummel-Elizabeth Kenney but fell, 6-0, 6-3 to knock them out of the tournament.

In the second round of doubles, Skyler Wickiser-Abby Stiles made it through Abby Jensen-Ayna Kauffman from Princeton, 6-1, 6-3 to move onto the quarterfinal.

Wickiser-Stiles squared off with Marta Johnson-Rebekah Felty in round three but were unable to come back from a 6-2 loss in the opening set, falling 6-3 in the final set to

end their day.

In singles action, Molly Stiles captured a win for the Lady Coalers as the second seed by dominating the 18th seed Nora Eiken, 6-0, 6-1.

That pushed her into the quarterfinal round where Catherine Engels from LaSalle Peru (6) knocked her off.

Trinity Barrus fared about the same as Molly did with a win over Maggie Davis (Princeton #17) in the opening round, 6-2, 7-6. But she fell to fourth seeded Carlie Miller



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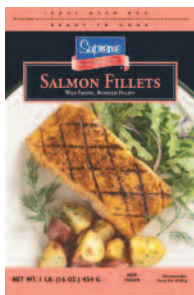
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Washington
Honeycrisp
Apples

199
lb.



Fresh
Green Beans

169
lb.



Green
Bell
Peppers

99¢
each



On the Vine
Cluster
Tomatoes

299
lb.



10.2-14.4 oz.
Selected Varieties

**Dole
Chopped
Salad Kit**

299



5 lb. bag
Green Giant
Klondike
Goldust
Potatoes

399



8 oz. pkg.
Green Giant
Whole
Mushrooms

169



**PICK
of the
WEEK**

7.5 oz. bowl
Wholly
Guacamole

299



wild
HARVEST®

2 lb. pkg.
Wild Harvest
Organic
Fuji Apples

399

Beverages

**Save When
You Buy 3!**



12-12 oz. cans
Pepsi
Products

3/\$12
or \$4.99 each

Mix or Match



8-12 oz. btl. or
12-12 oz. cans
Coke
Products

3/\$12
or \$4.99 each

**Save When
You Buy 3!**



12-12 oz. cans
A&W or
Sunkist
Products

3/\$12
or \$4.99 each



2 ltr. btl.
Super Chill
Soda

79¢



28 oz. btl.
Powerade

79¢



24-1/2 ltr. btl.
Dasani

399

Next Door at

**WEE-SIP
LIQUORS**



30-12 oz. cans
Regular or Light
Busch or
Miller
High Life

1399



Jose Cuervo or
Tequila Rose
Tequila

750 ml. btl.
\$1 OFF

1.75 ltr. btl.
\$2 OFF



Captain
Morgan or
Admiral
Nelson Rum

750 ml. btl.
\$1 OFF

1.75 ltr. btl.
\$2 OFF



DuBouchett
Cordials

750 ml. btl.
\$1 OFF

1.75 ltr. btl.
\$2 OFF



Smirnoff or
Platinum
Vodka

750 ml. btl.
\$1 OFF

1.75 ltr. btl.
\$2 OFF



Stella Rosa
or BV
Coastal
Wine

750 ml. btl.
\$2 OFF



Bulleit
Bourbon or All
Rye Whiskey

750 ml. btl.
\$1 OFF

1.75 ltr. btl.
\$2 OFF

LiL Vegas

6 MACHINES

Private Room

Your Luck!!

Halloween

Party Favorites



50 ct.
**Totino's
Pizza Rolls**

3.49

6-24 oz.
**Farm Rich
Appetizers**



4.99



Pre-Priced \$3.99
**Frito Lay
Fritos or
Cheetos**

2/\$5

9 oz.
Frito Lay Dip



2/\$5



3.5-9.1 oz.
Selected Varieties
**Nabisco
Snack
Crackers**

2/\$5

7.1-8.1 oz.
**Ritz
Toasted Chips
or Crisp & Thins**



2.99



70 oz.
**Dei Fratelli
Salsa**

5.99

6-8.75 oz.
**Bugles,
Chex Mix or
Garden of Eatin's**



2/\$3



16 oz.
Selected Varieties
**Planters
Peanuts**

2/\$5